

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
CITY OF WISCONSIN DELLS
MUNICIPAL BUILDING ~ 300 LA CROSSE STREET
WISCONSIN DELLS, WI 53965
September 3, 2025

Chairperson Dan Anchor called the meeting to order at 6:00 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. Brian Holzem, and Police Administrative Assistant Brianna Sanner
2. Motion by Ald. Ryan, seconded by Ald. Anderson, to approve the August 18, 2025 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Fire Chief Steve Smith presented the Kilbourn Fire Department 2026 Operating and Capital Budget requests noting an overall increase of 2.99% in operating due to inflation and request to add an assistant fire inspector. Smith and City Administrator Karen Terry noted the Township Allocation contracts are up for renewal this year and are calculated based on the 3-tier system of Equalized Value, Number of Calls and Plats Served. Terry noted Town of Springville will be increased by 1% and Town of Lyndon will receive a 1% decrease in the allocation. It was also noted that Tanker 13 is being sold this year; plan to follow city policy for a sealed bid process with a minimum reserve. Smith discussed the need to replace Engine 17, which would require a contract signing in early 2026 and first payment in early 2027 from PRT funds. Committee requested Smith continues to look at financing options. Smith noted a request for \$182,000 in PRT funds in 2026 for a UTV replacement and SCBA compressor replacement. Smith noted the SCBA compressor replacement is of higher priority to the department than the UTV replacement. Motion by Mayor Wojnicz, seconded by Ald. Anderson, to refer this budget, as is, to Finance Committee for approval. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Police Chief Nick Brinker presented the Police 2026 Operating Budget requests noting an overall increase of 5.37%. Brinker noted this includes union contracted wage increase of 4%, a 17% increase in health insurance state plans, overall cost increases due to inflation and a request for hiring an additional officer. City Administrator Karen Terry noted the health insurance increase for employees will also be significant. Brinker noted, in order to compensate for the payroll related items, there is a 0% increase in most operating line items, there has been renegotiating of some service contracts, and he is looking into changing some vendors. Brinker also noted an increase in revenue from DMV services provided by the police department office staff. City Administrator Karen Terry concurred with the hiring of an additional officer with a recommended start in April 2026. Terry noted this would be within budget for 2026 but the city would need to plan on potentially picking up the extra cost in 2027, noting PRT funds could possibly assist with that cost. Motion by Mayor Wojnicz, seconded by Ald. Ryan, to refer this budget, as is, to Finance Committee for approval. Motion carried unanimously.

Police Chief Nick Brinker presented the Police Capital Budget requests noting \$39,400 in PRT funds for Axis BWC mounts, new AEDs, Flock Safety subscription and the

purchase and installation of two additional Flock cameras. Motion by Ald. Anderson, seconded by Ald. Ryan, to refer this budget, as is, to Finance Committee for approval. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Police Chief Nick Brinker presented the Emergency Government 2026 Operating Budget requests noting no changes from the current budget. Motion by Ald. Anderson, seconded by Ald. Ryan, to refer this budget, as is, to Finance Committee for approval. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Police Chief Nick Brinker presented the Public Safety Training 2026 Operating Budget requests noting no changes from the current budget. Motion by Ald. Anderson, seconded by Ald. Ryan, to refer this budget, as is, to Finance Committee for approval. Motion carried unanimously.
7. 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.
8. Motion by Mayor Wojnicz, seconded by Ald. Ryan, to reconvene into open session. Upon roll call vote the motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Mayor Wojnicz, seconded by Ald. Ryan, for Chief Brinker to utilize the eligibility list for future hires as directed in closed session. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Items for referral: Budget requests to Finance Committee for approval.
10. Motion by Ald. Anderson, seconded by Ald. Ryan, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.



Brianna Sanner, Police Administrative Assistant