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Fire Department

FUTURE OF OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 5, 2020

6:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

Agenda

ELECTRONIC MEETING NOTICE: Pursuant to the current recommendation of the CDC limiting the size of public gatherings and the various federal and state orders implementing that recommendation, and to help protect our community from the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, this meeting will be held virtually through the GoToMeeting platform with each member accessing the meeting remotely. Citizens wishing to attend the meeting are encouraged to join the meeting online or by phone. Please go to <https://www.gotomeet.me/Mequon/future-fire-dept-c> to join the meeting online or call into the meeting by dialing 1-866-899-4679 and enter access code 700-427-901.

PUBLIC COMMENTS will be accepted in writing only. Public comments should be directed at least 2 hours prior to the meeting to the Fire Department in advance by email at dbialk@ci.mequon.wi.us or by leaving a written public comment addressed to the intended committee in the drop box at City Hall on 11333 N. Cedarburg Road, Mequon, by 4:00 PM on Tuesday, May 5, 2020. Comments received timely will be forwarded to all members of the body for their consideration.

Reasonable accommodations will be made for those citizens who are unable to attend the meeting in the methods identified above upon at least two hours' notice. Notice can be given to the City Clerk's Office at 262-236-2914.

- 1) Call to Order, Roll Call
- 2) Approve Meeting Minutes
 - a. April 28, 2020 Minutes
- 3) Open Discussion
 - a. Compilation and drafting of preliminary report for Common Council
- 4) Future Meeting Date
 - a. May 19, 2020
- 5) Adjourn

Dated: May 5, 2020

/s/ Dale Mayr, Chair

Notice is hereby given that a quorum of other governmental bodies may be present at this meeting to present, discuss and/or gather information about a subject over which they have decision-making responsibility, although they will not take formal action thereto at this meeting.

Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations for attendance at this meeting should contact the City Clerk's Office at 262-236-2914, twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the meeting.

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Minutes

1) Call to Order, Roll Call

Alderman Mayr called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

Present:

Melissa Bleidorn
 Rick Lemke
 Lynn Streeter
 Ald. Dale Mayr
 Kirsten Hildebrand
 Alderman Kathleen Schneider
 Deputy Chief Kurt Zellmann

Also Present: Fire Chief Bialk, Administrative Assistant Wellman, Mayor John Wirth.

2) Approve Meeting Minutes

a. Motion to approve the February 18, 2020 minutes.

RESULT: **Approved by Voice Acclamation [Unanimous]**
MOVED BY: Rick Lemke
SECONDED BY: Lynn Streeter

3) Open Discussion

Alderman Schneider discussed at the open of the meeting the recent COVID-19 epidemic and the measures the City Council has made to ensure the members of the Mequon Fire Department were compensated additionally for the hazards they face while responding during the epidemic. Chief Bialk and Deputy Chief Zellmann also spoke regarding the appreciation of the “hazard pay” and how that pay has helped members during lower call volume. Ms. Streeter spoke to the call volume decline being a national trend.

Members of the committee discussed and added revisions to a preliminary draft of the first report to be presented to the Common Council of the recommendations for the future of the fire department. The question of what edits can be done outside of the normal scheduled meeting was discussed to expedite the process for presentation to the Common Council for their June

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meeting. Mayor Wirth spoke to what is allowed and the decision was made for the committee to continue to make edits on their own and forward those revisions to Chief Bialk. He will then facilitate the proper distribution prior to the next meeting.

Mayor Wirth added he would like to see the city council have ample time prior to budget meetings to be able to include the committee's recommendations for 2021.

Due to the ease of virtual meetings, the members decided to include an additional meeting prior to the regularly scheduled meeting in May. The additional meeting will be held on May 5, 2020.

4) Future Meeting

The next meeting will be held virtually on May 5, 2020 at 6:00 PM.

5) Adjourn

Motion by Alderman Mayr to adjourn at 7:05 PM, seconded by Alderman Schneider. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jill Wellman