



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Police and Fire Commission

Thursday, February 9, 2017

1:30 PM

3rd Floor Conference Room

Draft until approved at March 9, 2017 meeting.

Call to Order, Roll Call

Guests: Chief Tischer, Chief Cleveland, Assistant Chief Amann, Mayor Kabat, Captain Kloss, Council Member Padesky, Wendy Oestreich.

Meeting called to order by Commissioner Plesha at 1:31 p.m.

Present: 4 - Douglas Happel, Roger Christians, Mary Lund, Roger Plesha

Excused: 1 - Bruce Jentz

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of January 12, 2017 meeting.

Minutes of January 26, 2017 meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Lund to approve the minutes from the Commission's January 12, 2017 and January 26, 2017 meetings. Motion seconded by Commissioner Christians. Unanimous approval.

Agenda Items:

I. Annual Code of Ethics Review

Commissioners who were present acknowledged annual review of the Code.

II. Correspondence received since last meeting.

None received.

- III. Fire Personnel Report for January, 2017 including summary of activity, inspections, and training.

Presented by: Assistant Chief Mark Amann

DISCUSSION:

The Assistant Chief noted two upcoming retirements within the Department: David French and Thomas Juan.

Motion by Commissioner Christians to approve the January, 2017 Fire Personnel Report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Happel. Unanimous approval.

A. Promotion of Firefighter Richard Brunoni to Engineer.

Motion by Commissioner Happel to approve the promotion of Firefighter Richard Brunoni to the position of Engineer. Motion seconded by Commissioner Lund. Unanimous approval.

- IV. Police Personnel Report for January, 2017 including summary of activity, statistics, and training.

Presented by: Chief Ron Tischer

DISCUSSION:

Chief Tischer shared some information about the Police Explorer program with Commissioners.

Captain Kloss was introduced to the Commission following his recent promotion.

There was discussion regarding recent diversity training.

Commissioner Happel asked for an update to the report previously provided to the Commission on the people committing a high number of offenses.

Motion by Commissioner Happel to approve the January, 2017 Police Personnel Report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Christians. Unanimous approval.

A. Regular placement of Captain Troy Nedegaard following the completion of probationary period in good standing.

Motion by Commissioner Happel to approve the regular placement of Captain Troy Nedegaard. Motion seconded by Commissioner Lund. Unanimous approval.

V. Fire Chief Recruitment Process

Human Resources Director Wendy Oestreich provided an update to Commissioners regarding the Fire Chief recruitment process. She informed the Commission about ads placed for the recruitment and indicated that applications have started to come in. The initial review of applications is planned for February 21, 2017. Ms. Oestreich was looking for input from Commissioners regarding a questionnaire for applicants. Commissioners indicated that questions about training, strategic planning, succession planning, emergency management, and building inspection should be added.

The Commissioners briefly discussed the interview process but did not reach any conclusions. Another update on the process will be provided to the Commission on March 9th and applications will likely be reviewed that day.

VI. Next Meeting Date: March 9, 2017

*Future Agenda Items
None presented.*

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned by Commissioner Plesha at 2:23 p.m.