

LADUE BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Ladue Board of Fire and Police Commissioners was held on Monday, August 12, 2019, at 4:00 p.m., at Ladue City Hall, 9345 Clayton Road.

Present:

Col. William Francis Jr., Chairman
Ms. Carol D. Gaskin
Mr. John Schaperkotter
Mr. John Stupp

Absent:

Mr. L. Shepley Hermann
Mr. Stephen Jones

Also present were Police Chief Ken Andreski, Jr., Police Captain Brian Dieckmann and Assistant Fire Chief Jeff Johnson.

Chairman Francis called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

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

The minutes of the regular meeting of June 10, 2019 were approved upon motion by Commissioner Stupp and second by Commissioner Schaperkotter.

Commissioner Gaskin posed questions regarding the June meeting and asked for clarification of discussion regarding the current 2010 ambulance and requested a copy of the new ambulance rates. Assistant Chief Johnson confirmed the 2010 ambulance, which was purchased in 2012, will be kept as a back-up when the new ambulance is purchased. Commissioner Francis gave a brief overview of the discussion at the last meeting regarding standards for police agencies which focused on the difference between the Missouri Police Chiefs Association (MPCA) accreditation and Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) accreditation.

During an opportunity for public comment none was offered.

The Commissioners welcomed new Police Officer Dan Hunter upon introduction by the Police Chief.

There were no questions for the Chief regarding the monthly report. Chief Andreski provided an update on the recent vehicle thefts in Ladue and surrounding areas, ongoing investigations and actions taken thus far in an effort to prevent further thefts, including continuing education efforts on securing personal items and locking vehicles, and asking for assistance and tips from residents. The Commissioners discussed a couple of instances where unsecured weapons were left in vehicles that were stolen and the potential consequences.

Commissioner Francis offered his thoughts on the post cards recently distributed which he thought was a good addition to the education efforts by the Police Department. Discussion ensued regarding the frequency of mailings and the cost.

Chief Andreski reported the City is close to launching a social media component. Through a Facebook page all City departments will be able to post information and he expects the Police Department will use this

medium frequently to post updates on crime, tips, etc.

New Police Officer Ashlyn Bucher entered the meeting and was welcomed by the Commissioners upon her introduction by the Chief.

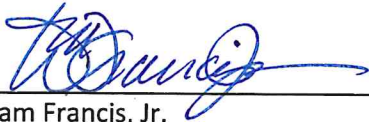
The Chief reported on the possibility of a retirement in the department very soon which will initiate the recruitment and hiring process again.

Discussion arose following inquiry by Commissioner Gaskin regarding owner responsibility for a key fob left in an unlocked car and the danger of leaving garage door openers in unlocked vehicles which could allow criminals access to the home through the garage.

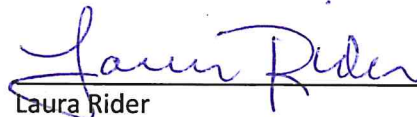
Commissioner Schaperkotter requested the Chief provide a review of the extra measures being taken to prevent and solve these crimes. The Chief reported the department is sharing information and working with other agencies in surrounding municipalities, using technology and assigning additional personnel to overnight hours when these crimes occur. The Commissioners asked that it be noted in the minutes there is a lot of extra effort being expended by the Ladue Police Department toward this issue.

Assistant Chief Johnson presented the Fire Department monthly report highlighting the fire in Frontenac which happened while removing a boiler from a residence when residual fuel caught fire. There were no other questions regarding the monthly report.

The meeting adjourned at 4:36 PM upon motion by Commissioner Stupp and second by Commissioner Schaperkotter.



William Francis, Jr.
Chairman



Laura Rider
Assistant to the Mayor/City Clerk