

**BOARD OF FIRE & POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
CONVENED AUGUST 6, 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, Mary Ann Harris, Roger L. Huber and Jean Hughes Commissioner Carruthers was away on business. **Also Attending:** Police Chief Jay Keeven, Fire Chief Rick Welle, City Attorney Jeff Berkbigler and HR Director Amanda Tucker

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 June 4, 2019 and Memo concerning July 2, 2019. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner Harris. Motion carried.

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 and Written Testing to occur on August 21. Even though Commissioners will have no active role in "Scoring," we have been encouraged to observe the "Tactical Portion" of this testing on each of the two mornings of Oral Assessments.

Police Department:

A final compilation of the "Test Results" for the rank of Probationary Patrol Officer conducted May 18 by the Southwestern Testing Consortium was reviewed. As determined during the June Board Meeting, the list of Applicants will be temporarily set aside. For the time being, the Department will rely on a *Lateral Hiring List of Applicants* to fulfill staffing requirements. A copy of that Compilation for Edwardsville is made a part of these Minutes by reference.

Accordingly, the resignation of Patrol Officer Jason Bearden, who is relocating out-of-state for family reasons, has prompted the decision to tender a "Conditional Offer of Employment" to the next Ranked (#2) Lateral Candidate, Justin Jones. If Jones is unable to accept this Offer, or if he is deemed *Unacceptable for Hiring*, the next Candidate(s) #3 and #4 may be considered. Commissioner Hughes made a Motion to approve this action, which was seconded by Commissioner Harris. Motion approved.

Administrative:


New Business:

Adjournment:

With no further business to be conducted, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.



John W. McCracken, Chairman



Roger L. Huber, Secretary