

THE POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION

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

Meeting Minutes, April 8, 2020

The Police and Fire Commission was held via remote videoconferencing on Wednesday, April 8, 2020, at 7:30 a.m. The public was invited to view the videoconference or listen to the audio of the meeting.

1. Call the meeting to order.

Commissioner Jerabek called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m.

2. Roll call.

Present in the first floor conference room at City Hall were David Yonkovich, Erman Blevins, and Brian Krzykowski. Appearing via videoconference were Commissioners Dewitt, Haasl, Jerabek, and Nash. Also appearing via videoconference were Fire Chief Scott Young and Deputy Fire Chief Todd Eckes.

3. Approve the March 11, 2020, meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Haasl, seconded by Commissioner Jerabek, to approve the March 11, 2020, meeting minutes. Motion carried.

4. Consider approval of invoice in the amount of \$175, from the State of Wisconsin Department of Administration, for Police Officer testing.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jerabek, seconded by Commissioner Haasl, to approve the invoice from the State of Wisconsin Department of Administration for Police Officer testing in the amount of \$175. Motion carried.

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

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

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

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

7. Consider the confirmation of Police Chief Blevins' appointment of Eric Daven to Detective.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jerabek, seconded by Commissioner Haasl, to confirm Police Chief Blevin's appointment of Eric Daven to Detective in probationary status. Motion carried.

8. Consider allowing fire chief to extend offers to two (2) candidates from the current Entry-Level Firefighter/Paramedic eligibility list who have not completed their CPAT, but must acquire within one year of their date of hire. Current guidelines provide that candidates must have this requirement at time of hire.

Due to COVID-19 and various facility closures, there currently is no avenue for candidates to complete their CPAT at this time; the CPAT is not a state requirement. A motion was made by Commissioner Jerabek, seconded by Commissioner Dewitt, to waive the CPAT requirement at time of hire for two (2) candidates from the current entry-level Firefighter/Paramedic eligibility list, with the stipulation they must acquire within one year of date of hire. Motion carried.

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9. Consider carrying over a Firefighter/Paramedic candidate on the current eligibility list to the new eligibility list.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jerabek, seconded by Commissioner Dewitt, to carry over any candidate previously interviewed and approved to the new Firefighter/Paramedic eligibility list. Motion carried.

10. 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 two (2) Firefighter probationary reports and considered for placement on permanent status.

11. Open session.

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

Re Item 10: Based on Fire Chief Young's recommendation, a motion was made by Commissioner Jerabek, seconded by Commissioner Haasl, to approve moving Firefighters Josh Schoechert and Jake Timm to permanent status as of April 15, 2020. Motion carried.

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

The next monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 13, 2020, at 7:30 a.m., most likely via videoconferencing. A topic for discussion is to review the status of police officer staffing.

13. Adjourn.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jerabek, seconded by Commissioner Haasl, to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,
Donna Dewitt, Secretary