

CITY OF DELAFIELD POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION MINUTES

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

J. Wyssling called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

- INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBER, CATE RAHMLOW
- RECOGNITION OF COMMON COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE, MICHELE DE YOE
- SPECIAL NOTE OF THANKS TO MAYOR ED MC ALEER'S CONTRIBUTION OF SIX YEARS TO THE COMMISSION AS A MEMBER.

ROLL CALL

Present

John Wyssling
 Michele DeYoe (Ald.)
 Jan Gerstner
 Tom Hennig
 Cate Rahmlow
 Brad Stocks

Absent

Also Present

Jack Edwards, Fire Chief
 Scott Taubel, Police Chief
 Kelly Smith, Lake Country Reporter
 Brian Faracy
 Tom Kelley
 Caley Meals, Reporter-Waukesha Freeman

1. APPROVE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 21, 2008

J. GERSTNER MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 21, 2008 MINUTES AS PRESENTED. T. HENNIG SECONDED THE MOTION. THREE WERE IN FAVOR. M. DE YOE, C. RAHMLOW AND B. STOCKS ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Brian Faracy, 852 Scenic Heights Drive – Spoke regarding Item #3. In order to clarify the situation, he stated that he had filed an open records request for copies of memos from M. Carlson and S. Taubel and the City told him that they couldn't find anything. He informed the City that he could get copies of the memo but that he would rather go through channels. When the papers called

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the Police Chief, the Chief confirmed that he wrote the memos, but B. Faracy clarified that the Police Chief did not release them. He felt that the accusation against Chief Taubel was that he involved himself in politics. He cited various Plan B Committee actions with the City staff that took place, particularly a statement by C. Rahmlow regarding the Plan B Committee being exempt from conflict of interest. He felt that in politics there is not a distinction of "real" conflict of interest and the "appearance" of conflict of interest. He stated that anyone involved with the business of the City of Delafield is ever exempt from the rules of conflict of interest. Two municipal officials (M. Carlson and S. Taubel) felt that situation had the appearance of a conflict of interest.

C. Rahmlow took exception to the comments by B. Faracy regarding her statements at an August Plan B Commission regarding conflict of interest not applying to the Plan B Committee. T. Hennig thought that valid points were brought up.

There were no other public comments.

3. STATUS OF MICHELE DEYOE COMPLAINT

It was reported that the compliant was presented to the two attorneys and they agreed that there was no sufficient material to provide a formal complaint. M. DeYoe stated that as far as she was concerned, this matter was closed.

4. STATUS OF TOM KELLEY COMPLAINT

T. Kelley stated that this went back to the 1970's, 80's, 90's and the present. He wanted to make it known how he, a citizen, was treated over the years. J. Wyssling stated that the evidence showed that Police did respond. T. Kelley stated that he had wanted the police to come to his building and continued to review the situation regarding his property and the person that he had rented it to. He wanted people to realize that when a citizen calls, an officer should come to the scene. J. Wyssling stated that the compliant has been noted and that there is evidence that the police responded. Chief Taubel stated that the officer handled the situation properly. The citation against T. Kelley was rescinded. C. Rahmlow asked T. Kelley what would give him satisfaction. T. Kelley stated that an apology would be a good step. B. Stocks related his experiences with some of his rental properties and police actions that have taken place in relation to them; he understood T. Kelley's frustration. On behalf of the Commission, B. Stocks apologized to T. Kelley although he did not know if anything different could have taken place because of policies.

5. REPORTS

a. FIRE DEPARTMENT

A status update was given by Chief Edwards. This year's call volume is up 47 calls over last year at this time. They run about 80% EMS and

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20% Fire. The lieutenant positions created are working out very well. Coverage is improved and the positions have been well received by the department. The position of a clerk who is shared with the Police Department was created. Sandy Rosch in January and has worked out very well.

The Lake Country Merger Committee meeting has three representatives from each participating municipality. Cate Ramhlow is one of the representatives from Delafield. At this point in time only one meeting has taken place and it went very well. The group is in the information gathering stage. The next meeting of the Lake Country Merger Committee will be on June 24, 2008 in Nashotah.

b. POLICE DEPARTMENT

Things have been going well. Sandy Rosch is working out very well for the Police Department also. There is good flexibility between the two departments.

The new hires are doing exceptionally well and are off of probation. One is involved in the forensic computer unit; the other is on third shift and is also doing very well.

6. COMMISSION REQUESTS

An election for officers of the Commission will take place at the next meeting. Presently officers are John Wyssling, Chairman; Jan Gerstner, Vice-Chairman; and Ed McAleer, Secretary.

There were no requests from the Commission.

7. NEW BUSINESS

None.

8. ADJOURNMENT

T. HENNIG MOTIONED TO ADJOURN FROM THE MEETING. J. GERSTNER SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:00 P.M.

Minutes prepared by:

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