

**BOARD OF FIRE & POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
CONVENED SEPTEMBER 1, 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, Andrew Carruthers, Mary Ann Harris, Roger L. Huber and Jean Hughes. **Also Attending:** Police Chief Jay Keeven; Fire Chief James Whiteford; City Attorney Jeff Berkbigler, HR Director Amanda Tucker, Police Detective Barry Jones

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

**Approval of Prior Minutes:** Commissioner Hughes made a Motion, seconded by Commissioner Harris, to approve the Minutes of the meeting convened August 4, 2020. By voice vote the Motion was approved unanimously.

**Communications:**

Since the "Hiring Freeze" has now expired qualified applicants for both the Fire and Police Departments, will now proceed and applicants will be scheduled for final interviews and approval.

On a Motion made by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Huber, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm to Executive Session to review the Pre-Employment background investigation for Fire Fighter-EMT Candidate Christopher R. Hartsoe.

**Fire Department:**

In connection with a Motion by Commissioner Hughes and seconded by Commissioner Harris, the Regular Meeting was re-convened from Closed Session at 5:35 pm after reviewing the Pre-Employment Background Materials and follow-up personal interview for Probationary Firefighter-EMT-P Applicant Christopher Hartsoe.

Commissioner Huber made a Motion to rescind the *Conditional Offer of Employment* tendered previously to Candidate Hartsoe and offer Full Time Probationary Employment to this individual. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hughes. By voice vote, the following Commissioners voted "aye" to approve this Motion: Commissioner McCracken, Commissioner Harris, Commissioner Huber and Commissioner Hughes. Due to his involvement in a legal consulting capacity with the Village of Maryville, Commissioner Carruthers "abstained. Motion carried.

**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 may now proceed to complete the hiring process.

At last month's Regular Meeting, Chief Keeven discussed plans to proceed with Promotional Testing for the ranks of Police Sergeant and Police Lieutenant. Panel interviews will be convened during the morning and afternoon of September 28 to be separately monitored by Commissioner's McCracken and Harris. Final planning is underway to conduct initial hiring eligibility testing for the rank of Probationary Patrol Officer. The date of testing has now been confirmed for Saturday, October 3, 2020 at the Public Safety Building Complex.

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Oral interviews for the rank of Probationary Patrol Officer are tentatively scheduled for the afternoon/evening of November 17 and November 18. The applicants to be interviewed and times will be determined at a later date.

**Administrative:**

None

**New Business:**

None

**Adjournment:**

With no further business to be conducted, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.



John W. McCracken, Chairman



Roger L. Huber, Secretary