

LADUE BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

May 14, 2018

Present:

Col. William Francis Jr., Chairman
Ms. Carol D. Gaskin
Mr. L. Shepley Hermann
Mr. John Stupp
Mr. Stephen Jones
Mayor Nancy Spewak

Absent:

Mr. John Schaperkotter

Also present were Fire Chief Steven Lynn, Assistant Fire Chief Jeff Johnson, Police Chief Ken Andreski, Jr. and Police Captain Darin McClure.

Chairman Francis called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm.

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

The minutes of the regular meeting of April 9, 2018 were approved upon motion by Commissioner Hermann and second by Commissioner Stupp.

During an opportunity for public comment none was offered.

There were no questions on the Fire Department monthly report.

Chief Lynn presented the annual report highlighting preparations for the next Insurance Service Office review, personnel changes, and the good health and stability of the organization. Discussion ensued regarding physical requirements of the job and physical fitness and testing, total number and types of incident response which led to discussion of mutual aid and dispatching protocols. Chief Lynn indicated that calls have increased county wide and are near peak for mutual aid.

Fire Department cost comparisons were addressed noting increasing personnel costs. The Fire Chief explained that with a stable organization, most personnel have moved through the steps and attained top salary thus increasing personnel costs. Lastly, the Fire Chief touched on hydrant activity and reported that the department worked with Missouri American Water to upgrade insufficient water lines.

The Commissioners welcomed new Police Officer Cody Radford upon introduction by the Police Chief.

There were no questions on the Police Department Monthly report.

During the presentation of the Police Department's annual report Chief Andreski reviewed the promotions and personnel changes in 2017, the implementation of the accreditation process, traffic enforcement and neighborhood patrols which have increased. The department continues to focus on attendance at neighborhood meetings and citizen education of crime prevention.

Discussion ensued regarding crime statistics and it was noted that 2017 numbers are consistent with the 6-7 years prior to 2016.

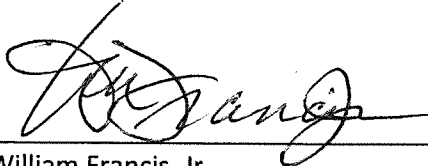
Chief Andreski and Captain McClure next presented information regarding the purchase of new ballistic vests for each officer using Proposition P funds at a total cost of \$27,000. With new technology the weight of these vests is significantly lighter and able to adjust to each officer's size and frame to be worn over the uniform. The old style vests are made from ceramic and prone to cracking, while the new vests are not. These vests should be placed on a five year replacement schedule and while the old vests cannot be used by active officers they can be used for training purposes. Samples of the vests were circulated to the Commissioners to assess the difference in weight.

Commissioner Stupp moved strong endorsement of the purchase of ballistic vests for the police officers with second by Commissioner Francis, which motion passed unanimously.

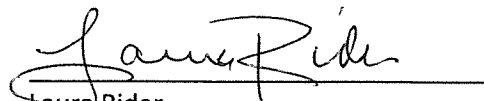
Chief Andreski reported that he recently met with a representative from Empower Missouri to discuss the department's disparity index. Discussion ensued regarding the calculation of the index and the formulation of the department's explanation.

It was noted that a reminder of the CODERED service that is offered to residents for emergency and hazardous situation notifications should be published in the next City newsletter.

The meeting adjourned at 5:28 PM upon motion by Commissioner Stupp and second by Commissioner Jones.



William Francis, Jr.
Chairman



Laura Rider
Assistant to the Mayor/City Clerk