

THE POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION

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Phone: (715) 421-8240 (Administrative Assistant to the Commission)

Meeting Minutes, March 11, 2020

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

The Police and Fire Commission met on Wednesday, March 11, 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, and Yonkovich were in attendance. Commissioners Haasl and Nash were absent. Police Chief Erman Blevins and Division Chief of EMS Jason Joling were also in attendance.

3. Approve the February 12, 2020, meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dewitt, seconded by Commissioner Yonkovich, to approve the February 12, 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 report of the Police Department. Motion carried.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Jerabek, seconded by Commissioner Yonkovich, to approve the report of the Fire Department. Motion carried.

6. Consider the confirmation of Fire Chief Young's appointment of Steve Koch to Fire Lieutenant.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jerabek, seconded by Commissioner Yonkovich, to confirm Fire Chief Young's appointment of Steve Koch to Fire Lieutenant. Motion carried.

7. Consider temporary revision (2020 only) to entry level Firefighter/Paramedic requirements to allow the following:

Waive paramedic license requirements at the time of hire; change the requirement to EMT-Basic with new employees having one year from date of hire to obtain their paramedic license.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jerabek, seconded by Commissioner Dewitt, to temporarily allow, for 2020 only, the waiving of the paramedic license requirements at the time of hire, with the requirement that new employees must have EMT-Basic and will have one year from date of hire to obtain their paramedic license. Motion carried.

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8. 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 interviewed Entry-Level Firefighter candidates and established an Entry-Level Firefighter eligibility list.

9. Open session.

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

Re Item 8a: The Commission interviewed 5 Entry-Level Firefighter candidates.

Re Item 8b: A motion was made by Commissioner Jerabek, seconded by Commissioner Dewitt, to approve all 5 candidates interviewed for the Entry-Level Firefighter eligibility list. 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, April 8, 2020, at 7:30 a.m. A topic for discussion is the police officer recruiting process.

11. Adjourn.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Donna Dewitt, Secretary