Police and Fire Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 9, 2026 4:00 PM

Present: Jim Schildbach, Kelly Kwapil and Bill Maron, Mark Kuehl
Also Present: Police Chief Brower, Fire Chief Tanya Reynen

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM

Mr. Maron moved to approve the October Minutes second by Mr. Kuehl, motion carried

Police

- Chief Brower gave updates, he reported on staffing updates – two interviews last month, neither candidate was hired.
- There is an opening in investigations that needs to be filled, the main WPD administrative assistant is retiring and will need to be replaced.
- The WPD is moving away from the WILEAG accreditation service. The need for accreditation or the benefits that have been received from this service have not lived up to the time and effort required to provide them with the information required.
- Chief Brower discussed his meeting with the city council and the ongoing discussion of budgeted items.

Fire

- Monthly data report for October was reviewed. No questions at this time.
- Training is continuing as needed more opportunities have become available as the staffing has improved and time off is trending lower.
- Many local Schools and community organizations were visited in October to promote fire safety month.
- There is currently a process in place to develop a new eligibility list, applications have been accepted and interviews will be held next month.
- Dodge county Radio system is still being worked on. Chief Reynen has taken on a larger roll to hopefully move the project in a positive direction.
- The WFD has contracted with a new Paramedic billing company. This should create cost savings along with better customer service.
- Deputy Chief Cahoon has been working with the Watertown Hospital to develop a new Medication Agreement for the WFD EMS.
- The Department will shuffle the shifts and who is on the shifts next term. This should create better opportunities for training and interdepartmental growth.

Mr. Maron moved to approve current Fire Fighter Jack Wohlers to be moved from probationary to full hire as recommended by Chief Reynen second by Mr. Kuehl, motion carried

Motion to adjourn was made at 4:55 by Mr. Maron, second by Mr. Kuehl, motion carried.

Next Regular meeting is scheduled for December 14, 2026.

NOTE: These minutes are uncorrected and any corrections made thereto will be noted in the proceedings at which these minutes are approved.

Submitted by,
Kelly Kwapil, Secretary