



Police and Fire Commission Meeting

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

*In Person and Virtual

Monday, July 01, 2024 - 6:00 PM

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Jul 1, 2024, 6:00 pm

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AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Commissioner Jerry Grant

Commissioner Beverly Stone

Commissioner Mwita Binagi

Commissioner Marissa Aranda

Commissioner Tom Miller

Police Chief Daniel Meyer

Assistant Fire Chief Ryan Dion

Support Services Manager Sabrina Ojibway

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, Commissioner Aranda 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 June 17th, 2024

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

Voting Yes: Commissioner Grant, Commissioner Stone, Commissioner Binagi, Commissioner Aranda 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.

REPORTS

2. Fire Chief's Report

a. Staffing Update

Trevor Kobleski was provided a conditional offer of employment and is currently working his way through the medical process. Firefighter/Paramedic Benjamin Kastern tendered his resignation effective June 24th, 2024. The hiring process for Firefighter/Paramedic has been reopened.

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 the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility". Items to be discussed:

3. Interview of FTE EMT/Firefighter Candidate(s)

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

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

The Police & Fire Commission went into closed session at 6:03 PM

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

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

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

The Police & Fire Commission went into open session at 6:32 PM.

4. Announcement of Recommendation Concerning Whitewater Fire Department Hiring Process

Motion made by Commissioner Binagi, Seconded by Commissioner Miller to approve the candidate, Abel Turner, for placement on the eligibility list for a Firefighter/EMT position, effective July 1st, 2024. The position is subject to staffing needs of the department, a medical screening, a psychological evaluation and a 12-month probationary period. The eligibility list will remain in effect for 12 months.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Stone, Seconded by Commissioner Aranda to approve the candidate, Ethan Krause, for placement on the eligibility list for a Firefighter/EMT position, effective July 1st, 2024. The position is subject to staffing needs of the department, a medical screening, a psychological evaluation and a 12-month probationary period. The eligibility list will remain in effect for 12 months.

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

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM

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.

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