

**BOARD OF FIRE & POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
CONVENED OCTOBER 6, 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 and Roger L. Huber. Commissioner Hughes was out of town and Commissioner Carruthers was in attendance via Zoom. **Also Attending:** Police Chief Jay Keeven; Fire Chief James Whiteford; City Attorney Jeff Berkbigler, HR Director Amanda Tucker, Police Detective Matt Evers

Public Comment: No individual was present to make comment.

Approval of Prior Minutes: Commissioner Harris made a Motion, seconded by Commissioner Huber, to approve the Minutes of the meeting convened September 1, 2020. By voice vote the Motion was approved unanimously.

Communications:

Now that the "hiring freeze" has expired the Board moved forward to further assess the qualifications for employment of a Lateral Probationary Patrol Officer Candidate, Nicholas Skjerseth .

On a Motion made by Commissioner Harris, seconded by Commissioner Huber, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm to Executive Session to review the Pre-Employment background investigation for Candidate Nicholas S. Skjerseth currently employed by the City of Hopkinsville KY. Motion carried unanimously.

Police Department:

After a review of the background investigation presented by Detective Evers and HR Director Amanda Tucker, the Board met personally with Candidate Skjerseth. Skjerseth answered all inquiries favorably and all facets of his background investigation were deemed acceptable for employment as a Probationary Police Officer. Commissioner Huber moved to rescind the "Conditional Letter of Employment" and hire Skjerseth as a Probationary Patrol Officer. Commissioner Harris seconded the Motion which carried unanimously.

Chief Keeven discussed the recent Promotional Testing for the ranks of Police Sergeant and Police Lieutenant. Panel interviews were conducted during the morning and afternoon of September 28 monitored by Commissioner's McCracken and Harris. A Preliminary Register of Candidates Eligible for Advancement by Promotion has been established as of October 7, 2020, copies of which are attached hereto by reference. A request for Preference Points shall be due by Monday, October 19, 2020 to determine the Final Register(s) for both ranks.

Initial hiring eligibility written testing for the rank of Probationary Patrol Officer was conducted on Saturday morning, October 3, 2020 utilizing one of the apparatus bays for the Edwardsville Fire Department at the Public Safety Complex. Thirty-one (31) individuals appeared for testing. The results of their scores are now being tabulated by our Vendor and will be available by the Board's November Meeting.

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.

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Fire Department:

Fire Chief Whiteford had nothing further to report concerning the City's plans to fill the vacant rank of Deputy Fire Chief.

Administrative:

None

New Business:

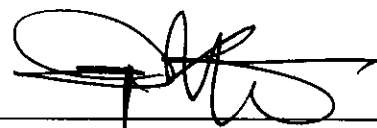
None

Adjournment:

With no further business to be conducted, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.



John W. McCracken, Chairman



Roger L. Huber, Secretary