



OFFICIAL MINUTES REGULAR MEETING

MEETING: Police & Fire Commission
DATE/TIME: Monday, June 22, 2026, at 7:30 AM
LOCATION: Public Safety Building — Community Room
515 Grand Avenue, Wausau WI, 54403

MEMBERS:
Kathy Stasser (P) Thomas Garver
Cheryl Bahr Vylius Lyskys
Katie Rosenberg

Members Present: Thomas Garver, Cheryl Bahr, Kathy Strasser
Members Not Present: Katie Rosenberg, Vylius Lyskys
Members Excused:
Present 3, Not Present 2, Excused 0

Noting the presence of a quorum, the Chairperson called the meeting to order at 07:31 AM.

1 Call to order by the presiding officer.

The meeting was called to order by Commission President Strasser.

Roll Call

Commission Members:
K. Strasser, C. Bahr, T. Garver

Also Present:
Mayor Diny, City Attorney A. Jacobson, Chief Kopp, Chief Barnes, Deputy Chief Pluess,
Deputy Chief Baeten, Captain M. Pauls, Lt. J. Phillips

2 Public Comment and the reading of the City of Wausau's Public Comment Statement

Open meeting for public comment pursuant to 19.84(2), which allows a governmental body to provide a period during which it may receive information from members of the public.

Public Comment made by C. Marohl

3 Consideration of the minutes of the preceding meeting(s).

May 11, 2026 Regular Police and Fire Commission Minutes.

Motion by Commissioner Garver to approve minutes from May 11, 2026 meeting
Second by Commissioner Bahr
Motion Carries 3-0

4 Closed Session.

Convene Meeting into Closed Session pursuant to 19.85(1)(f) for consideration of financial, medical, social, or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems and/or the investigation of charges against specific persons, which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such complaint, for consideration and deliberation related to three Citizen Complaints related to the Police Department made by J.C.V. and A.T. and one Citizen Complaint related to the Fire Department made by S.S.

Motion by Commissioner Bahr to go into closed session
Second by Commissioner Garver

Motion Carried 3-0

The Police & Fire Commission convened into Closed Session at 7:39 AM

5 Open Session.

Reconvene meeting into open session for the purpose of potential action upon closed session items.

Motion by Commissioner Bahr to go back into open session
Second by Commissioner Garver
Motion Carried 3-0

The Police & Fire Commission reconvene into Open Session 8:24 AM

6 Discussion and possible action.

I. Action on Citizen Complaints related to the Police Department made by J.C.V and A.T

Regarding the complaint by J.C.V. related to the Police Department.

- After reviewing the complaints beginning April 2025, all related correspondence, and the results of the internal investigation, the Police and Fire Commission finds that the allegations are not supported by the evidence and that no violation of department policy or law occurred.

Commissioner Strasser entertains a motion to dismiss the complaint as unfounded.
Second by Bahr
Motion Carries 3-0

Regarding the complaint by A.T. related to the Police Department:

- After reviewing the complaints, beginning September 2025, all related correspondence, and the results of the internal investigation, the Police and Fire Commission finds that the allegations are not supported by the evidence and that no violation of department policy or law occurred.

Commissioner Strasser entertains a motion to dismiss the complaint as unfounded.
Second by Garver
Motion Carries 3-0

II. Action on Citizen Complaint related to the Fire Department made by S.S.

Regarding the complaint made by S.S. related to the Fire Department:

- This complaint involved allegations related to the City of Wausau Employee Handbook. Under Wisconsin law and the authority granted to the Wausau Police and Fire Commission, the Commission's role is limited to matters involving alleged job-related misconduct under departmental rules. Because this complaint concerned provisions of the Employee Handbook rather than departmental rules, it fell under the jurisdiction of the City of Wausau Human Resources Department.
- Accordingly, this matter was referred to and investigated by the City of Wausau Human Resources Department, which has responsibility for administering and enforcing Employee Handbook policies. Following its review, Human Resources determined that no violations of the Employee Handbook occurred, therefore this case is considered closed.

7 Presentations.

I. Monthly Fire Department Operations Update:

- Current Department Activities
- General Updates

Chief Kopp discussed FEMA deadlines, upcoming retirements, and the status of future apprenticeship programs.

II. Monthly Police Department Operations Update:

- "Use of Force" Training and Review presented by Lieutenant John Phillips
- General Updates

Lieutenant John Phillips provided a report on use-of-force training. He highlighted the annual training hours required for each officer and outlined key training areas, including EVOC, vehicle contacts, firearms, and DAAT.

Chief Barnes shared an update on the upcoming hiring process and provided general department updates.

8 Adjournment.

Next Meeting July 27, 2026

Next Meeting: July 27, 2026 To be held at City Hall
 Motion by Commissioner Bahr to adjourn.
 Second by Commissioner Garver
 Motion Carried 3-0
 Meeting adjourned at 9:15 AM

The recording of this meeting may be viewed on
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