



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Police and Fire Commission

Monday, March 2, 2020

4:00 PM

City Hall Annex, Room 330

Call To Order

President Rogers called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.

ALSO PRESENT:

Fire Chief Hansen

Lieutenant John Magnus

Police Chief Howell

Acting Assistant Chief Polzin

PRESENT: 3 - Keith Rogers, Rebecca Strommen and Robert Turner

EXCUSED: 1 - Angelina Cruz

Approval of Minutes

December 16, 2019

January 15, 2020 Special Meeting

Approved

Police & Fire Commission

[1009-19](#)

Subject: Communication from PFC President requesting to discuss the Election of Officers

Election of officers is postponed until the September 2020 meeting.

Commissioner Turner was temporarily appointed as Vice President and Commissioners Rogers and Strommen will continue in their present positions of President and Secretary respectively until the September 2020 meeting.

Deferred

Fire Department

[0143-20](#)

Subject: Communication from the Fire Chief requesting to discuss Fire Department reports

Chief Hansen reported on four new hires in January 2020.

The Fire Department will be posting for the position of Division Chief of Training from 03-01-2020 to 03-31-2020. Chief Hansen will forward the job description to the PFC commissioners.

Considered as Reported

Police Department

[0144-20](#)

Subject: Communication from the Chief of Police requesting to discuss Police Department Reports

Due to computer issues following the city-wide virus, Chief Howell was not able to present Police Department reports at this time. Once the issues are resolved, the reports will be either emailed or hand-delivered to the PFC Commissioners.

Chief Howell reported there were no new hires since January 2020.

The Police Department is in the process of making changes to the recruitment policy which may result in process changes for the PFC. These changes may include receiving new candidate information sooner, increased meetings for interviews, and fewer candidates at each interview.

Considered as Reported

CLOSED SESSION

Approved

Fire Department

[0143-20](#)

Subject: Communication from the Fire Chief requesting to discuss Fire Department reports

Chief Hansen reported the following retirements as of March 2, 2020:

Lieutenant John Wanggaard retired on 9-13-2019 with 26.37 years of service

Captain Shane Johansen retired on 1-18-2020 with 29.98 years of service

Captain Richard Jarvis retired on 1-27-2020 after 29.95 years of services

Chief Hansen reported on the following promotions to fill current vacancies:

Driver/Operator Paul Dutton to Lieutenant effective 9-14-2019 at 0001 hours

Lieutenant Leslie Ehler to Captain effective 1-19-2020 at 0001 hours

Dirver/Operator Jeffrey Ayres to Lieutenant effective 1-19-2020 at 0001 hours

Lieutenant Alex Felde to Captain effective 1-28-2020 at 0001 hours

Driver/Operator Joshua Weber to Lieutenant effective 1-28-2020 at 0001 hours

Approved

Police Department

[0144-20](#)

Subject: Communication from the Chief of Police requesting to discuss Police Department Reports

Chief Howell gave a brief report on a homicide that occurred on January 6, 2020.

Considered as Reported

OPEN SESSION

Approved

Next Meeting Date

June 1, 2020

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:31 hours.