

CITY OF WISCONSIN RAPIDS POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES January 11, 2023

7:30 A.M.

1. Call the meeting to order.

Commissioner King called the meeting to order at 7:32 a.m.

2. Roll call.

Present by videoconferencing was Commissioner Albrecht. Present in person at City Hall were Commissioners Grode, King, Tenpas and Yonkovich; and Interim Police Chief Mike Potocki, Deputy Police Chief Scott Dewitt, Fire Chief Todd Eckes, Alderperson Dennis Polach, Ryan Hartman and Emily Kent.

3. <u>Approve the December 21, 2022 meeting minutes.</u>

A motion was made by Commissioner Grode, seconded by Commissioner Yonkovich, to approve the December 21, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Grode, seconded by Commissioner Yonkovich, to approve the monthly report and activities of the Fire Department. Motion carried.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Yonkovich, seconded by Commissioner Tenpas, to approve the monthly report and activities of the Police Department. Motion carried.

At this point in the meeting, a motion was made by Commissioner Tenpas, seconded by Commissioner Grode, to move item #8 before item #6 on the agenda. Motion carried.

8. <u>Discuss plan for the "meet and greet" for Police Chief candidates on January 24th.</u>

The commission discussed the concept of a "meet and greet" for Police Chief candidates and decided not to have a "meet and greet" at this stage in the process. No motions were made.

6. The Commission will vote to go into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(e) of the Wisconsin Statutes, which reads: "Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session"; and pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(c) of the Wisconsin Statutes, which reads: "Considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public

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employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility." In closed session, the Commission will discuss the interview questions and interview process for Police Chief.

A motion was made by Commissioner Grode, seconded by Commissioner Tenpas, 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. Roll call vote taken. All members voted in the affirmative. Motion carried, 5-0.

Present in the closed session were Commissioners Albrecht, Grode, King, Tenpas and Yonkovich; and Ryan Hartman and Emily Kent. Steve Riffel joined by phone at 9:30 a.m.

In closed session, the Commission reviewed and edited interview questions for Police Chief candidates, and reviewed and discussed the interview process. No motions were made.

7. <u>The Commission will return to open session.</u>

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

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

The next meeting will be held on January 24th at 8:00 a.m., followed by the monthly meeting on February 8th at 7:30 a.m.

10. Adjourn.

A motion was made by Commissioner Grode, seconded by Commissioner Tenpas, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
David Yonkovich, Acting Secretary