



City of Ladysmith

Police & Fire Commission **Meeting Minutes for February 15, 2023** **5 PM at the Ladysmith Fire Hall**

Rick Nash, Cora Schultz, Dan Gudis, Mike Closs, Fire Chief Kyle Gibbs, Assistant Fire Chief Shane Bishop, Chief of Police Kevin Julien, Terry Wedwick, James West, Dave Zimmer.

1. Meeting was called to order at 5:01 pm.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Motion to approve the Minutes of the January 18, 2023 made by D. Gudis; seconded by M. Closs. Motion carried.
4. Motion to approve evening's agenda made by M. Closs; seconded by R. Nash. Motion carried.
5. Motion to approve last month's invoices made by M. Closs; seconded by D. Gudis Motion carried.
6. Appearances by the public. None.
7. Fire Chief's Report. Chief Kyle Gibbs advised that they are at 25 calls to date. Chief advised that the gloves came that were purchased from the donation from Cumberland Federal Bank. Chief advised that Family Restaurant Fundraiser went well and that they made \$3335. Chief advised that Hami wants to continue to do this fundraiser. Chief advised that the department purchased a Jaws spreader for \$11,000. Chief advised it was the demo model so it was cheaper. Chief advised that they will be using the 2% money. Chief advised City Council approved the \$3500 for the in floor heating for Rhoads to complete. This will happen in the spring. Chief advised that the firefighters will be replacing some tile in the building.
8. Chief Kevin Julien advised that he attended the P&F round table discussion in Mauston. Chief advised that it would be a good idea for more to attend it was very informative. Chief advised there are 15 municipalities in the state with optional powers. Chief advised that he attended the Chief's Association conference in Wisconsin Dells. Chief advised that Ladysmith Family Restaurant was a success and that the department had good participation. Chief advised that he attended a Haz Mat round table. Chief advised that he has been working on updating policies and would like to explore companies that can help with this process.
9. Discussion and Update on use of Force Policy. Motion to adapt policy made by R. Nash; seconded by M. Closs. All in favor Closs-yes, Gudis-yes, Nash-yes, Schultz-yes. Motion carried.
10. Motion and action to go into closed session Action to go into closed session under authority granted in Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(e), deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.
To Witt: Police Department Lease Contract made by R. Nash; seconded by M. Closs; all in favor Closs-yes, Gudis-yes, Nash-yes, Schultz-yes.
11. Return to open session
12. Next meeting is set for March 22, 2023 at 5:00 pm
13. Motion to adjourn meeting at 5:45pm made by M. Closs; seconded by D. Gudis. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted Kelly Engelhardt1/5/23

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