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Police Department

**Board of Police and Fire Commissioners
May 4, 2021
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Commissioners Pukaite, Michalski, Nuernberg, and Szymborski

ALSO PRESENT: Police Chief Pryor, Fire Chief Bialk, Deputy Fire Chief Zellmann,
Assistant City Administrator Schoenemann, Melina Bowen,
Administrative Coordinator

ABSENT: Commissioner Ridley

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM.

2. Personal Appearances and Public Comment

None.

3. Approve meeting minutes of March 18, 2021

Moved by Commissioner Michalski, seconded by Commissioner Nuernberg to approve the meeting minutes of March 18, 2021. Motion approved by voice acclamation - unanimous.

4. Chief's Reports

Chief Pryor (Police)

- Staffing Update: Officers are at full staff; two new officers are doing very well in field training and expected to move to solo patrol in June.
- The department had a full-time dispatcher retire on April 6th, as well as the Executive Assistant around that same time. One of the part-time dispatcher resigned but will be staying on in a pool capacity to help fill shifts as needed.
- There have been two rounds of interviews for the position of dispatcher. One background has been completed for the full-time candidate; with a hopeful start date at the end of May. A second background will be started for a part-time position in the near future.
- Call volume remains steady and slightly high which is expected with the warmer weather.

Chief Bialk (Fire Department)

- Approximately one year ago the City had entered an MOU with the Association due to staffing shortages has been continued in 2021 and will continue to be required as staffing continues to be difficult. Six people in EMT and Six in Fire 1, which leave them approximately one short every day.

- The new Battalion Chief (internal candidate) started in the beginning of April, is adjusting his schedule to assist with staffing shortages. The second Battalion Chief (external candidate) is starting Monday, May 10, 2021. He will work a few eight hour shifts before switching to 24 hour shifts. The third Battalion Chief candidate turned down the offer, another candidate will be coming in to discuss the position further.
- Call volume is back to pre-Covid numbers.
- The swearing in ceremonies for Chief Schneider, Chief Ackley, and hopefully a third will be postponed due to COVID restrictions.

4. Election of Commission President

Commissioner Michalski nominated Commissioner Pukaite for Commission President, seconded by Commissioner Nuernberg.

With no further nominations proposed, the vote for Commissioner Pukaite for Commission President was passed by voice acclamation - unanimous.

5. Election of Commission Vice President

Commissioner Michalski nominated Commissioner Nuernberg for Commission Vice President, seconded by Commissioner Szymborski.

With no further nominations proposed, the vote for Commissioner Nuernberg for Commission Vice President was passed by voice acclamation - unanimous.

6. Review/Certify Eligibility List for Fire Department Recruits

Deputy Chief Zellmann discussed the two proposed recruits' information and qualifications with commissioners. Recruit summary information provided was discussed/clarified with mention by Chief Bialk that 90% of the Fire Department's staff have other full-time jobs and families.

Moved by Commissioner Michalski, seconded by Commissioner Nuernberg to approve/certify proposed Fire Department recruits. Motion approved by roll call vote (4/0).

Ayes: Michalski, Nuernburg, Pukaite, Szymborski

4. Adjourn

Moved by Commissioner Michalski, seconded by Commissioner Nuernburg to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 AM. Motion approved by voice acclamation.

Respectfully Submitted,
Melina Bowen