

Mayville Police and Fire Commission minutes for:

16 December, 2019

1. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Merlin Kahlhammer at 7:01PM with the following members present: Kahlhammer, Bell, Mansueto, Chmielewski. Cliff Sanderson was excused. Others present were Chief Jim Ketchum, Chief Brad Marx and Chief John Borst.
2. A motion to accept the October 21, 2019 minutes was made by Mansueto, seconded by Chmielewski. Motion carried 4-0
3. Citizen Comments: Firefighter Jeff Piotrowski spoke about the staffing issues of the department, political tribulations with the city, social media concerns and the new rules related to the employee handbook.
4. Police report: Part time officer Derick Krueger has resigned. Officer Kirsten is resigning soon, taking on a police officer position with the City of Mequon. Chief and staff are in the process of taking applications for her replacement with the PFC getting involved in the hiring process in January, 2020. Canine will be sold to Kirsten. No immediate objective to replace the canine. Other departments in the area have canine officers that could be used if required. Priority one is to get a new police officer. Stabbing incident was reviewed with the PFC. Chief stated that the EMS did a great job to save the victims life.
5. Fire Chief Report: 106 fire calls to date. Chief reviewed with the commission the on-going staffing issues. He reviewed with the PFC issues with some firefighters related to meetings and training attendance. Current staffing is at 22 with two (2) probable resignations coming in early 2020. Most firefighters will not sign the employee agreement due to concerns related to having to report minor traffic violations to the supervisors. Concerns related to not being covered for medical issues during fundraisers were also discussed. Use of social media and the negative results of specific postings were also discussed. Moral is good but a concern in the future.
6. A motion to go into closed session at 7:45 PM was made by Bell, seconded by Mansueto. Motion carried 4-0. A motion to reconvene into open session at 8:40PM was made by Mansueto, seconded by Chmielewski. Motion carried 4-0. A discussion followed among the PFC membership that additional discussion will be required to review the current issues with staffing. President Cliff Sanderson will also be involved.
7. Adjournment: A motion to adjourn at 8:50PM was made by Bell, seconded by Mansueto. Motion carried 4-0

Minutes by Dan Bell, Secretary.

