

LADUE BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING MINUTES

March 21, 2016

Present:

Col. William Francis Jr., Chairman

Ms. Carol D. Gaskin

Mr. L. Shepley Hermann (arrived 4:10 p.m.)

Mr. John Schaperkotter

Mr. John Stupp

Mayor Nancy Spewak

Also present were Police Chief Rich Wooten, Fire Chief Steve Lynn and Assistant Fire Chief Jeff Johnson.

Chairman Francis called the meeting to order at 4:07 pm.

The agenda was approved upon motion by Commissioner Gaskin and second by Commissioner Stupp.

The minutes of the January 4, 2016 meeting were approved upon motion by Commissioner Stupp and second by Commissioner Schaperkotter.

During an opportunity for public comment none was offered.

Fire Chief Lynn presented the monthly report which indicated that the Department had responded to two cardiac arrest events and an extremely large house fire in Frontenac. Frontenac's Fire Chief was very complimentary of the Ladue Captain who took command of the situation upon arriving first on the scene.

Fire Chief Lynn displayed a rendering and floor plan of the new Fire House #1. Chief Lynn reported that demolition is scheduled to begin in late July or early August. Acquisition of the temporary trailer to house the firefighters is progressing. The ambulance will start transitioning to House #2 in anticipation of the move to the temporary trailer while the spare ambulance will be housed at Frontenac and the spare pumper will be stored in the Department of Public Works bay.

Discussion ensued regarding the replacement schedule for turn-out gear.

Police Chief Wooten reviewed in detail the 2015 annual report. He noted that Part I and Part II Crimes had a combined decrease of 2.5% compared to 2014. There has been a steady decline over the past five years except for shoplifting and vehicle theft. Chief Wooten explained that in 2010 the Police Department started changing the way they enforce traffic laws concentrating on hazardous conditions with a public safety focus.

Chief Wooten described the condition of the current firearms and the wear they are beginning to see due to their age. He indicated that an internal committee studied different makes of firearms while

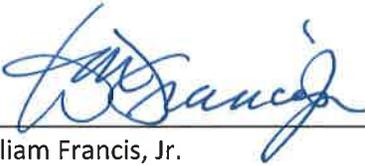
focusing on shot placement and officer safety. Their conclusion is a recommendation for the 9mm Glock.

Following discussion, Commissioner Gaskin moved endorsement of the replacement of the Police Department firearms with the 9mm Glock and appropriate ammunition, seconded by Commissioner Stupp, which motion passed unanimously.

Chief Wooten updated the Commissioners on the applicant pool and plans to begin interviews soon to fill one vacant Police Officer position.

Chairman Francis stated that prior to the next meeting he will distribute two articles to the Commissioners that he felt were relevant; the first is on the use of tasers and the second is guiding principles regarding "use of force" for discussion at the next meeting.

Commissioner Stupp moved adjournment, seconded by Commissioner Schaperkotter, which motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:28 PM.



William Francis, Jr.
Chairman



Laura Rider
City clerk