



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Police and Fire Commission

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

9:30 AM

Hedgehog Room, Council Chambers

Draft until approved at the Commission's July 19, 2023 meeting.

The Police and Fire Commission meeting was conducted through video conferencing and available for public viewing at the following link:
<https://cityoflacrosse-org.zoom.us/j/85348277298>.

Members of the public who wished to speak on an agenda item were asked to contact the Commission Secretary by emailing leissoa@cityoflacrosse.org, calling (608)789-7595, or using the drop box outside of City Hall.

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Happel at 9:31 a.m.

Roll Call

Guests: Chief Schott, Chief Kudron, Lance Tryggestad

Present: 3 - Douglas Happel, Nese Nasif, Ellen Frantz

Excused: 2 - Bruce Jentz, Arminda Seago-Yutuc

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of April 19, 2023 meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Frantz to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2023 meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Nasif. Unanimous approval.

Agenda Items:

I. Police Personnel Report - May, 2023

Presented by: Chief Kudron

*DISCUSSION:
-Reviewed monthly report*

Motion by Commissioner Frantz to accept and file the May, 2023 Police Personnel Report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Nasif. Unanimous approval.

A. *Appointment of the following to the position of probationary Police Officer:*

1. *Daniel Godding*
2. *Max Grode*
3. *Ryan Schumacher*

Motion by Commissioner Nasif to approve the appointment of Daniel Godding, Max Grode, and Ryan Schumacher to the position of probationary Police Officer. Motion seconded by Commissioner Frantz. Unanimous approval.

B. *Scheduling Special Meeting for new officer approval*

Commissioners present agreed to meet May 25, 2023 at 9 a.m.

C. *Scheduling Police Officer interviews for the July and November recruitment processes to follow the Commission's monthly meeting*

The Commission agreed to schedule Police Officer interviews following the July 19 and November 15, 2023 meetings for up to 6 candidates.

D. *Annual La Crosse Police Department Awards/Recognition Ceremony
Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.
Black River Beach Neighborhood Center, 1433 Rose St*

II. Fire Personnel Report - May, 2023

Presented by: Chief Schott

*DISCUSSION:
-Reviewed Report*

Motion by Commissioner Nasif to accept and file the May, 2023 Fire Personnel Report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Frantz. Unanimous approval.

A. *Promotion of the following to the rank of Battalion Chief*

1. *Captain Blane Neher*
2. *Captain Lance Tryggestad*

Motion by Commissioner Frantz to approve the promotions of Captain Blane Neher and Captain Lance Tryggestad to the rank of Battalion Chief. Motion seconded by Commissioner Nasif. Unanimous approval.

B. Promotion of the following to the rank of Lieutenant

1. Adam Hutson
2. Cody Allen

Motion by Commissioner Frantz to approve the promotions of Adam Hutson and Cody Allen to the rank of Lieutenant. Motion seconded by Commissioner Nasif. Unanimous approval.

C. Promotion of the following to the position of Engineer

1. Renee Christensen
2. Dominick Mellick
3. Scott DeLong
4. Tony Hilton

Motion by Commissioner Frantz to approve the promotions of Renee Christensen, Dominick Mellick, Scott DeLong, and Tony Hilton to the position of Engineer. Motion seconded by Commissioner Nasif. Unanimous approval.

D. Appointment of the following to regular status following successful completion of introductory period

1. Captain Cory Westpfahl
2. Engineer Tom Bagniefski
3. Firefighter Adam Clements
4. Firefighter Paul McGettigan
5. Firefighter Shane Ives
6. Firefighter Kyle Dahmen
7. Firefighter Collin Webster
8. Firefighter Brett Kenner
9. Firefighter Daniel Mannigel
10. Firefighter Ryan Lange

Motion by Commissioner Nasif to approve the appointments of Captain Cory Westpfahl, Engineer Tom Bagniefski, Firefighter Adam Clements, Firefighter Paul McGettigan, Firefighter Shane Ives, Firefighter Kyle Dahmen, Firefighter Collin Webster, Firefighter Brett Kenner, Firefighter Daniel Mannigel, and Firefighter Ryan Lange to regular status following successful completion of introductory period. Motion seconded by Commissioner Frantz. Unanimous approval.

E. Promotional Badging Ceremony

*Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.
Myrick Park EcoCenter*

III. Next Meeting: June 21, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

A. Future Agenda Items

Commissioner Nasif requested the Commission revise the interview evaluation form they have been using.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Nasif. Motion seconded by Commissioner Frantz. Unanimous approval.

Meeting adjourned by Commissioner Happel at 10:01 a.m.