POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

September 24, 2026 at 5:30 PM

303 Mansion Street Mauston, WI

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call:** The Police and Fire Commission met on September 24, 2026, in the Council Chambers at Mauston City Hall. Chair Brian McGuire called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m. Members present were Brian McGuire, Jack Hammer, Deborah Shuman, and Gary Purvis. Member absent was Katie Gruman. Also present were Fire Chief Brent Lenorud (departed at 6:20 p.m.), Police Chief Michael Zilisch, and City Administrator Daron Haugh.

2. **Minutes:** Motion by Purvis, seconded by Shuman, to approve the August 27, 2026, minutes. Motion carried by voice vote.

3. **Financial Report:** Motion by McGuire, seconded by Purvis, to approve the financial report as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

4. **Fire Chief's Report**

   a. August Fire Reports: The Commission reviewed the August 2026 calls for service, which included nine calls in the City and five calls in the rural area, for a total of 14 calls. The Fire Department also participated in several community events, including National Night Out, the Juneau County Fair Parade, the Demo Derby, and ATV races.

   b. Paid On-Call Staff for the Fire Department: Chief Lenorud expressed concern about the limited number of firefighters responding to calls and the potential retirement of several members who currently respond most frequently. Discussion included ways to recruit additional firefighters, such as restarting the Fire Explorers program and exploring opportunities to offer firefighter training through a local school. The Commission also discussed the possibility of paid on-call staffing. Chief Lenorud indicated he would speak with department members to gauge their interest in the concept.

   Motion by McGuire, seconded by Hammer, to approve the Fire Chief’s report. Motion carried by voice vote.

5. **Police Chief's Report:** The Commission reviewed the August 2026 statistical reports. There were 1,754 calls for service in August 2026, compared to 1,706 in August 2025 and 1,989 in July 2026. Chief Zilisch reported that the new patrol officer would begin training soon. Motion by McGuire, seconded by Hammer, to approve the Police Chief’s report. Motion carried by voice vote.

6. **Adjournment:** Motion by Hammer, seconded by Purvis, to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

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Chair Date