

City of Dodgeville, Police and Fire Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 17, 2023

I. CALL to ORDER, ROLL CALL

President Robert Kratochwill called to order the Regular Meeting of the Police and Fire Commission at 5:00 PM on Monday, July 17, 2023 at Dodgeville Firehouse.

Robert Kratochwill conducted roll call. The following persons were Present: President Robert Kratochwill, Diane Messer, Marie Fralick, Mary McKinley, Absent: Mike Humke. Also present: Police Chief Shannon Jasica, Fire Chief Brian Whitehouse.

II. CONFIRMATION and COMPLIANCE

Moton by Mary McKinley to approve the July 17,2023 Agenda as written and confirm the meeting was posted. Second by Marie Fralick. Motion passed 4-0.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moton by Diane Messer to approve the June 5, 2023 Special Meeting minutes as written. Second by Marie Fralick. Motion passed 4-0

IV. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Motion by Robert Kratochwill to table Election of Officers until our next meeting, October 16, 2023 in order to have all members present for election. Second by Marie Fralick. Motion passed 4-0.

V. REPORTS

Fire Department report was presented by Fire Chief Brian Whitehouse. Chief Whitehouse presented a January -June 2023 Review of Fire Department. Calls-71, members-33, members per call-14. Call numbers up for structure fires, wild fires, motor vehicle accidents and smoke or odor removal. Mutual aid calls are on the rise.

Activities that are upcoming include 1) planned house burn training in July. Other area departments are invited to help share the opportunity and promote working relationships. Location: Griffith Road and Cty. Rd. Z. 2) City of Dodgeville has approved Reliant Fire Apparatus refurbishment of Engine 5, up to \$250,000., project estimated to take 3 months. Department is covered for responding vehicles during this time. 3) ongoing recruitment of members, flyers

handed out during Farmer's Appreciation parade. Two applicants interviewing, two members retiring.

4) purchased a new UTV with money from fundraising activities, \$6,000 was raised doing controlled burns this year. Old UTV will be used for controlled burns. 5) future fund raising considered: steak dinner and/or breakfast.

Police Department report was presented by Police Chief Shannon Jasica. Chief Jasica presented an April 1, 2023 – June 30, 2023 Review of Police Department. Staffing needs/concerns; currently down one officer. Presently nine applicants, 1-2 certified: posting for position extended to Friday, June 21, 2023.

Officers responded to 843 calls for service, for an average of 9 per day. Arrests: 22 arrests and 8 additional Referrals for Charges. DPD responded to: 32 theft calls, 63% occurred at Walmart (2 arrests and 2 cases referred), 11 fraud calls, 1 sex offense.

Activities: 1) Police Report for The Dodgeville Chronicle will include more detail about disturbance location, type of disturbance. 2) Chief has increased use of Police Department on Facebook providing community information, 3) Police department atmosphere good, transition going smoothly, 4) thorough review of Body Worn Cameras and beginning the process to replace current, outdated body worn cameras. Will be seeking Request for Proposal from Motorola, Axon and possibly Wolfcom.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

4. Welcome Chief Jasica. Relocation into Dodgeville community going well. First community event, Farmer's Appreciation Day Parade!

5. Letters to Candidates

Motion by Marie Fralick to have letters of 'Thanks' written to Police Chief applicants. Robert Kratochwill will approve and send to applicants. Second by Diane Messer. Approved 4-0

VII. NEXT MEETING

Next Regular Meeting October 16, 2023, 5:00 PM at the Dodgeville Firehouse.

VIII. ADJOURN

Motion by Diane Messer to adjourn the meeting at 5:58PM. Second by Marie Fralick. Motion passed 4-0.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Mary McKinley, Secretary

