



City of Ladysmith

Police & Fire Commission **Meeting Minutes for May 20, 2020** **5 PM at the Ladysmith Fire Hall**

Present: Commission Members: Chairperson Cora Schultz, Mike Closs, Rick Nash, Jennifer Pearson, Dan Gudis, LPD Chief Kevin Julien, Fire Chief Kyle Gibbs, Assistant Fire Chief Shane Bishop, Council Liaison Bonnie Stoneberg, Major Hraban.

1. Meeting was called to order at 5:01 P.M. by D. Gudis; seconded by R. Nash. Motion carried
2. Motion to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2020 meeting by D. Gudis; seconded by M. Closs. Motion carried.
3. Motion to approve evening's agenda made by M. Closs; seconded by D. Gudis. Motion carried.
4. Motion to approve monthly invoices made by M. Closs; seconded by R. Nash. Motion carried.
5. Election of commission officers. Motion made to nominate Cora Schultz as Chairperson by M. Closs; seconded by R. Nash no other nominations all in favor Pearson yes, Closs yes, Gudis yes, Nash yes. Motion carried. Motion made to nominate Mike Closs as Vice Chairperson by R. Nash; seconded by J. Pearson no other nominations all in favor Pearson yes, Schultz yes, Gudis yes, Nash yes. Motion carried. Motion made to nominate Jennifer Pearson as Secretary by M. Closs; seconded by D. Gudis no other nominations all in favor Closs yes, Gudis yes, Nash yes, Schultz yes. Motion carried.
6. Appearances by the public. None
7. Fire Chief's report. Fire Chief Gibbs advised that they are at 56 calls to date for service. Chief advised that at this time they are planning for their cash drawing raffle that will take place during Mardi Gras if they Mardi Gras is still going to be on for the year. It was discussed that the City Council/Jaycees will be making a decision soon regarding the event because of Covid-19 concerns. Chief advised that they tried giving back the fundraiser check back to the Ladysmith Family Restaurant but it was declined as owner Hemi Sabani would not accept the check back. Chief advised that they applied for a 50/50 DNR grant which they received for \$2500. They will be purchasing 4 pagers and 2 portable radios. Chief advised that the Fire Hall is in the process of getting some repairs done. Chief advised that the entrance has been complete. Phase 1 & 2 of the heating projects are done just waiting for phase 3 which is on the EMS side. There was a discussion on the water that is in the cement blocks on the side walls in the Fire Hall. Chief advised that the department is still only going to 10-33 EMS assist calls. Chief advised that he has sent out a few Jaws of Life bills and waiting to see if they get payment. Chief advised that they can only bill accidents for this service if they happened on a state highway.
8. Chief's Report. Chief Kevin Julien advised that he has adjusted his schedule the last 8 weeks or so and has been working 3pm-1am. Chief advised he is doing this due to Covid-19 and that it has been working well as he has been helping with calls and there have not been meetings that he has needed to attend because of the Covid-19. Chief advised that he helped Rice Lake Police Department with their internal Captain position interviews. Chief advised that the department just completed a fire arms shoot/DOJ qualification and advised that the shoot went well and that all of the LPD officers shot well.

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

Respectfully submitted Kelly Engelhardt 5/21/20

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9. Employment update. Chief advised that Officer Stoll is completing her FTO and is doing a very good job. Chief advised that new Officer Matthew Anderson will be starting June 3. Officer Anderson comes from Hayward and Cornell Police Department.
10. Next meeting date set for June 17, 2020 at 5:00pm.
11. Adjourn at 5:42pm motion by M. Closs; seconded by J. Pearson. Motion carried.