

LADUE BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING MINUTES

January 4, 2016

Present:

Col. William Francis Jr., Chairman
Ms. Carol D. Gaskin
Mr. L. Shepley Hermann
Mr. John Schaperkotter
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 4:45 pm.

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

The minutes of the November 9, 2015 meeting were approved upon motion by Commissioner Hermann and second by Commissioner Gaskin.

During an opportunity for public comment none was offered.

Fire Chief Lynn recapped the activities of the Fire Department in response to the recent excessive rain and flooding in certain areas of Ladue. All went well considering the heavy amount of rain that fell in a brief period of time.

There was discussion about the state of the Fire Department and how the promotions have had a positive effect.

The year-end report will be available to the Commissioners in March and will include photos of all fire department personnel. Commissioner Francis requested updated photos of the police officers as well.

After discussion about the ISO rating and considerations for structures larger than 5,000 square feet, Chief Lynn indicated that the department is in a good position to improve the rating.

With respect to the Police Department report, Police Chief Wooten indicated that he is putting together the final numbers for the year-end report. There was discussion about the percentage of cleared cases listed on the monthly report.

Police Chief Wooten presented his selections for the promotions to Sergeant and Lieutenant and explained the promotion process and rankings of the candidates. After discussion and upon motion by Commissioner Francis, seconded by Commissioner Schaperkotter, the promotion of Jerry Schwartz to Sergeant was approved and upon motion by Commissioner Gaskin, seconded by Commissioner Schaperkotter, the promotion of Ken Andreski to Lieutenant was approved.

Police Chief Wooten presented a document that he drafted in response to the Ferguson Commission's report, Senate Bill 5 and the issuance of minimum standards by St. Louis County. The document outlines that the police department is in compliance with every standard with the exception of accreditation. The police department has six years to attain accreditation. After discussion the Commissioners agreed to send the draft response to the City Attorney for review and then back to the Commissioners for final review. Upon motion by Commissioner Francis, seconded by Commissioner Gaskin, the concept of the City responding publicly to the Ferguson Commission's report, Senate Bill 5 and St. Louis County minimum standards including posting the response on the City's website was approved.

Commissioner Gaskin moved adjournment, seconded by Commissioner Schaperkotter, which motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.



William Francis, Jr.
Chairman



Laura Rider
City clerk