

LADUE BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

November 28, 2016

Present:

Col. William Francis, Jr., Chairman
Ms. Carol D. Gaskin
Mr. L. Shepley Hermann
Mr. John D. Schaperkotter
Mr. John P. Stupp, Jr.
Mayor Nancy Spewack

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 4:03 p.m.

The agenda was approved upon motion by Commissioner Hermann, seconded by Commissioner Gaskin.

The minutes of the September 12, 2016 meeting were approved upon motion of Commissioner Gaskin and seconded by Commissioner Stupp.

The Commissioners reviewed the monthly report of the Fire Department. Fire Chief Lynn reported at length on the structural collapse at 466 South Price Road on October 12, 2016. He reviewed the procedures involved and delineated the number of departments responding to the collapse of the structure involving a single demolition worker in the process of dismantling the house. He emphasized the extreme danger to the worker as well as to the rescue personnel involved which necessitated the large number of responders to the scene. Chief Lynn talked about the procedures involved as well as the coordination among the responders. Chief Lynn concluded that the number of the rescue workers and equipment was absolutely necessary under the circumstances given the risk to all involved.

Fire Chief Lynn reported on the new fire house update indicating that the objective of having it completed by the end of August 2017 was still the current goal.

He also reported on a FEMA grant for which the Department had applied to replace the self-containing breathing apparatus used by fire personnel as well as the receipt of a Missouri American Water grant of \$1,000 for extra hoodies for all fire personnel, a grant which was secured by the work of Assistant Fire Chief Johnson whom he credited for the prompt work involved.

Fire Chief Lynn indicated that Kevin Wuebbels and David Kaiser were honored at the last November Council meeting for responsibilities in assisting a recent stroke victim.

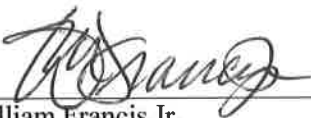
At the conclusion of the report an opportunity for public comment was made and none was offered.

Police Chief Wooten reported on his monthly update indicating including a recent incident in Upper Ladue involving a home invasion.

Police Chief Wooten then reported on several new items in the 2017 budget which he thought deserved mention. This includes a new renovation to the firing range, estimated between \$55,000-70,000, which is intended to reduce the cost and environmental impact of the current situation, the cost of which will be at least partially underwritten by third-party donations. He reported on the accreditation process for the department for which there is some cost and also reported on a body camera program, costing approximately \$18,000 that is included within the budget. The discussion of the Commission centered on the need for departmental policies to be conformed to any body camera program that is adopted and Chief Wooten acknowledged that much discussion needs to occur before the body camera program could be implemented.

Chairman Francis inquired on the recent pursuit by police personnel after a Frontenac incident which prompted a review of the Ladue policy regarding hot pursuit.

Commissioner Gaskin moved to adjournment, seconded by Commissioner Stupp, which motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:21 p.m.



William Francis Jr.
Chairman

John D. Schaperkotter
Secretary