



Police & Fire Commission
Meeting Minutes for August 21, 2024
4:30 PM at the Ladysmith Fire Hall

Chairperson Cora Schultz, John Pohlman III, Dan Gudis, Jennifer Pearson, Chief of Police Kevin Julien, Fire Chief Kyle Gibbs, Assistant Fire Chief Shane Bishop. Dave Zimmer.

1. Meeting was called to order at 4:30pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approve the minutes of the July 17, 2024 meeting made by J Pohlman III; seconded by D. Gudis. Motion carried
4. Motion to approve the evenings agenda made by D. Gudis; seconded by J. Pearson. Motion carried.
5. Motion to approve last month invoices motion made by J. Pohlman III; seconded by D. Gudis. Motion carried.
6. Appearances by the public: None

FIRE DEPARTMENT

7. Chiefs report. Chief Kyle Gibbs advised that the department has 134 calls to date. Chief advised that the department had its 3rd fatal fire in 3 years. Chief said that Sheldon Fire mutual aided and provided 22 people from their department. Chief was very appreciate of the help. Chief advised that the department received a \$700 donation from Tom Christman from the Inn Between. Chief also advised the department received a \$1,000 donation from Marshfield Medical Center Auxiliary. These funds will be used towards the new sign that will be on the backside of the department and also to fix the 248 flat bed. No new update on the new fire truck hoping in September for the update. Chief advised that 2025 budget meeting went well and that they only added one line item for \$1,000 for storm sire maintenance. Chief advised that they will be blacktopping in front of the hall starting Thursday-Saturday and then next week behind the hall. Chief advised that fire member Trey Webb and Matt Hanson will be taking a leave from the department. Chief advised that they have an ad in the paper. He advised that he does have some people that have contacted him regarding the opening and all of them have prior experience/training. Chief advised that unit 241 main pumper primer went out and will be repaired not sure of the cost yet.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

8. Chief Kevin Julien advised that he was involved with calls for service this month as calls are up. Chief advised that he had his 2025 budget meeting and asked for \$30,000 for an investigator vehicle. Next month he will have a draft budge to look at. Chief advised that National Night Out was a success and was told there were 780 people in attendance and over 30 vendors. Chief advised that Mardi Gras went well this year and was a busy year.
9. Discussion and possible action on vehicle lockouts. It was discussed and some more research will be done and will discuss next month.
10. Next meeting at 4:30 on September 18, 2024.
11. Motion to adjourn meeting made at 5:13 pm by J. Pohlman III; seconded by D. Gudis.. Motion carried.