



Police and Fire Commission Meeting

Whitewater Municipal Building Community Room,
312 West Whitewater St., Whitewater, WI 53190

*In Person and Virtual

Monday, January 22, 2024 - 6:00 PM

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January 22, 2024, 6:00PM

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AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Commissioner Jerry Grant

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Commissioner Jerry Grant

Commissioner Beverly Stone

Commissioner Mwita Binagi

Commissioner Tom Miller

Police Chief Daniel Meyer

Police Captain Adam Vander Steeg

Assistant Fire Chief Ryan Dion

Support Services Manager Sabrina Ojibway

ABSENT

Commissioner Marissa Aranda

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A commission member can choose to remove an item from the agenda or rearrange its order; however, introducing new items to the agenda is not allowed. Any proposed changes require a motion, a second, and approval from the commission to be implemented. The agenda shall be approved at each meeting even if no changes are being made at that meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner Miller, Seconded by Commissioner Binagi to approve agenda.

Voting Yes: Commissioner Grant, Commissioner Stone, Commissioner Binagi and Commissioner Miller.
Motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the Consent Agenda will be approved together unless any commission member requests that an item be removed for individual consideration.

1. Approval of Minutes from December 4th, 2023

Motion made by Commissioner Binagi, Seconded by Commissioner Miller to approve consent agenda.

Voting Yes: Commissioner Grant, Commissioner Stone, Commissioner Binagi and Commissioner Miller.
Motion passed.

HEARING OF CITIZEN COMMENTS

No formal Commission action will be taken during this meeting although issues raised may become a part of a future agenda. Participants are allotted a three minute speaking period. Specific items listed on the agenda may not be discussed at this time; however, citizens are invited to speak to those specific issues at the time the Commission discusses that particular item.

To make a comment during this period, or during any agenda item: On a computer or handheld device, locate the controls on your computer to raise your hand. You may need to move your mouse to see these controls. On a traditional telephone, dial *6 to unmute your phone and dial *9 to raise your hand.

There were no citizen comments

NEW BUSINESS

2. PFC Code of Ethics

Commissioner Miller read and signed the Police & Fire Commission Code of Ethics form.

REPORTS

3. Fire Chief's Report

a. Assistant Fire Chief Transition from Part-Time to Full-Time Position

Assistant Fire Chief Dion advised that due to the Fire Department needing more administrative assistance, his position went from part-time to full-time effective January 2nd, 2024.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Adjourn to Closed Session, TO RECONVENE, pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(C) "Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility" and Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(F) "Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations". Items to be discussed:

4. Interview of FTE EMT/Firefighter Candidate

Interview of Patrol Officer Candidate

Interview of Patrol Lieutenant Candidate

Overview of 2023 Police Department Citizen Complaint

Motion made by Commissioner Miller, Seconded by Commissioner Stone to go into closed session.

Voting Yes: Commissioner Grant, Commissioner Stone, Commissioner Binagi and Commissioner Miller.
Motion passed.

The Police & Fire Commission went into closed session at 6:10 PM

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

Motion made by Commissioner Miller, Seconded by Commissioner Stone to go into open session.

Voting Yes: Commissioner Grant, Commissioner Stone, Commissioner Binagi and Commissioner Miller.
Motion passed.

The Police & Fire Commission went into open session at 7:24 PM

5. Announcement of Recommendation Concerning Whitewater Fire Department Hiring Process

Motion made by Commissioner Stone, Seconded by Commissioner Miller to approve the appointment of Braden Burger to the position of FTE Firefighter/AEMT, effective January 22nd, 2024. This appointment is subject to the successful completion of a 12-month probationary period.

Voting Yes: Commissioner Grant, Commissioner Stone, Commissioner Binagi and Commissioner Miller. Motion passed.

Announcement of Recommendation Concerning Whitewater Police Department Hiring Process

Motion made by Commissioner Binagi, Seconded by Commissioner Stone to recommend the endorsement and hiring of Hunter Martin to the position of Patrol Officer for the Whitewater Police Department

Voting Yes: Commissioner Grant, Commissioner Stone, Commissioner Binagi and Commissioner Miller. Motion passed.

Announcement of Recommendation Concerning Whitewater Police Department Promotional Process

Motion made by Commissioner Binagi, Seconded by Commissioner Miller to recommend the endorsement and promotion of Taylor Krahn to the position of Patrol Lieutenant for the Whitewater Police Department

Voting Yes: Commissioner Grant, Commissioner Stone, Commissioner Binagi and Commissioner Miller. Motion passed.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

It was proposed to hold a Special Session meeting for the purpose of interviewing a Patrol Captain candidate. Date will be dependent on if the candidate is an internal or external candidate. Fire Department may have Paid on Call candidates to present for certification. The Commission discussed potentially holding regular session quarterly meetings the third Mondays of the month.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Commissioner Miller, Seconded by Commissioner Stone to adjourn.

Voting Yes: Commissioner Grant, Commissioner Stone, Commissioner Binagi and Commissioner Miller. Motion passed

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 PM

Anyone requiring special arrangements is asked to call the Office of the City Manager / City Clerk (262-473-0102) at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.

A quorum of the Common Council may be present. This notice is given to inform the public that no formal action will be taken at this meeting.