



Police and Fire Commission Meeting

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

*In Person and Virtual

Monday, March 24, 2025 - 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

Police Patrol Captain Ryan Taft

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 Binagi, Seconded by Commissioner Stone 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 February 17, 2025

Motion made by Commissioner Binagi, Seconded by Commissioner Aranda to approve the consent 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.

There were no citizen comments.

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.

REPORTS

2. Police Chief's Report

a. Personnel Update

Chief Meyer reported that patrol officer Andrew Wipperman submitted his resignation on March 14th, 2025. The department has posted to fill the vacancy.

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:

2. Interview of Police Detective Candidate

Motion made by Commissioner Aranda, Seconded by Commissioner Stone 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 6:04 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, Commissioner Aranda and Commissioner Miller. Motion passed.

The Police & Fire Commission went into open session at 6:38 PM.

3. Announcement of Recommendation Concerning Whitewater Police Department Hiring Process

Motion made by Commissioner Binagi, Seconded by Commissioner Miller to endorse and recommend that Kevin Gowan be hired as a detective for the City of Whitewater Police Department.

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

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No future agenda items were 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 6:39 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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