



1. Call the meeting to order.

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

2. Roll call.

Present in person at City Hall were Commissioners Albrecht, Haasl, Jerabek, King and Yonkovich, and Police Chief Erman Blevins, Police Deputy Chief Brian Krzykowski, Fire Chief Scott Young, and Deputy Fire Chief Todd Eckes.

3. Approve the September 8, 2021 meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Albrecht, seconded by Commissioner Yonkovich, to approve the September 8, 2021 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 King, seconded by Commissioner Jerabek, 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 Haasl, to approve the report of the Fire Department. Motion carried.

6. Discuss adjusting Entry-Level Firefighter minimum qualification requirements.

Chief Young would like the Commission to consider lowering minimum requirements for Entry-Level Firefighters, because of competition with other communities for candidates. Interim Fire Chief Eckes will provide additional information at the November meeting. No action was taken.

7. Discuss recruitment for Entry-Level Firefighter eligibility list.

No action was taken.

8. Discuss the process for recruitment of new Fire Chief, due to the retirement of Fire Chief Scott Young.

The Commission discussed a proposal from McGrath Consulting to facilitate the hiring process for Fire Chief. Commissioner Yonkovich said that he believes we have qualified candidates currently within the Wisconsin Rapids Fire Department, so we do not need to look for candidates outside of the Department. He felt that spending \$16,500 to hire a consulting firm was unnecessary.

A motion was made by Commissioner Haasl, seconded by Commissioner Albrecht, to approve hiring McGrath Consulting to facilitate the hiring process for Fire Chief, at a cost of \$16,500. Motion carried.



with Commissioner Yonkovich voting in the negative.

Commissioner Yonkovich moved to delay the process for a month to gather more information. Motion failed for a lack of a second.

9. Discuss the 2022 budget.

A motion was made by Commissioner Albrecht, seconded by Commissioner Haasl, to request a 2022 budget of \$35,000 for the Police and Fire Commission, due to recruitment needs. Motion carried with Commissioner Yonkovich voting in the negative.

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

The next monthly meeting will be held on November 10, 2021 at 7:30 a.m.

11. Adjourn.

A motion was made by Commissioner Albrecht, seconded by Commissioner Yonkovich, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lee Albrecht, Secretary