

CITY OF WISCONSIN RAPIDS POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES March 23, 2022

7:30 A.M.

1. Call the meeting to order.

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

2. Roll call.

Present in person at City Hall were Commissioners Albrecht, Bender, King and Yonkovich; and Police Lieutenant Mike Potocki, Police Lieutenant Scott Dewitt, Police Lieutenant Casey LaBarre, Police Detective Lieutenant Jordan Lubeck, Eric Daven, Interim Fire Chief Todd Eckes, Mayor Shane Blaser, Sue Schill and Ryan Hartman.

3. Approve the February 9, 2022 meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Albrecht, seconded by Commissioner Bender, to approve the February 9, 2022 meeting minutes with the change to the Commissioner listed as submitting the minutes. Motion carried.

4. Approve the March 16, 2022 meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Albrecht, seconded by Commissioner Bender, to approve the March 16, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

5. <u>Consider approval of invoice in the amount of \$20 from the League of Wisconsin Municipalities for a</u> Handbook for Wisconsin Police and Fire Commissioners.

A motion was made by Commissioner Albreacht, seconded by Commissioner Bender, to approve the invoice in the amount of \$20 from the League of Wisconsin Municipalities. Motion carried.

6. <u>Discuss the monthly reports and activities of the Police Department.</u>

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

7. <u>Discuss the monthly report and activities of the Fire Department with the Interim Fire Chief.</u>

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

8. Accept the notice of retirement from Police Chief Erman Blevins.

A motion was made by Commissioner Albrecht, seconded by Commissioner Bender, to accept the notice of retirement from Police Chief Erman Blevins.



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9. The Commission will vote to go into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(c) of the Wisconsin Statutes, which reads: "Considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility."

<u>In closed session, the Commission will consider the appointment of an Interim Police Chief, to be</u> effective upon the retirement of Chief Blevins.

A motion was made by Commissioner Albrecht, seconded by Commissioner Bender, 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.

Present in the closed session were Commissioners Albrecht, Bender, King and Yonkovich; and Mayor Shane Blaser, Sue Schill and Ryan Hartman.

In closed session, the Commission considered the appointment of an Interim Police Chief, to be effective upon the retirement of Chief Blevins.

10. The Commission will return to open session and may appoint an Interim Police Chief, to be effective upon the retirement of Chief Blevins.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Albrecht, seconded by Commissioner Bender, to appoint Lieutenant Mike Potocki as Interim Police Chief, to be effective upon the retirement of Chief Blevins, until further appointment by the Police and Fire Commission or the appointment of a permanent Police Chief.

- 11. 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 employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility."

 In closed session, the Commission will:
 - a. Review applications and discuss interview and assessment process for the recruitment of the new Fire Chief.
 - Discuss interview questions for Entry-Level Firefighters/Paramedic eligibility list.
 - c. Discuss interview questions for Entry-Level Police Officer eligibility list.

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Present in the closed session were Commissioners Albrecht, King and Yonkovich; and Mayor Shane Blaser, Sue Schill and Ryan Hartman.

12. The Commission will return to open session and take any necessary action or make any recommendations needed as a result of the discussion of items 11a, 11b and 11c in closed session.

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

In closed session, the Commission tabled item 11a until a special meeting of the Police and Fire Commission on March 30th. The Commission table items 11b and 11c until their April 13th meeting. No action was taken.

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

A special meeting will be held on March 30th at 7:30 a.m.

The next monthly meeting will be held on April 13th at 7:30 a.m.

14. Adjourn.

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

Respectfully Submitted, Lee Albrecht, Secretary