



MINUTES OF THE POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2023, 3:00 PM

In person at City Hall, Room 310.

Virtual attendance also available via Zoom.

A. ZOOM MEETING INFORMATION.

I. Join Zoom Meeting Online:

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B. ROLL CALL.

Present: Marian Boyle-Rohloff, Rod Goldhahn, Ed Dorff, John Laux. Rashad Cobb arrived late.

Others Present: Fire Chief Matthew Knott, Police Chief Chris Davis, Police Captain Jeff Brester, Police Lieutenant Rick Belanger, Police Officers Chris Kuptz and Jacob Wallner, HR Generalists Emma Baierl and Jen Smits, and others.

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

Moved by Commissioner Ed Dorff, seconded by Commission John Laux to approve.

Motion carried.

Yes- Rod Goldhahn, Marian Boyle-Rohloff, John Laux, Ed Dorff, No- None, Abstain- None.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

1. Approval of the minutes from the regular meeting held September 7, 2023.

Moved by Commissioner Ed Dorff, seconded by Commissioner John Laux to approve.

Motion carried.

Yes- Rod Goldhahn, Marian Boyle-Rohloff, John Laux, Ed Dorff, No- None, Abstain- None.

E. INFORMATIONAL.

1. President's Report.

President Goldhahn had nothing to report.

2. Report from the Chiefs.

Fire Chief Matthew Knott and Police Chief Chris Davis reported on their respective department events and activities.

3. 2024 Chippewa Valley College Regional Fire Fighter hiring process.

Moved by Commissioner Marian Boyle-Rohloff, seconded by Commissioner Ed Dorff to receive and place on file.

Motion carried.

Yes- Rod Goldhahn, Marian Boyle-Rohloff, John Laux, Ed Dorff, No- None, Abstain- None.

4. Police Department Lieutenant Promotional Process.

Moved by Commissioner John Laux, seconded by Commissioner Ed Dorff to receive and place on file.

Motion carried.

Yes- Rod Goldhahn, Marian Boyle-Rohloff, John Laux, Ed Dorff, No- None, Abstain- None.

F. REGULAR BUSINESS.

1. Consideration with possible action on the following communications:

a. Budget Status Report.

Moved by Commissioner Marian Boyle-Rohloff, seconded by Commissioner John Laux to approve the budget status report and the budget spreadsheet.

Motion carried.

Yes- Rod Goldhahn, Marian Boyle-Rohloff, John Laux, Ed Dorff, No- None, Abstain- None.

b. Budget Spreadsheet.

2. Consideration with possible action on request to approve the monthly bills.

Moved by Commissioner Ed Dorff, seconded by Commissioner John Laux to approve.

Motion carried.

Yes- Rod Goldhahn, Marian Boyle-Rohloff, John Laux, Ed Dorff, No- None, Abstain- None.

3. Consideration with possible action on request for promotion(s) to the rank of Police Detective.

The Commission may convene in closed session pursuant to Sections 19.85(1) (c) and (f), Wisconsin Statutes, to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercise responsibility. The Commission may thereafter reconvene in open session pursuant to Section 19.85(2), Wisconsin Statutes, to report the results of the closed session and consider the balance of the agenda.

Moved by Commissioner John Laux, seconded by Commissioner Marian Boyle-Rohloff to go into closed session for items #3, #4 and #5.

Motion carried.

Yes- Rod Goldhahn, Marian Boyle-Rohloff, John Laux, Ed Dorff, No- None, Abstain- None.

Moved by Commissioner John Laux, seconded by Commissioner Ed Dorff to approve the promotions of Officers Jessica Bahl and Jeff Brann to Detective.

Motion carried.

Yes- Rod Goldhahn, Marian Boyle-Rohloff, John Laux, Ed Dorff, No- None, Abstain- None.

4. Consideration with possible action on the review of Patrol Officer candidate background(s). The Commission may convene in closed session pursuant to Sections 19.85(1) (c) and (f), Wisconsin Statutes, to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercise responsibility. The Commission may thereafter reconvene in open session pursuant to Section 19.85(2), Wisconsin Statutes, to report the results of the closed session and consider the balance of the agenda.

Commissioner Cobb arrived during closed session.

Moved by Commissioner Ed Dorff, seconded by Commissioner Marian Boyle-Rohloff to return to open session.

Motion carried.

Yes- Rod Goldhahn, Marian Boyle-Rohloff, John Laux, Ed Dorff, Rashad Cobb, No- None, Abstain- None.

Out of closed session, President Goldhahn reported that the Commission reviewed 12 Patrol Officer candidate backgrounds. Two candidates were approved to continue in the hiring process, 7 candidates were removed by the Commission, and the Commission approved the voluntary removal of 3 candidates.

Moved by Commissioner John Laux, seconded by Commissioner Marian Boyle-Rohloff to approve. Motion .

Yes- Rod Goldhahn, Marian Boyle-Rohloff, John Laux, Ed Dorff, Rashad Cobb, No- None, Abstain- None.

5. Interviews with Patrol Officer candidate(s). Please take notice that pursuant to §19.85 (1) (c) and (f) Wisconsin Statutes, the Commission may convene in closed session for the purpose of interviewing, evaluating and considering employment of Patrol Officer candidates.

The Commission conducted interviews with 2 Patrol Officer candidates.

G. ADJOURNMENT.

Moved by Commissioner Ed Dorff, seconded by Commissioner Marian Boyle-Rohloff to adjourn. Motion carried.

Yes- Rod Goldhahn, Marian Boyle-Rohloff, John Laux, Ed Dorff, Rashad Cobb, No- None, Abstain- None.