



# City of Ladysmith

## **Police & Fire Commission** **Meeting Minutes for January 18, 2023** **5 PM at the Ladysmith Fire Hall**

Jennifer Pearson, Cora Schultz, Dan Gudis, Mike Closs, Fire Chief Kyle Gibbs, Assistant Fire Chief Shane Bishop, Dave Zimmer, Terry Wedwick

1. Meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Motion to approve the Minutes of the November 16, 2022 made by M. Closs; seconded by J. Pearson. Motion carried.
4. Motion to approve evening's agenda made by M. Closs; seconded by D. Gudis. Motion carried.
5. Motion to approve last month's invoices made by D. Gudis; seconded by M. Closs Motion carried.
6. Appearances by the public. None.
7. Fire Chief's Report. Chief Kyle Gibbs advised that they are at 10 calls to date. Chief advised that they have had some major structural fires in the last month. 2 in the City and 1 in the County. Chief advised that the weather has been a challenge also. Chief advised that total calls for 2022 was 224. Chief advised that they will be applying for assistance with the state from the weather-related overtime that the department occurred. Not sure if they will get it, but they will apply. Chief advised that there was approximately 251 added hours for a total of \$4300. Chief advised they helped with down powerlines, ambulance assistance. Chief advised that the department still has 1 door to replace but will not happen until spring. Chief advised the Fire Hall's in floor heat is going to have to be replaced in the next couple of years for an approximate cost of \$10,000. Chief advised that Family Restaurant fundraiser will be 1-31-23 from 6 am -9pm. Chief advised that the department received a donation of \$3,500 from Cumberland Federal Bank. This money will be used to purchase 28 pairs of new gloves.
8. Police Chief's report. Chief advised that the new squads are in service. Chief advised that this years Shop with the Cop went very well. Chief advised that most of the department attended a mental health training that was very beneficial. Chief advised that he will complete his annual report in February to the commission and City Council. Chief advised that the past months weather created some issues but was happy with how the department worked with the Fire Department. Chief advised that on 1-31-23 there is a P&F round table in Mauston that he would like to attend and asked anyone else if they would like to as well.
9. Discussion and possible action to change civil process rates to \$75 for the first service made by J. Pearson; seconded by M. Closs; all in favor Schultz-yes, Pearson-yes, Gudis-yes. Motion carried.
10. Next meeting is set for February 15, 2023 at 5:00 pm
11. Motion to adjourn meeting at 5:27 pm made by J. Pearson; seconded by D. Gudis. Motion carried.

**Minutes are not official until they are approved at the following month's meeting**

Respectfully submitted Kelly Engelhardt1/20/23