

THE POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION

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Meeting Minutes, February 12, 2020

Greg Jerabek, President
Joseph Nash, Vice President
Donna Dewitt, Secretary
Jerry Haasl
David Yonkovich

The Police and Fire Commission met on Wednesday, February 12, 2020, at 7:30 a.m. in the first floor conference room at City Hall, 444 West Grand Avenue, Wisconsin Rapids.

1. Call the meeting to order.

Commissioner Jerabek called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

2. Roll call.

Commissioners Dewitt, Jerabek, Nash, and Yonkovich were in attendance. Commissioner Haasl was excused. Police Chief Erman Blevins, Deputy Police Chief Brian Kryzkowski, Fire Chief Scott Young were in attendance.

3. Approve the January 8, 2020, meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Nash, seconded by Commissioner Yonkovich, to approve the January 8, 2020, meeting minutes. Motion carried.

4. Discuss the monthly report and activities of the Police Department with the Police Chief.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jerabek, seconded by Commissioner Dewitt, to approve the Police Department report. Motion carried.

5. Discuss the monthly report and activities of the Fire Department with the Fire Chief.

Fire Chief Young explained that this year's firefighter candidates from Chippewa Valley are already being offered positions at other departments, and requested that the PFC interview candidates in March. The PFC will plan to interview candidates following the monthly meeting in March. A motion was made by Commissioner Jerabek, seconded by Commissioner Nash, to approve the report of the Fire Department. Motion carried.

6. Closed session.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jerabek, seconded by Commissioner Dewitt, to go into closed session, pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Sec. 19.85 (1)(c), to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the Commission has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

In closed session, the Commission discussed one (1) police officer probationary report and considered for placement on permanent status.

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7. Open session.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jerabek, seconded by Commissioner Dewitt, to go into open session. Motion carried.

Re Item 6: In closed session, a motion was made by Commissioner Jerabek, seconded by Commissioner Nash, to approve the recommendation of Police Chief Blevins to move police officer Jacob Mocadlo from probationary to permanent status. Motion carried.

8. Discuss Police Department lateral transfers.

Police Chief Blevins handed out copies of the new labor agreement between the City of Wisconsin Rapids and the Wisconsin Rapids Professional Police Association. The new agreement includes language regarding lateral entry hires (page 9, Article 8, Salaries, last paragraph). Police officers from other departments may be considered for hire with wages and vacation commensurate with their prior full-time experience when hired by the City. The Commission indicated they would like to interview lateral candidates.

9. Discuss Police Officer eligibility list process.

Police Chief Blevins presented a timeline for police officer recruiting. A motion was made by Commissioner Jerabek, seconded to Commissioner Dewitt to approve the timeline. Motion carried.

10. Establish date for next meeting and discuss items for inclusion in next agenda.

The next monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 11, 2020, at 7:30 a.m. A topic for discussion is the police officer recruiting process. Following the monthly meeting, interviews for firefighters will be conducted.

11. Adjourn.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jerabek, seconded by Commissioner Nash, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Donna Dewitt, Secretary