



City of Ladysmith

Police & Fire Commission **Meeting Minutes for September 21, 2022** **5 PM at the Ladysmith Fire Hall**

Rick Nash, Jennifer Pearson, Cora Schultz, Mike Closs, Dan Gudis, Mayor Robert Grotzinger, Fire Chief Kyle Gibbs, Assistant Fire Chief Shane Bishop, Town of Big Falls Dave Zimmer

1. Meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm.
2. Motion to approve the Minutes of the August 17, 2022 made by M. Closs; seconded by J. Pearson. Motion carried.
3. Motion to approve the minutes of the August 31, 2022 meeting made by M. Closs; seconded by J. Pearson. Motion carried.
4. Motion to approve evening's agenda made by M. Closs seconded by D. Gudis. Motion carried.
5. Motion to approve last month's invoices made by D. Gudis seconded by M. Closs. Motion carried.
6. Appearances by the public.
7. Fire Chief's Report. Chief Kyle Gibbs advised that they are at 134 calls to date. Chief advised that the new sign at the Fire Hall should be complete by the end of the month. Chief advised that the first chicken dinner fundraiser went well. They served approximately 250-300 people. They do not have the total of money made yet but that it will go to new equipment that is not budgeted for. Chief advised that they received a \$1,000 donation from Miner Station and Flambeau River Outfitters. Chief advised that they still need to replace 3 doors. Chief advised that the open house will be on October 17th from 6-8 pm. Chief advised that the city will be budgeting 75,000 a year to purchase a replacement fire truck in possibly 3-5 years. Chief advised that there is an ad out for hiring new department members. Advised that they have 27 right now and that they are still having trouble with weekends and holidays for coverage.
8. Chief's Report. Chief Kevin Julien advised that we have a new DA and he has had a couple of meetings with her and that the communication between the departments has been good. Lots of changes happening in the county and in the departments. Chief advised that he covered 4 shifts due to an officer being off. Chief advised that he covered a shift in Eau Claire County to help for Sheriff Kramer's funeral. Chief advised that sick time was 119 hours and vacation was 160 hours. Chief advised that he looked at the last 5 years at the departments budget and advised that over the last 5 years only 2 of the years he was over budget the other 3 he was under budget. He advised that he was over budget one year due to a total loss of a squad car which was replaced by insurance. Chief advised that he attended a Ladysmith School district staff meeting and did a tour of the buildings.
9. Discussion and possible action on new LAW/Police Union contract. Motion to accept the LAW/Police contract made by M. Closs; seconded by D. Gudis. All in favor Closs=yes, Schultz=yes, Gudis=yes, Pearson=yes, Nash=yes. Motion carried.
10. Discussion on purchasing of squad cars in the 2023 budget. The chief will be looking at purchasing two new squads.
11. Next meeting is set for October 19, 2022 at 5:00 pm
11. Motion to adjourn meeting made at 5:37 pm made by D. Gudis; seconded by R. Nash. Motion carried.

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