

**BOARD OF FIRE & POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
CONVENED FEBRUARY 4, 2020**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire & Police Commissioners was called to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Governor Ford Conference Room at the Edwardsville City Hall with Chairman John W. McCracken presiding.

**Commissioners Attending:** John W. McCracken, Andrew K. Carruthers, Mary Ann Harris, Roger L. Huber and Jean Hughes **Also Attending:** Deputy Police Chief Mike Fillback; Fire Chief Rick Welle; Deputy Fire Chief James Whiteford; City Attorney Jeff Berkbigler, and HR Director Amanda Tucker

**Public Comment:** No individual was present to make comment.

**Approval of Prior Minutes:** Commissioner Carruthers made a Motion to approve the Minutes of January 7, 2020 which was seconded by Commissioner Hughes. Motion carried.

**Fire Department:**

A Motion was made by Commissioner Harris to approve a **Final Eligibility Hiring List** for the rank of Probationary Fire Fighter-EMT with an effective date as of February 4, 2020 comprised of eight (8) candidates. Commissioner Hughes seconded the Motion, which carried unanimously. The List is made a part of these Minutes by reference.

After further review and discussion, Commissioner Carruthers moved with a second by Commissioner Huber to tender a *Conditional Offer of Employment* to Applicant **Christopher Rathmann**, who is presently employed by the Memphis TN Fire Department. EPD Investigations will be asked to make every effort to perform their background on this Applicant in sufficient time to permit entry to the Fire Service Academy commencing the beginning of March.

Chief Welle reports that he is hopeful subsequent approval from the City will be received within the next month or so that will enable the additional hiring of Applicant Christopher Hartsoe, as a Probationary Fire Fighter, who is already a licensed Paramedic.

**Police Department:**

Commissioner Carruthers made a Motion, seconded by Commissioner Hughes to approve the Final Eligibility Lateral Hiring List for Probationary Patrol Officer initially comprised of three (3) applicants dated February 4, 2020. Note: Since the establishment of that "List," the top scoring individual, Roger Engelhardt, a member of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department has declined an appointment to the EPD.

In order to fill vacancies with our Police Department, Commissioner Carruthers moved to tender *Conditional Offers of Employment* to **Nicholas Skjerseth** and **Matthew Seaver**, ranked No. 2 & 3 respectively on the Lateral List made a part of these Minutes by reference. Commissioner Huber seconded the Motion, which carried unanimously.

**Administrative:**

Considerable discussion time was spent during this meeting reviewing a number of changes that are being considered to be made to the **Board's Current List of Rules & Regulations** last adopted August 29, 2017 and published September 13, 2017. More formalized changes are forthcoming.

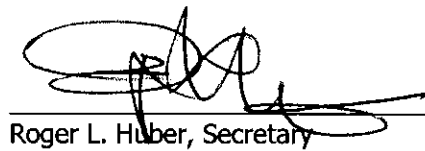
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**New Business:**

**Adjournment:**

With no further business to be conducted, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

  
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John W. McCracken, Chairman

  
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Roger L. Huber, Secretary

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