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MEETING MINUTES FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSION MEETING January 8, 2025

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:04pm and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present were Commissioners McCarthy, Commissioner Lazansky and Commissioner Pedersen. Also present was Assistant Manager John Schwarz, Fire Chief Dan Manning, Police Chief Dan Babich and Commission Attorney Mike Jurusik.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Pedersen made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Lazansky, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 4, 2024 and the Special Meeting Minutes of December 18 and 30, 2024. The motion passed unanimously and the minutes were approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

The first item of new business was the discussion to reopen lateral transfer applications within the police department. Assistant Manager Schwarz asked for this to be opened closer to spring in hopes the new contract will be approved and the new salary schedule can be posted. Next item for discussion was the possible updates to the Rules and Regulations. Commission Attorney Jurusik explained the Commission would keep the rules as written per State Statute.

OLD BUSINESS:

The first item of old business was to discuss the upcoming disciplinary hearing scheduled for January 29, 2025. The BFPC confirmed all parties would be present for the 6pm meeting and that the court reporter is scheduled as well. Attorney Jurusik then explained the process of the hearing to make the Commission aware. Firefighter Testing with NTN was the next item to discuss. Commissioner McCarthy explained that there are 8 applications that have been submitted to NTN and at this time only 4 are complete. Interviews have been sent to the commissioners for scoring.

Next the discussion moved onto 4th firefighter testing for 2024. Commissioner McCarthy explained the 2 candidates on the list are scheduled for their psychological exams on January 10 & 13 and have also been scheduled for medical physicals.

The BFPC then discussed 2024 police testing. A certificate of appointment was presented and signed by the Commission for police recruit Ryan McCarthy.

The final item to discuss was 2nd testing for police in 2024. The BFPC is still waiting on backgrounds for all police candidates and they have all been scheduled for or already completed polygraphs. A motion was made by Commissioner McCarthy, seconded by Commissioner Pedersen to disqualify police candidate Ranson Wisley as he was not recommended after his psychological exam. Motion passed and a disqualification letter will be mailed out to Mr. Wisely.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

INFORMATION ONLY:

Next Meeting: January 8, 2025
Fire: Entry Level Firefighter List (Expires: December 4, 2026)
Fire: Captain Promotional List (Expires: March 6, 2027)
Fire: Lieutenant Promotional List (Expires August 24, 2025)

Police: Entry Level Police Officer (Expires December 4, 2026)

Police: Sergeant Promotional List: (Expires February 7, 2027)

Commission Terms: James Lazansky (Expires 4/30/27) Thomas McCarthy (Expires 4/30/25) James Pedersen (Expires 4/30/26)

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to discuss in open session, Commissioner McCarthy made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pedersen, to adjourn the meeting at 6:42pm.