BOARD OF FIRE & POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
CONVENED APRIL 2, 2019

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 Carruthers, Mary Ann Harris, Roger L. Huber and Jean Hughes  Also Attending: Police Chief Jay Keeven, Fire Chief Rick Welle, City Attorney Jeff Berkbigler, HR Director Amanda Tucker and EPD Detective Derrick Fitzgerald

Public Comment: No individual was present to make comment.

Approval of Prior Minutes:

Commissioner Hughes moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held March 5, 2019. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner Harris. Motion carried.

Police Department:

After adjourning from Executive Session, Commissioner Harris made a Motion to remove the “Conditional Offer of Employment” tendered previously to Lateral Entry Applicant, Silas E. Ellis, III, and offer him a position as a full time Probationary Patrol Officer with the Edwardsville Police Department. Ellis will begin his employment as soon as he can provide suitable notice to the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department. Commissioner Carruthers seconded the Motion, which was passed unanimously.

It was noted for the record that a “draft copy” of proposed changes to the By-Laws of the Southwestern Illinois Testing Consortium was reviewed.

Testing to determine hiring eligibility for the rank of Probationary Patrol Officer will be conducted on Saturday, May 18 by the Southwestern Testing Consortium at the Main Campus of Southwestern Illinois College in Belleville.

After discussion, it was determined that the exact date(s) for Testing for Advancement by Promotion to the ranks of Police Sergeant and Police Lieutenant will be determined later to possibly occur in late January or February in 2020

Fire Department:

Fire Chief Rick Welle commented about ongoing conversations that he and his command staff are conducting with the Illinois Fire Chief's Association in connection with plans to have this vendor conduct EFD testing for Advancement by Promotion to the rank of Fire Lieutenant with Oral Assessments to be conducted on August 19 and August 20 with Written Testing to occur on August 26.
It was further discussed and determined that testing for Hiring Eligibility for Probationary Firefighter-EMT is tentatively scheduled to occur Saturday, August 19, 2019. Commissioner Huber will check on the availability to once again use the common-area at Liberty Middle School.

Administrative:

The Spring Seminar for the Illinois Fire & Police Commissioners Association will be conducted on May 3-4 at the Crowne Center in Springfield. Commissioner Hughes may try to attend.

New Business:

Adjournment:

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

John W. McCracken, Chairman

Roger L. Huber, Secretary