

Minutes
Police and Fire Commission Regular Meeting
Tuesday, July 29, 2025, 05:00 PM
Dodgeville Fire Department
401N. Level St, Dodgeville, WI

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

President Marie Fralick called to order the Regular Meeting of the Police and Fire Commission at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, July 29, 2025 at the Dodgeville Firehouse.

Roll call, the following persons were Present: Marie Fralick, Mike Humke, Tom Demuth, Ken Von Rueden, via phone Mary McKinley. Also present: Chief Brandon Wilhelm, Chief Brian Whitehouse, City Attorney Eric Hagen. And Officer Charlie

II. CONFIRMATION AND COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETING LAW

PFC Regular Meeting was posted as required by Open Meeting Law.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. **Motion was made by Mike Humke to approve the Minutes of Regular Meeting, April 21, 2025 as written. Second by Ken Von Rueden. Motion passed 4-0-1**

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

2. Election of President. Marie Fralick informed the Commission that she will be resigning from the commission at the end of her term, April 2026, and wished to resign from her position as President.

Motion made by Mike Humke to elect Tom Demuth as President, second by Ken Von Rueden. Motion Passed 5-0

3. Election of Vice President.

Motion made by Mike Humke to elect Ken Von Rueden as Vice President, second by Tom Demuth. Motion passed 5-0.

4. Election of Secretary.

Motion made by Tom Demuth to elect Mary McKinley as Secretary, second by Ken Von Rueden. Motion passed 5-0

V. NEW BUSINESS

5. Fire Department Quarterly Report was presented by Chief Brian Whitehouse.

Calls-62. Members-37. Members per call-15

Smoke and Odor calls up where resident suspected gas leak due to odor.

UTV has been utilized during controlled burns in the area. Burns at Iowa County Recreation and Prairie, Gollon's this Spring. Overall Income generated by burns is \$8,000-\$10,000.

Chief Whitehouse is exploring options for building a 3 story training tower, estimated cost \$250,000. Recruitment of other areas around Iowa County are being explored to help fund this ongoing project for training purposes.

6. Police Quarterly Report was presented by Chief Brandon Wilhelm.

Chief Wilhelm provided the Commission with an Annual Ongoing Calls for Service Report printed July 29, 2025. Total Records – 1436

A second squad car will be purchased in 2025. There are two other cars, one car 2021 and one car 2019, 4 cars total.

Grant for another Officer position which will bring staffing of Dodgeville Police Department to recommended number.

Homicide investigation is about half way completed. Chief Wilhelm expressed his thanks to all the supporting agencies assisting the day of and continued support. Iowa County Sheriff Department involvement and assistance, State Patrol assistance with road closures, traffic control and barricade control.

7. Discussion related to Tornado Warnings

Tom Demuth presented a concern of residents that the present warning system does not clarify which areas in Iowa County are in immediate danger. Chief Whitehouse explained that the current system is a county wide system which limits the option of being able to target areas of Iowa County. There is talk about different frequency using the State program WISCOM, but at this time not available.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

8. Review of PFC By Laws

Eric Hagen explained the By Laws were last updated 2016 and the Commission should look at tightening up the existing By Laws. For the next Commission meeting, we are asked to review, compare and discuss changes.

VII. NEXT MEETING: Regular Meeting, October 20,2025 at 5:00PM at the Dodgeville Firehouse

VIII. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Mike Humke at 5:38 PM. Second by Tom Demuth.

Motion Passed 5-0

Respectfully submitted by Mary McKinley

