MINUTES FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSION/SPECIAL MEETING FEBRUARY 26, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Randy Gershman at 7:10 p.m. in the Marshfield Common Council Chambers located at 630 South Central Avenue, Marshfield, Wisconsin.

PRESENT: Commissioners Gershman, Keogh, Mueller, Frankland and Meyers. ALSO PRESENT: Police Chief Jepsen, Fire Chief Schmidt, Common Council members Feirer, Feddick-Goodwin, Workinger, Earll, Wagner, Stauber, Cummings, Buttke, and Hendler, City Attorney Wolfgram, City Administrator Barg, and Mayor Meyer.

The following was discussed at this meeting:

- Televise Fire and Police Commission meetings three or four times a year. It was suggested two most noteworthy meetings would include when the fire and police annual reports are presented in March and their budget presentations to the commission during a special meeting at the end of July.
- Meetings will be held at the Marshfield Fire Department allowing the public easier access to the meeting area.
- Having a commissioner present at council meetings to periodically provide updates to the Common Council. Discussion ensued with regard to the importance of two-way communications.
- Appointing a Common Council member to attend Fire and Police Commission meetings. This will be discussed further at a later Common Council meeting.
- Recognizing time constraints that occasionally limit the fire and police chiefs from seeking input
 from the Common Council when applying for grants. General consensus is not to discourage the
 chiefs from applying for grants when money becomes available but understanding the importance of
 communication with City Administration, the Fire and Police Commission, and the Common
 Council. Recognizing the difference between grants that are fully funded and those which require a
 percentage of matching funds.
- Council members should feel free to call a commissioner when issues arise for clarification.

Because there was no new or further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Marshfield Fire and Police Commission Nate Mueller, Secretary