

# **Police Commission Meeting**

**Date:** November 10, 2016      **Time:** 6:30pm

**Location:** Ripon City Hall, Open Meeting

**Call to Order:** Dennis Cotton **Seconded by:** Danny Lee

## **Roll Call:**

Present: Dennis Cotton, Brian Skamra, Jon Heatly, Julia Messitte, Dave Lukoski

Not Present: Danny Lee

**First Order of Business:** Approval of Minutes from May 26, 2016

- May 26, 2016 Meeting minutes approved and accepted:
- Motion by: Dave Second by: Jon

## **Second Order of Business: Discussion on Progress of Recent Police Hires and April Interviews**

- Meth Lab and Drug Enforcement – Police Chief went to make sure probation was not charge but requested jail time do to the danger to the community. Recommended lenient sentences for drug related violations. District attorney asked for Chief to attend.
- Heroin and Drug enforcement take up most of time of the department even though incidents are down in other areas from 2015 to 2016 the investigation time has increased.
- Difference between property stolen and property recovered. The lag time was questioned between the loss and recovery. Rare to recover petty theft items. The recovered was high do to 2 stolen vehicles being recovered.
- Three officers are assigned to Ripon College as liaison officers. The college recently was contacted by Homeland Security and FBI liaison officers assigned to the college.
- Courts have limited the use of K9 officer to probable cause.
- K9 officer has been doing a lot of training and public relations. K9 officer is busy doing school searches in Fond du Lac School District, Oakfield, Green Lake, and Waupun locker searches. There have not been many active investigations lately.

## **Third Order of Business: Review of monthly Police Report and Police Department Business**

- Officer Trevor Hanke and K9 Officer Rony in Indiana being recertified
- Child Response team was activated and responded in Fond du Lac at Summit motors. A father noticed his daughter went missing, investigation showed she was actually at home with mother in Mayville. Father had drug related misconception she was with him. Three main officers, CPT Wallner, Lindsey Michel's, and Trevor Hanke are the main contacts
- New hires Paul Midestadt doing a good job, Completed 2 years lots of OIC work
- Officer Tipton doing a great job, new hire in April
- Young and old officers all meshing well and performing well as a team
- Zach Boyer also doing a good job, also on fire department since he was a certified fire fighter.
- More experienced officers have opted for night shift.

- Hiring procedures in discussion all applicant pool is declining. North Fond du lac having issues finding officers.
- Police union negotiations starting this month for new contract. Pay is lower than similar sized cities in the area. Is there state or federal money for assistance. In hiring there is a 3-year help so grants have not been sought.
- Lindsey will be off 12 weeks for maternity leave. School will be visited but the school officer will not be replaced while off.
- Bullying only addressed when criminal. School pays 50% OF BENEFITS FOR School liaison officer.
- Criminal Justice degree and certification from state were given at same time. In January they will graduate with criminal justice degree and then go through a 17 week police academy. The City has not had to do that for years but has done it with 2 other officers.

### **Third Order of Business: Mayor or Common Council Members Comments**

- Not present, No input for meeting

### **Fourth Order of Business: Opportunity for Citizen Input**

- No one present, input from Common council meeting

### **Fifth Order of Business: Open Discussion**

- Limited open discussion nothing recordable.

**Call to Adjourn:** Time: 7:20pm by John Heatly, second by Julia. All present voted in favor of ending meeting.