



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Police and Fire Commission

Thursday, August 18, 2016

2:30 PM

3rd Floor Conference Room

Call to Order, Roll Call

Meeting called to order by Commissioner Plesha at 2:30 p.m.

Guests present: Chief Tischer, Assistant Chief Thomas

Present: 4 - Douglas Happel, Roger Christians, Bruce Jentz, Roger Plesha

Excused: 1 - Mary Lund

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of July 21, 2016 meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Jentz to approve the minutes from the July 21, 2016 meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Happel. Unanimous approval.

Agenda Items:

I. Correspondence received since last meeting.

None received.

II. Fire Personnel Report for July, 2016, including summary of activity, inspections, and training.

Presented by: Assistant Chief Thomas

Motion by Commissioner Happel to approve the July, 2016 Fire Personnel Report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Christians. Unanimous approval.

A. Promotion of Division Chief of Inspection Craig Snyder to Assistant Chief of Fire Prevention and Building Safety retroactive to July 29, 2016.

Motion by Commissioner Happel to approve the promotion of Division Chief Craig Snyder to the position of Assistant Chief of Fire Prevention and Building Safety effective July 29, 2016. Motion seconded by Commissioner Christians. Unanimous approval.

B. Regular placement of the following after the completion of introductory period in good standing:

- 1. Captain Bee Xiong*
- 2. Captain Aaron Bolstad*
- 3. Lieutenant Steven Cash*
- 4. Lieutenant John Bayer*
- 5. Engineer Matthew Miller*
- 6. Firefighter Joel Schmit*

Motion by Commissioner Happel to approve the regular placement of Captain Bee Xiong, Captain Aaron Bolstad, Lieutenant Steven Cash, Lieutenant John Bayer, Engineer Matthew Miller, and Firefighter Joel Schmit following the completion of introductory period in good standing. Motion seconded by Commissioner Jentz. Unanimous approval.

III. Police Personnel Report for July, 2016, including summary of activity, statistics, and training.

Presented by: Chief Tischer

Motion by Commissioner Happel to approve the July, 2016 Police Personnel Report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Jentz. Unanimous approval.

A. Regular placement of Officer Justin Eddy following the successful completion of probationary period.

Motion by Commissioner Happel to approve the regular placement of Officer Justin Eddy following the successful completion of his probationary period. Motion seconded by Commissioner Christians.

B. Entry level Police Officer position requirements.

Chief Tischer explained recent changes to the WI Police Academy hours requirements. Due to a more difficult recruiting environment, he would like to take applications from candidates who have not yet attended the Academy in addition to our current practice. The Chief is proposing two eligibility lists: one of certified/certifiable candidates and one of candidates who have not attended the academy. Certified/certifiable candidates would receive first consideration. He added that if the City sponsors a candidate for the Academy, the State of WI pays the cost for the candidate to attend.

Commissioners Happel and Plesha asked the Chief to bring back revised Rules and Regs for the Commission to review and discuss.

IV. Next Meeting Date: September 15, 2016

A. Future Agenda Items

- 1. Review of Police Officer minimum requirements*
- 2. Consideration of a change to the regular monthly meeting date and time*

Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Happel to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Jentz. Unanimous approval.

Meeting adjourned by Commissioner Plesha at 3:05 p.m.