



City of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin
Police and Fire Commission Meeting Minutes
Fire Department Training Room
205 S. Lincoln Avenue
Tuesday, August 13, 2024
5:00 PM

1) Call to Order – Roll Call

President O'Connor called the July 9, 2024 PFC meeting to order at 5:00 pm. Commission members present were, Bill Lafler, Theresa Henriksen, Mike Stephens, and Thea O'Connor.

2) Approval of Minutes

a) Approval of July 9, 2024 meeting minutes.

Lafler made a motion to approve the July 9, 2024, minutes as presented, seconded by Henriksen, motion carried by acclimation.

3) Presentations & Reports

a) Police Sgt Ebert to report on the BDPD assistance at the Republican National Convention in Milwaukee.

Sgt Russ Ebert gave a report on the assistance that the Beaver Dam Police Department provided for the Republican National Convention in Milwaukee.

- Thirteen officers went from BDPD, 4–8 officers per day, for about 17 hours each day.
- They assisted with checking the credentials of the buses at American Family Field.
- BDPD will be reimbursed for all expenses incurred.
- Nothing major occurred during their time of assistance.

b) Mayor's Comments

- The development downtown will be rentals, not condos.
- There will be 60 housing units going in by Goodwill.

c) City Administrator's Report

City Administrator Nathan Thiel was not present.

4) Fire Department Business

c) Discuss and take action on removing Firefighter/Paramedic Logan Thomas from probationary to regular status.

By consensus of the commission, this item was moved up on the agenda.

Chief Wesle and Captain John Jatczak recommended removing Firefighter/Paramedic Logan Thomas from probationary to regular status.

Motion by Lafler to remove Firefighter/Paramedic Logan Thomas from probationary to regular status, effective August 7, 2024, seconded by Henriksen. Motion carried by

acclimation.

a) Update commission on the operations of the Fire Department

- We are averaging 8.72 calls per day and are on pace to have about 3200 calls for 2024. This would be about a 15.1% increase over a 2-year period. This increase can be attributed to the number of people who are dependent on our services because either they don't have someone to rely on to help or, perhaps, a lack of seeking preventative care related to the state of economics.
- Our newest full-time Firefighter/Paramedic, Maddie Crucius, started July 15. She just passed her medic exam yesterday and has started on Shift 1.
- We are in the process of doing the pre-employment screening for another candidate. He is a medic already and will go to fire school as soon as possible.
- We have offered 3 individuals POC positions.
- Nick Smith and Andy Koenig are halfway through their paramedic classes. Jason Alvarado, Arika Dominik, Aaron Lienke, and Zach Schoenberger start medic classes at the end of this month. Tyler U'Ren is finishing his Associate Degree in Fire Service at Fox Valley Tech. Arika, Zach and Tyler have all come up from the Cadet program.
- Anthony Kuenzi will be doing a short presentation on the cadet program, specifically the NYC trip at our next PFC meeting.
- We have received a grant in the amount of \$2,500 from Generac for saws on the new ladder truck.

b) Discuss and take action on the Fire Department's 2025 budget.

Chief Wesle shared supporting budget documents. The 2025 projected budget and capital requests were discussed.

- Motion by Stephens to approve the capital request for Equipment for New Ladder Truck, seconded by Lafler, motioned carried by acclimation.
- Motion by Henricksen to approve the capital request for Fire Inspector, seconded by Lafler, motion carried by acclimation.
- Motion by Stephens to approve the capital request for Radio Replacement Program, seconded by Henricksen, motion carried by acclimation.
- Motion by Lafler to approve the capital request for Computer Aided Dispatch, seconded by Stephens, motion carried by acclimation.

5) Police Department Business

a) Update commission on the operations of the Police Department

- Several ordinances have been approved or are being worked on:
 - The ordinance regarding low-speed vehicles has been approved.
 - The ordinance regarding rabies vaccination has been approved.
 - The ordinance regarding electric bicycles in the city has been cleared up.
 - The ordinance regarding banning kids from parks has been revised and is awaiting necessary signatures.
 - The ordinance regarding uniformity of parking lot rules and the bond

schedule for the same is currently being worked on.

- The new K-9 is currently in training.
- The school superintendent gave feed back about the Kid's Academy to the Police Chief.
- Our newest officer, Marshal Teschner, is currently in the academy.
- The field training officer position has been posted. There are 4 individuals who have shown interest.
- The Wisconsin Police Chiefs' Association sent a letter thanking the BDPD for their help at the RNC event.
- The 2024 expenditures are below budget for the 6 months ending June 30, 2024.
- Working with the new DA is going well.
- The newest council member and the newest commission member received a tour of the Police Department.
- We can now charge for the redaction of body-worn camera videos.
- The department has applied for a PBT grant.

b) Discuss and take action on the School Resource Officers' Annual Reports

These reports were given at a previous meeting for review. No action was taken.

6) Any Other Business for Placement on Future Agenda

None

7) Closed Session, pursuant to Wisconsin Statute SEC. 19-85(1)(c). Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the government body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility in particular,

a) Discuss and take action on both the Paid-on-Call and Career eligibility lists for the Fire Department

Lafler made a motion to enter into closed session to discuss and take action on both the Paid-on-Call and Career eligibility lists for the Fire Department, seconded by Henricksen. Motion carried by acclamation.

The commission entered into closed session at 6:25 pm.

Discussion was had with respect for the subject matter for which closed session was noticed.

b) Commission may reconvene in open session to act upon any/all items discussed or deliberated during closed session.

8) Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 while in closed session.