

City of Manitowoc
POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION

12/13/11 MEETING MINUTES

Commissioners Present: P. Blashka, K. Beilke, B. Hennessy

Excused: K. Reynolds, T. Bare

1. Called to Order 4:03 by P. Blashka.
2. Motion was made by B. Hennessy to approve previous minutes of 8/09/11 as submitted. Seconded by K. Beilke. Motion carried unanimously
3. No Communications
4. No Public input of items germane to the Police and Fire Commission statutory authority
5. Police and Fire Chief Reports

Fire Chief Items:

Fire Chief B. Manis reported that Governor Walker passed Act 10 which froze Police and Fire where they were at but forced other employees to make additional contributions to Retirement and Health. He said that MFD unions met with Mayor Nickels to discuss possible concessions which were presented at the Personnel Committee last night. He stated that he is currently faced with losing 6 to 8 Firefighters out of his workforce of 53 but is hopefully able to lose them thru attrition. He concluded stating that the good news is that call volumes are up and the outsourced EMS billing is going smoothly and they project a \$90,000 increase in the annual collection rate.

Police Chief items:

Police Chief O. Dick reported that the Police Department was asked to cut \$520,000 in labor costs as their portion of the targeted \$2.5 million needed for the 2012 Budget. He said 90 to 95% of the Police budget is personnel costs and the reduction means not replacing vacant positions and he suspects the Ad Hoc committee may ask for more cuts which would mean the Police Department may have to restructure. He stated that he's been trying to figure out a number of scenarios and that a reduction of services is possible with fewer officers out on the street. When asked about Government funding he stated that the funding for the 66th officer runs out the end of this year and that Wisconsin grants will be reduced which means the number of hours on the street is less which means the number of citations is less. He ended by requesting that a closed session be scheduled for the next meeting so that he can give a more detailed plan on how the budget is going to unfold.

6. K. Beilke made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by B. Hennessy. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting Adjourned at 4:52