



**Police & Fire Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, February 18, 2015**  
**5:30 P.M., Ladysmith Fire Hall**

**Present:** Commission Members: Cora Schultz, Rick Nash, Rick Nelson, Mike Closs, Jan Carter, LFD Chief Dave Tuma, LFD Assistant Chief Todd Des Jarlais, LPD Chief Allen Lobermeier, LPD Lieutenant Kevin Julien, City Council Liaison Jim West, Media.

1. Meeting was called to order at 5:37 P.M. by Chairman Cora Schultz.
2. Motion to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2015 meeting was made by M. Closs; seconded by R. Nash. Motion carried.
3. Motion to approve the evening's agenda made by M. Closs; seconded by R. Nash. Motion carried.
4. Motion to approve the monthly invoices was made by J. Carter; seconded by R. Nash. Motion carried.
5. There were no public appearances.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

6. Chief's Report:

- LFD Assistant Chief Todd DesJarlais announced to the Commission that after 29 years of service, effective March 1, 2015 he would be resigning from the Fire Department. Commission members thanked him for his service and wished him well. The Department held a retirement party for him on Monday.
- An election for Assistant Chief and other Officers will be held at the first meeting in March.
- LFD Chief Tuma has received four applications for fire fighters. Applications will remain open to see if he receives any additional applicants. LFD Chief Tuma is running a 30 trial with e-dispatch. This is an app that can be downloaded to smart phones, flip phones, or home phones. Any fire calls will go directly to the fire fighter's phone. The smart phones will also show address and map to location. This will involve all of Rusk County. Initial set up fee is \$233.00 with a monthly charge of \$50.00. This is considerably less than the cost of the pagers currently in use.
- LFD Chief Tuma wanted to make a special point of commending the Ladysmith, Bruce, and Sheldon fire departments for the awesome job they did on the Valentine's Day fire. Everyone did all they could and saved those buildings that could be saved. The fire is still under investigation

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

7. 2015 Application Process:

- The ad for applicants ran for over 6 weeks. 24 qualifying and 16 non-qualifying applications were received. That number is down considerably from the 60+ that is usually received. Physical agility and written exam will take place March 3, 2015. Interviews with the Commission will take place March 18 & 19, at 5:00 at the Ladysmith Fire Hall. LPD Chief Lobermeier received the full support from the Commission to hire an officer before there was a vacancy.

**8. Chief's monthly report:**

- LFD received \$2,100.00 from Ladysmith Family Restaurant fund raiser. The money will be used to replace a taser and purchase additional body cameras for the officers.
- LPD Chief Lobermeier reviewed the activity for January. The department is 48 calls ahead of last year.
- Annual CPR training has been completed by the department.

9. Next meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 20, 2015 at 4:00 P.M.

14. Motion to adjourn made by R. Nash; seconded M. Closs. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:25 P.M.