



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Police and Fire Commission

Thursday, March 9, 2017

1:30 PM

3rd Floor Conference Room

Draft until approved at April 13, 2017 meeting.

Call to Order, Roll Call

Meeting called to order by Commissioner Plesha at 3:00 p.m.

Guests: Assist. Chief Mark Amann, Capt. Dan Kloss, Council Member Padesky, Wendy Oestreich, Mayor Kabat

Present: 5 - Douglas Happel, Roger Christians, Bruce Jentz, Mary Lund, Roger Plesha

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of February 9, 2017 meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Lund to approve the minutes from the Commission's February 9, 2017 meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Jentz. Unanimous approval.

Agenda Items:

I. Correspondence received since last meeting.

None reviewed.

II. Fire Personnel Report for February, 2017 including summary of activity, inspections, and training.

Presented by: Assist. Chief Amann

DISCUSSION:

--Commissioner Jentz asked that the Commission receive a monthly report of the building inspections. Commissioner Happel indicated that the Common Council receives a monthly report on this topic that could be provided to the Commission as well.

--Commissioner Jentz also complimented Chief Inspector David Reinhart following contractor training held recently.

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

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

1. *Lieutenant Nick Meinertz*
2. *Engineer Brandon Gritt*
3. *Firefighter Steven McCluskey*

Motion by Commissioner Happel to approve the regular placement of Lieutenant Nick Meinertz, Engineer Brandon Gritt, and Firefighter Steven McCluskey following successful completion of introductory periods. Motion seconded by Commissioner Lund. Unanimous approval.

B. *Schedule Fire Lieutenant Interviews*

The Commission agreed to hold Fire Lieutenant interviews on April 13th prior to their regular monthly meeting.

III. Police Personnel Report for February, 2017 including summary of activity, statistics, and training.

Presented by: Captain Kloss

DISCUSSION:

--The Police Department is currently interviewing Police Officer candidates.

--Community policing stats down due to various reasons including including multiple vacancies and officers on leave.

Motion by Commissioner Happel to approve February, 2017 Police Personnel Report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Jentz. Unanimous approval.

A. *Schedule Police Officer interviews.*

The Commission will hold interviews April 3rd and 4th beginning at 1 p.m. both days.

IV. Fire Chief Recruitment Process

Discussion with HR Director Wendy Oestreich

Ms. Oestreich indicated she has received 13 complete applications for the Commission to review. All candidates have been sent Education and Experience Questionnaires, but not all have been returned yet.

Motion by Commissioner Happel to reconvene in closed session to review Fire Chief applications. Motion seconded by Commissioner Jentz. Unanimous approval.

V. Next Meeting Date: April 13, 2017

A. *Future Agenda Items*

None presented.

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned by Commissioner Plesha at 3:01 p.m.