

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
CITY OF WISCONSIN DELLS
MUNICIPAL BUILDING ~ 300 LA CROSSE STREET
WISCONSIN DELLS, WI 53965
August 18, 2025

Chairperson Anchor called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. Notice of the meeting was provided to the *Dells Events*, WNNO Radio, and posted in accordance with State Statutes.

1. Present: Ald. Dan Anchor, Ald. Troy Ryan, Ald. Ben Anderson and Mayor Wojnicz

Others: City Administrator Karen Terry, Police Chief Nick Brinker, Fire Chief Steve Smith, Ald. Mike Freel, Ald. Terry Marshall, Ald. Brian Holzem, City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa McClyman, City Attorney Joe Hasler, and Police Administrative Assistant Brianna Sanner
2. Motion by Mayor Wojnicz, seconded by Ald. Anderson, to approve the June 2, 2025 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Fire Chief Steve Smith advised the Kilbourn Fire Department now has five firefighters who are newly certified fire inspectors. This is in addition to contracted Fire Inspector Wolfram.
4. Fire Chief Steve Smith advised Engine 17 needs replacement. Once ordered, a new engine is expected to take three years to receive. He is looking into a 10- or 12-year lease, with the first payment in 2027. Discussed looking at financing options closer to budget cycle. No action was taken.
5. Police Chief Nick Brinker stated the police department had a very busy summer. He said there was very tight staffing due to military deployment, FMLA, bereavement leave and an officer resigning. This tight staffing is resulting in a lot of overtime hours, especially during critical incidents. Brinker advised the Flock cameras installed earlier this year were very useful in several cases, including a recent shooting case. Brinker stated the body worn cameras have also been very useful. Brinker advised the police department is now planning and preparing for the Wo-Zha-Wa Days and Autumn-motion.
6. Police Chief Brinker presented two Policy & Procedures for the Police Department:
 - 6.34 Phlebotomy Program – New
 - 6.34a Phlebotomy Blood Draw Form
 - 6.34b Phlebotomy Rolling LogMotion by Ald. Anderson, seconded by Ald. Ryan, to approve. Motion carried unanimously.
- 5.01 Use of Force – Updated
Motion by Ald. Anderson, seconded by Ald. Ryan, to approve. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Police Chief Brinker advised the police department is struggling to keep minimum staffing. There is one officer on extended military leave and one officer recently resigned. Vacancies in the schedule and critical incidents have resulted in 120 hours of overtime so far in August. The police department recently conducted a hiring process and established a candidate list.

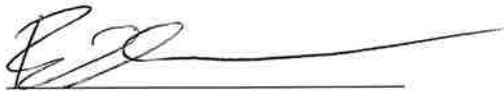
8. Motion by Ald. Anderson, seconded by Ald. Ryan, to convene into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85 (1)(c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation, and/or performance data of any public employee which the governing has jurisdiction or exercise responsibility over. Upon roll call vote the motion carried 4-0.

9. Motion by Mayor Wojnicz, seconded by Ald. Anderson to reconvene into open session. Upon roll call vote the motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Ald. Ryan, seconded by Ald. Anderson to approve Chief Brinker's recommendation to hire Diedrik Hellenbrand; and for Chief Brinker and Administrator Terry to proceed as directed in closed session. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Items for referral: Scheduled next Public Safety Committee meeting for September 3, 2025 at 6:00 PM.

11. Motion by Ald. Anderson, seconded by Ald. Ryan to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 5:47 PM.

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Brianna Sanner, Police Administrative Assistant