

# **Minutes of the St. Francis Police and Fire Commission Meeting**

**Held February 2, 2022**

The Meeting was called to order by President Boknevitx at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Commissioners: Boknevitx, Jaskulski, Paradinovich and Stawski, Kiepczynski

Also Present: Chief Hunter, Chief Nick Poplar

## **Minute's approval of the Police and Fire Commission meeting held on Dec 1, 2022:**

- Motion made by Commissioner Paradinovich and seconded by Commissioner Jaskulski to approve the minutes. Motion Carried.
- Note: 1/5/2022 Police and Fire Commission meeting had been cancelled.

**Correspondence: None**

**New Business:**

### **Police Department: Introduction of New Officer:**

- Eric Armbruster, a lifelong St. Francis Resident, was introduced to the Commission by Chief Hunter. Probationary Officer Eric Armbruster is doing an excellent job considering he has no former law enforcement experience. He fits in well with his fellow officers – is liked by all, and is excelling in training (taking into consideration that it is in its infancy). He has outstanding radio presence, picks up tasks quickly and is eager to learn. It is a benefit that he grew up in the city as he is aware of our geography. Excellent hire!

### **Fire Applicant results: Chief Poplar Report:**

The joint hiring process (Wauwatosa, West Allis, North Shore, and St. Francis) closed on November 12. 99 applications were received. Joint panel interviews were conducted January 5-7. Local interviews, including any participation by SF PC members took place in the latter part of January 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Ranked candidates list was provided to the commission for view. SFFD anticipates hiring three (3) Firefighter Paramedics in 2022 from this list. Draft/Conditional Offers of Employment will be on March 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **Police Dept Update: Chief Hunter: Dec 1 2021- Jan 31 2022:**

- Total calls for Service 2020: 9175 2021: **9793**
- Thefts From Vehicle: 5 (all vehicles were unlocked)
- Theft Retail: 2
- Theft Parts from Vehicle (Catalytic Converter : 9)
- Theft Motor Vehicle: 12, (Kia: 3, Hyundai: 6, Honda: 2, Toyota: 1)
- Theft (all other Building): 2
- Burglary: 2

- Battery: 2
- Fraud: 8
- Narcotic Violation: 7
- OWI: 7
- Disorderly Conduct: 14
- Criminal Damage to Property: 14
- Vehicle Pursuit: 1
- Weapons Violation: 2
- Potential 3 vacancies between now and August 2022.

### **Employee Matters:**

- The St. Francis Professional Police Association Local 217 is currently in bargaining with the City for their 2022-2024 contract. This always creates somewhat of an uncomfortable atmosphere in the confines of the police department. This does not disrupt our officer's job performance or professionalism.
- There are currently two members of the department out on FMLA due to the birth of a child. We have two additional members of the department that are expecting the birth of a child this year. One Officer is scheduled to return to work on February 14<sup>th</sup>. The other Officer is scheduled to return on February 18<sup>th</sup>
- We will have two openings this year that will need to be filled. A (Current MPD Officer) is our next pick. Chief Hunter has been in communication with him. Sgt. Lucht will likely retire in July with another officer likely moving to the Fox Valley area in the near future. We will have to hold another round of interviews as after this next pick our list will be exhausted at that point.
- There have been no internal investigations in 2021.
- There were no formal citizen complaints in 2021.
- Chief Hunter will be at the Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Association conference in the Wisconsin Dells from Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup> thru Wednesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **Fire Department Update- from Chief Poplar:**

- 2021 Incident Totals:
- 1817 calls for service
- 1442 EMS: 50.76% Transported by SFFD BLS Ambulance, 34.18% Treated/ transported (or) Received ALS treatment/Assessment by Paramedic ALS Unit.
- 375 Heavy Apparatus Responses: 2021 Property Loss Due to Fire: \$43,900, 2021 Content Loss Due to Fire: \$10,120, 2021 Total Fire Loss in City: \$54,020 (Lowest in 15 years)
- 14 % increase in call for Service vs. 2020
- New paramedic ambulance now due for delivery in March. Chassis supply chain issues.
- New utility pickup truck due for delivery in April.
- SFFD 2021 annual report due for release by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

- Fire Code Compliance Officer Peter Trost will begin employment on Friday, February 4<sup>th</sup>. 16 hours per week, no benefits. Will fit in good with Lt. Kloc in the Inspection Bureau due to the added construction taking place in the community.
- **Other:** Commissioner Christopher Stawski announced his resignation from the commission. He will be moving outside the St. Francis city limits. The rest of the commissioners thanked Chris for his service. Mayor Tutaj will now have to make an appointment to replace him.

**Next meeting discussion:** The Commission voted that the March 2, 2022 meeting will not be held unless there is a need.

**Old Business:**

- None

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Jaskulski and seconded by Commissioner Paradinovich to adjourn.  
Motion carried at 4:15 pm.

**Next meeting: Wednesday April 6, 2022 at 4:00 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Kiepczynski

Secretary