

City of Plymouth
Police and Fire Commission Meeting
Tuesday, September 10, 2024 @ 8:30 A.M.
Room 210

Plymouth City Hall, 128 Smith Street, Plymouth, WI 53073

Members Present: President Mark Melcher, Vice President James Flanagan, Secretary Warren Wieser, Garry Rooker, Tim Lemkuil, Police Chief Kenneth Ruggles, and Deputy Police Chief Matt Starker.

President, Mark Melcher, called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M. in Room 210 @ City Hall, located at 128 Smith Street, Plymouth, Wisconsin.

A motion made by James Flanagan and seconded by Tim Lemkuil to approve the Police and Fire Commission meeting minutes of August 6, 2024. Motion carried.

Plymouth Police Department report by Police Chief Kenneth Ruggles:

- 1 – Police Chief informed commission, that Fire Chief, Ryan Pafford has some medical issues and is at home.
- 2 – Police Chief reported that the Sheboygan County Fair went well. The police department implemented a new traffic pattern at the close of the fair on Monday. This pattern was approved by the fair association, prior to the fair. General feedback was that the plan worked well, however, some concerns by the barn manager. Those issues will be discussed with the fair association.
- 3 - One new police squad car has been updated with the necessary police equipment, but some quality issues exist. This squad car and the second new squad car, which was not completely updated with police equipment will be returned to the vendor installing Plymouth Police department equipment in the new squad cars.
- 4 – Officer Lindsley has been moved to the midnight shift and a night shift officer will be moved to day duty.
- 5 – An officer will be taking six-week family leave starting in October. The department will be on short during this period.
- 6 – Police Chief reported they are ready for Fallooza this weekend,
- 7 - Plymouth Police Department capital budgets will be presented to the Committee of the Whole this evening.

- 8 - Officer Coast has started leadership training.
- 9 - The City of Plymouth has hired an outside firm to collect and present comparisons on employee classifications and compensation. The Plymouth Police department has presented their information and comparison information,
- 10 – Police chief reported that the school resource office (SRO) and investigator are in the process of being determined. Officer Paul Wagner will continue to be the investigating officer and Officer's Fox and Coast have expressed interest in the SRO. The police chief has included Plymouth School district personnel in the interview process of the staffing of the SRO. The SRO covers all the public schools in Plymouth.
- 11 – Police Chief Ruggles will be out of the country from September 16 through September 27th. Deputy Police Chief Matt Starker will be in charge.

Deputy Police Chief, Matt Starker reported that the community outreach at Tom & Gerry's miniature golf course with police department personnel and K9's was well received.

Fire Department Recruit Evaluation Process:

Commission members James Flanagan and Gary Rooker met with Fire Chief Pafford to help develop a process. Commission member, James Flanagan, handed out a Wisconsin Fire Training Flow Chart as a base to discuss what may work for Plymouth Fire Department. After discussion, this will be an agenda item at the next Police and Fire Commission Meeting.

Review Police Chief's presentation to the City Council concerning the use to ATV/UTV operation in the city:

President, Mark Melcher, prior to the meeting, emailed a copy of the Police Chief report and a couple of other news reporting articles to commission members. Police Chief Ruggles led the discussion. The city is in the fact gathering stage, as it may die in committee. The commission decided to prepare a letter supporting the Police Chief's report but will not send the letter. If this becomes an agenda item for the city council the commission will discuss the possibly of sending the letter.

No further action, motion for adjournment at 9:24 A.M. Motion by Warren Wieser and seconded by Gary Rooker. Motion carried.

Submitted on the tenth day of September 2024.

Warren Wieser--- Secretary