

Neenah-Menasha Fire Rescue
Joint Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting
Tuesday, July 24, 2012 – 5:30 p.m.
Hauser Room – City of Neenah

Present: Ald. Ahles, Stevenson, Langdon, Klein, Sevenich and Ramos.

Also Present: Chief Auxier, Director Easker and Office Manager Theisen.

Ald. Stevenson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Public Forum: No members of the public were present.

Meeting Minutes: The Committee reviewed the meeting minutes of June 26, 2012.
MSC Ahles/Klein to approve the meeting minutes of June 26, 2012, all voting aye.

Budget Report: The Committee reviewed the June 2012 budget report. Chief Auxier noted that we do have one person who is on a long-term work comp injury. He returned to light duty today. However, it is anticipated he will not be able to return to full duties for a couple more months. Therefore, the overtime budget is being used quite a bit to maintain staffing. **MSC Ahles/Langdon to accept the June 2012 budget report and place on file, all voting aye.**

June Activity Report: The Committee reviewed June's activity report. **MSC Ahles/Klein to accept the June activity report and place on file, all voting aye.**

Automatic Aid Report: The Committee reviewed the automatic aid report. Chief Auxier noted that the process is working well. Ald. Klein asked if the numbers that we are experiencing is what we anticipated. Chief Auxier confirmed that what both Departments are responding to is what was expected.

5:40 p.m. Ald. Ramos entered the meeting.

2011 Final Budget Audit: The Committee reviewed the final 2011 budget audit. Chief Auxier noted that at the end of 2011 he was asked by Mayor Merkes to return \$40,000 back to the City of Menasha for the 2012 budget. The final numbers show that we were close to doing this. The Committee thanked Chief Auxier for working hard to save money from the 2011 budget for the 2012 budget. **MSC Ramos/Klein to approve the 2011 final audit results that reflect \$37,747 savings to be returned to the City of Menasha and \$55,641 savings to be returned to the City of Neenah, all voting aye.**

Vacant Firefighter Position: Chief Auxier noted that Mayor Scherck did approve to fill the position that will be vacated by a future retirement. Mayor Merkes would like to discuss this further and a meeting is scheduled for Wednesday. Ald. Langdon asked what position would be open. Chief Auxier noted the promotional process will be put in place to fill the open position and in the end a firefighter position would be open. Ald.

Stevenson asked if the Joint Fire Commission reviewed the recommendations for promotion. Chief Auxier confirmed this process. The Committee asked to review this at the August meeting after Chief Auxier's meeting with both Mayors.

Overtime Budget: Chief Auxier noted there are concerns with the possibility of the overtime budget being exhausted before the end of the year due to the long term work comp injury one member has. He will continue to monitor this budget and update the Committee.

Firefighter of the Year Award: Chief Auxier informed the Committee that Shift Commander Flunker received the Public Educator of the Year award in 2011. He was awarded the Wisconsin State Aerie Eagle's and American Legion – Wisconsin Firefighter of the year awards in 2012. The Committee recognized Mike's efforts and asked that this be brought forth to both Council's for recognition.

Executive Fire Officer Completion: Chief Auxier noted that Captain Victor Voss has been working on the Executive Fire Officer program for the past four years. This is a national program and takes a lot of time and commitment to complete this program. Chief Auxier asked that he be able to present this certificate to Captain Voss at a future Council meeting. The Committee supported this request.

MSC Ramos/Langdon to adjourn at 6:00 p.m., all voting aye.

Respectfully Submitted,

Al Auxier
Chief

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