



Police & Fire Commission
Meeting Minutes for September 18, 2024
4:30 PM at the Ladysmith Fire Hall

Chairperson Cora Schultz, John Pohlman III, Dan Gudis, Jennifer Pearson, Mike Closs, Chief of Police Kevin Julien, Fire Chief Kyle Gibbs, Mayor Robert Grotzinger, Al Christianson, Nathan Johnson.

1. Meeting was called to order at 4:30pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approve the minutes of the August 21, 2024 meeting made by D. Gudis; seconded by M. Closs; Motion carried
4. Motion to approve the evenings agenda made by M. Closs; seconded by J. Pearson. Motion carried.
5. Motion to approve last month invoices motion made by D. Gudis; seconded by M. Closs. Motion carried.
6. Appearances by the public: None

FIRE DEPARTMENT

7. Chiefs report. Chief Kyle Gibbs advised that the department has 159 calls to date. Chief advised that they are up calls from last year which may affect the budget. Chief Gibbs advised that they hired two new department members Marc Egle and Landon Haykes and both of them have the training. Chief advised that they are still looking for more members. Chief advised that the Dweebs fundraiser raised approximately \$3700. The money is going to be used for the new sign on the building and a new commercial fridge. Chief advised that the new black top was completed at the department. Chief advised that the chasse has not arrived yet. Chief advised main 241 pumper has been fixed but has not received the bill yet. Chief advised that the department will be contracting with Real Living an EAP.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

8. Chief Kevin Julien advised that calls for service are up from last year. Still seeing more overtime being short staffed. Chief advised that he has been working shifts to fill in.
9. Discussion and possible action on vehicle lockouts. Chief discussed with business owners and they like doing them so the department will not start doing lockouts again.
10. Motion to go into closed session motion made by J. Pearson seconded by J. Pohlman III All in favor Closs-yes, Schultz-yes, Gudis-yes, Pohlman III-yes, Pearson-yes.
11. Return to open session motion made by J. Pohlman III seconded by J. Pearson all in favor Closs-yes, Schultz-yes, Gudis-yes, Pohlman III-yes.
12. Next meeting at 4:30 on October 16, 2024.
13. Motion to adjourn meeting made at 5:13 pm by J. Pohlman III; seconded by J. Pearson. Motion carried.