

BOARD OF FIRE & POLICE COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

CONVENED MAY 11, 2021

A Special Meeting of the Board of Fire & Police Commissioners was called to order at 5:00 P.M. in the Governor Edwards Room of Edwardsville City Hall with Chairman John W. McCracken presiding.

Commissioners Attending: John W. McCracken, John Cunningham, Mary Ann Harris, Roger Huber and Jean Hughes. **Also Attending:** Police Chief Jay Keeven, Fire Chief James Whiteford, City Attorney Jeff Berkbigler, and Human Resources Director Amanda Tucker.

Public Comment: No comments to be heard from the public were either submitted by email or telephonically.

Approval of Prior Minutes: There were no previous minutes for approval.

Communications: The slate of Fire and Police Commission Officers will be placed for approval at the June 1, 2021 meeting.

Fire Department: Chief Whiteford advised that the Fire Captains' Promotional Testing will be administered through the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association. Following testing a list of eligible lieutenants will be created. There are three individuals currently eligible to test. Chief Whiteford further advised the quote to administer the examination is \$10,306. This includes testing and travel expenses. \$10,000 has been budgeted for this exam and measures will be taken to trim the additional \$306, bringing the cost within the budgeted amount. Chief Whiteford is prepared to move forward, sign the contract with IFCA and review its terms with the Firefighters Union, after which time he will advise the Commission of the testing date. Commissioner Harris moved to approve the Fire Captains' Promotional Testing under these terms, Commissioner Huber seconded the motion, and all commissioners voted in favor to approve and carry the motion.

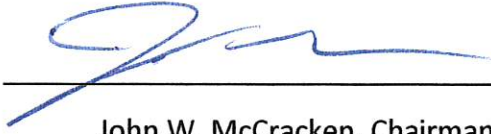
Police Department: Probationary Patrol Officer Applicant Dakota Carnes (#2) and Chad Finnan (#4) have declined offers of employment. Per the Commissions standard procedure Applicants Zachary Fletcher (#5) and Cassin Fearnow (#6) were then tendered offers of employment and both have accepted. This leaves one additional officer vacancy. After discussion, Commissioner Cunningham moved that a conditional offer of employment be made to Probationary Patrol Officer Applicant Justin Benton (#7). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Huber and was approved unanimously.

Chief Keeven advised the Commissioners in addition to the availability of two SWIC Police Academy slots for the fall session, one additional opening is now available to accommodate the third candidate, Justin Benton.

Human Resources Director Amanda Tucker has prepared and published a new advertisement for Lateral Entry Police Applicants due to the current Final Eligibility List being summarily diminished. A new Lateral Hire List will be compiled following the close of applications on June 9, 2021. Interviews will be scheduled for the end of July with the list being ready by the end of August, 2021. Lateral Entry Applicant Jeffrey Hartsoe (#4) will remain on the eligibility list for Lateral Hire.

New Business: None.

Adjournment: With no further business to be conducted, Commissioner Cunningham moved to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Huber seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 P.M.



John W. McCracken, Chairman



Jean M. Hughes, Secretary Pro Tem