

LADUE BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

November 4, 2013

Present:

Col. William Francis, Jr., Chairman

Ms. Carol D. Gaskin

Mr. L. Shepley Hermann

Mr. Stephen C. Jones

Mr. John D. Schaperkotter

Also present were Fire Chief John Bailot, Police Chief Rich Wooten, Assistant Fire Chief Jeff Johnson and Mayoral Assistant Michael Wooldridge. Mayor Nancy Spewak joined the meeting shortly after it began.

Chairman Francis called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

The agenda was approved, following a motion to add the five items from the November 4 Fire Chief Report, upon motion and second by Commissioners Jones and Gaskin.

The minutes of the meeting of September 9, 2013 were approved upon a motion of Commissioner Hermann and seconded by Commissioner Jones.

During an opportunity for public comment, none was offered.

Police Chief Wooten introduced his new employee, Officer John Dunn. Chief Wooten then reported on progress regarding burglaries in the Ladue community.

Fire Chief Bailot discussed his monthly report focusing on recent mutual aid dispatches from the department and other notable calls within the Ladue.

Fire Chief Bailot reported on the status of the fire house construction and discussed at length the status of the reserve pumper. Chief Bailot had been requested to report to the Council and after his presentation on the factors involved in the retention of the reserve pumper, the Commission discussed his presentation as well as Chairman Francis's summary of Chief Bailot's written report, and upon motion of Commissioner Gaskin, seconded by Commissioner Jones, the Commission unanimously voted to strongly urge the Council to retain the reserve pumper.

Chairman Francis noted at this point in the meeting that both he, and as necessary, members of the Commission, are available to attend City Council meetings if their presence is deemed to be helpful either to the Fire and Police Departments or of assistance to the Council in their deliberations.

Fire Chief Bailot then reported on the mutual aid ambulance negotiations with Creve Coeur, discussing in particular the billing issues that in the past have prevented reaching such an agreement with Creve Coeur, the only neighboring community with whom such an agreement is not in place. He noted that with the new flat fee policy it would likely result in successful negotiations with the City of Creve Coeur and upon motion of Commissioner Hermann, seconded by Commissioner Schaperkotter, the Commission voted to approve entering into such a mutual aid agreement assuming that Fire Chief Bailot can work out the details of an acceptable agreement that is protective of Ladue's standard billing practices in such situations.

Fire Chief Bailot then asked for approval of a new Fire Department wind-shirt that had been well received by the Department, the cost of which will be paid by the participating Fire Department members. This new uniform addition was approved by the Commission upon a motion of Commissioner Gaskin and seconded by Chairman Francis.

Chairman Francis moved to adjournment seconded by Commissioner Schaperkotter which motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:18 p.m.



William Francis, Jr.
Chairman



John D. Schaperkotter
Secretary