



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
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Meeting Minutes - Final

Police and Fire Commission

Thursday, May 13, 2021

9:30 AM

Virtual Meeting via Lifesize

Draft until approved at June 10, 2021 meeting.

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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 Commissioner Happel at 9:35 a.m.

Roll Call

Guests: Chief Gilliam, Chief Kudron, Asst Chief Snyder, Asst Chief Murphy

Present: 4 - Douglas Happel, Nese Nasif, Arminda Yutuc, Steven Kopp

Excused: 1 - Bruce Jentz

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of April 8, 2021 meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Nasif to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2021 meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Kopp. Unanimous approval.

Agenda Items:

I. April, 2021 Fire Personnel Report

Presented by: Chief Gilliam

DISCUSSION:

-Review of monthly personnel report and statistics

-Staffing levels: will be at full staff following PFC approval of 3 new hires

Motion by Commissioner Nasif to accept and file the April, 2021 Fire Personnel Report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Yutuc, Unanimous approval.

A. Review of Firefighter ABCs site

Chief Gilliam explained that the LCFD has established a new partnership with the Firefighter ABCs website. The site provides a wealth of resources to students/candidates interested in pursuing a fire service career.

B. Appointment of the following to the position of probationary firefighter:

- 1. Benjamin Leis*
- 2. Andrew Stadler*
- 3. Chase Montgomery*

Motion by Commissioner Kopp to approve the appointments of Benjamin Leis, Andrew Stadler, and Chase Montgomery to the position of probationary firefighter. Motion seconded by Commissioner Yutuc. Unanimous approval.

II. April, 2021 Police Personnel Report

Presented by: Chief Kudron

DISCUSSION:

-Review of personnel report and statistics

-Staffing: six current vacancies; 4 being filled; 2 being held open

-Commissioner Nasif asked the Chief about the status of an outside investigation being done regarding issues surrounding the Criminal Justice Management Committee. Chief indicated he believes the investigation has been completed.

Motion by Commissioner Nasif to accept and file the April, 2021 Police Personnel Report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Kopp. Unanimous approval.

A. Appointment of Lt. Jon Wenger to regular status following successful completion of introductory period.

Motion by Commissioner Nasif to approve the appointment of Lt. Jon Wenger to regular status following successful completion of introductory period. Motion seconded by Commissioner Yutuc. Unanimous approval.

B. Appointment of the following to regular status after successful completion of probationary period:

- 1. Officer Conner Hjellming*
- 2. Officer Tanner Oleson*
- 3. Officer Brandon Obluck*

Motion by Commissioner Nasif to approve the appointment of the following to regular status after successful completion of probationary period: Officer Conner Hjellming, Officer Tanner Oleson, Officer Brandon Obluck. Motion seconded by Commissioner Yutuc. Unanimous approval.

C. Appointment of the following to the position of probationary Police Officer:

- 1. Daniel Skifton*
- 2. Trenton Benning*
- 3. Gabriel Kapanke*
- 4. Alexandra Beardmore*

Motion by Commissioner Yutuc to approve the appointment of the following to the position of probationary Police Officer: Daniel Skifton, Trenton Benning, Gabriel Kapanke, and Alexandra Beardmore. Motion seconded by Commissioner Nasif. Unanimous approval.

III. Discuss regular meeting time

Commissioner Happel asked that this item be placed on the next month's agenda in the interest of time as Commissioner Nasif has to leave meeting and Commissioner Jentz is not present.

IV. Next Meeting: June 10, 2021

A. Future Agenda Items

Meeting time

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned by Commissioner Happel at 10:00 a.m.