



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Police and Fire Commission

Thursday, August 13, 2020

9:30 AM

Virtual Meeting via Lifesize

Draft until approved at the September 10, 2020 meeting.

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Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Commissioner Happel at 9:36 a.m.

Roll Call

Guests: Chief Gilliam, Chief Kudron

Present: 4 - Douglas Happel, Roger Christians, Bruce Jentz, Nese Nasif

Excused: 1 - Steven Kopp

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of July 9, 2020 meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Jentz to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2020 meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Christians. Vote: Yes - Jentz, Christians; Abstain - Nasif.

Agenda Items:

I. Election of Vice Chair

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Happel noted that this will be Commissioner Christians last meeting as he has chosen to resign from the Commission. He thanked Commissioner Christians for his contributions while serving. This resignation leaves a need for a new vice Chair.

Commissioner Nasif nominated Commissioner Jentz. Nomination seconded by Commissioner Christians. Unanimous approval.

II. July, 2020 Fire Personnel Report

Presented by: Chief Gilliam

DISCUSSION:

-The Chief shared the monthly personnel report, statistics, and training report.

Motion by Commissioner Christians to accept and file the July, 2020 Fire Personnel Report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Nasif. Unanimous approval.

A. Promotion of the following:

- 1. Engineer Steven Kramer to Lieutenant*
- 2. Engineer Jay Lindahl to Lieutenant*
- 3. Firefighter Steve McCluskey to Engineer*
- 4. Firefighter Nick Woslager to Engineer*

Motion by Commissioner Jentz to approve the promotions of Engineer Steven Kramer to Lieutenant, Engineer Jay Lindahl to Lieutenant, Firefighter Steve McCluskey to Engineer, and Firefighter Nick Woslager to Engineer. Motion seconded by Commissioner Christians. Unanimous approval.

III. July, 2020 Police Personnel Report

Presented by: Chief Kudron

DISCUSSION:

-Chief welcomed Commissioner Nasif and thanked Commissioner Christians.

-Reviewed monthly personnel report, statistics, and training report.

-Discussed changes to "Biased Based Policing." Commissioner Nasif pointed out a need for education for callers/community members who do not get the desired response from the Police Department.

Motion by Commissioner Nasif to accept and file the July, 2020 Police Personnel Report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Jentz. Unanimous approval.

A. Appointment of Matthew Lee-Baker to the position of probationary Police Officer.

Motion by Commissioner Jentz to approve the appointment of Matthew Lee-Baker to the position of probationary Police Officer. Motion seconded by Commissioner Christians. Unanimous approval.

B. Schedule special Commission meeting for appointment of a Police Officer.

The Commission discussed moving the September meeting to include this appointment so only one meeting could be held. Commissioner Nasif encouraged the Commission to keep their regular meeting schedule. It was decided to wait and see if the need arrives for a special meeting with the Commission secretary to schedule with everyone as needed.

IV. Next meeting date: September 10, 2020

A. Future Agenda Items

None requested.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Jentz. Motion seconded by Commissioner Christians. Unanimous approval.

Meeting adjourned by Commissioner Happel at 10:19 a.m.