



City of Ladysmith

Police & Fire Commission **Meeting Minutes for November 17, 2021** **5 PM at the Ladysmith Fire Hall**

Present: Commission Members: Chairperson Cora Schultz, Rick Nash, Mike Closs, Dan Gudis, Jennifer Pearson, LPD Chief Kevin Julien, Fire Chief Kyle Gibbs, Assistant Chief Shane Bishop

1. Meeting was called to order at 5:00pm. R. Nash seconded by M. Closs. Motion carried.
2. Motion to approve the Minutes of the October 20, 2021 made by R. Nash; seconded by M. Closs. Motion carried.
3. Motion to approve evening's agenda made by D. Gudis seconded by M. Closs. Motion carried.
4. Motion to approve monthly invoice made by R. Nash seconded by M. Closs. Motion carried.
5. Appearances by the public. None
6. Fire Chief's Report. Chief Kyle Gibbs advised that they are at 148 calls to date. Chief advised that the department received a \$1000 donation from Weather Shield, a \$250 donation from Dave Forehad, and a \$250 donation from Security Financial Covid award. Chief advised they are going to use the money for a new LED sign for the department. Chief advised they will be conducting Covid tests in Nov/Dec at the Fire Hall. Chief advised that the Fireman will donate some of the work and that the power is already there. Chief thinks the sign will be between \$4000-\$5000 and hopes to get it put up in the spring. Chief advised the budget passed for 2022 with a slight increase due to wage increases. Chief advised that they are looking to hire 2 more people with the 2 leaving the department. Chief advised that they will be having a Christmas party/retirement party for Russ W. Chief was asked about hunting season coverage and he advised that they would be short.
7. Chief's Report. Chief Kevin Julien reported that he completed 5 Chief's interviews. Chief also attended homecoming parade and K-9 sniff at the school. Chief advised that he conducted a psychological exam for the Sheriff's Department. Chief advised that the department had our physical agility and it went well. Chief advised that the Tahoe is currently at Sound N Logic getting decals and other work. Chief advised that the OT was high but that department had 2 officers out for Covid. Chief advised in November there is a Police & Fire Commission workshop if anyone is interested.
8. Action to go into closed session under authorize granted in S.S 19.85(1)© to consider employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. To wit: Police Officer Candidate Update motion to go into closed made by R. Nash seconded to M. Closs session roll call Schultz-yes, Closs-yes, Gudis-yes, Pearson-yes, Nash-yes. Motion carried.
9. Motion to come out of closed session made by M. Closs seconded by R. Nash, under authority cited in the meeting notice roll call vote: R. Nash-yes; C. Schultz-yes; J. Pearson-yes, Closs-yes, Gudis-yes, Motion carried
10. No action taken.
11. Next meeting is set for November 17, 2021 at 5:00pm
12. Motion to adjourn meeting at made at 5:29 pm made by D. Gudis seconded by M. Closs. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted Kelly Engelhardt, 11/10/21