

**BOARD OF FIRE & POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
CONVENED JULY 7, 2020**

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

Commissioners Attending: John W. McCracken, Mary Ann Harris, Roger L. Huber and Jean Hughes. Commissioner Carruthers was absent due to a business obligation **Also Attending:** Police Chief Jay Keeven; 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 Hughes made a Motion to approve the Minutes of the meetings convened November 21, 2019 and March 3, 2020 which was seconded by Commissioner Harris. Motion carried.

Communications:

It was noted for the record that a "Hiring Freeze" shall continue to remain in effect until the middle of August 2020 at which time qualified applicants for both the Fire and Police Departments, will be scheduled for final interviews and approval.

Fire Department:

Probationary Firefighter-EMT-P Applicant Christopher Hartsoe is currently an employee of the Maryville Fire Department and has continued to express interest in becoming a full-time employee once the Hiring Freeze expires.

Police Department:

It was noted for the record that the backgrounds for both Lateral Patrol Officer Candidates Nicholas Skjerseth and Matthew Seaver have been completed and the Board can complete the hiring process once the "hiring freeze" has expired in August.

Chief Keeven discussed plans to proceed with Promotional Testing for the ranks of Police Sergeant and Police Lieutenant. In addition, planning is presently underway to conduct initial hiring eligibility testing for the rank of Probationary Patrol Officer with a tentative date for Saturday, October 3, 2020 at the Public Safety Building Complex.

Chief Keeven announced preliminary plans to begin sharing a periodic report with the Board involving "Use of Force" by Edwardsville Police Department officers. The reporting format and frequency is yet to be determined.

Administrative:

A preliminary review and discussion was conducted involving the current List of Rules & Regulations presently in force for the Board. Further action and implementation of changes and modifications will be undertaken at the Board's next regularly scheduled meeting.

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New Business:

Commissioner Hughes made a Motion to approve the following List of Commissioners to serve as Officers: John W. McCracken, as Chairman, Andrew W. Carruthers, as Vice-Chairman and Roger L. Huber, as Secretary. Commissioner Harris seconded the Motion, which carried.

Adjournment:

With no further business to be conducted, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.



John W. McCracken, Chairman



Roger L. Huber, Secretary

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