

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF NEW BERLIN
POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION MEETING
Thursday, February 18, 2010
7:00 P.M.

Public Safety Building/16300 W. National Avenue
Municipal Court Room

CALL MEETING TO ORDER; ROLL CALL; PUBLIC NOTICE

The meeting was called to order by President O'Donnell at 7:02 PM. Present: Commissioners O'Donnell, Patzer, Pezze and Piontek. Also present: Police Chief Joseph Rieder, Fire Chief Edward Dobernig, City Human Resources Director Tami Potkay, other Fire Department personnel, and Alderman Ted Wysocki.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Piontek to approve the Thursday, December 10, 2009 minutes, as printed. Seconded by Commissioner Pezze and carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

ProHealth Care *Close to Home* flier February 2010 edition
American Red Cross in Southeastern Wisconsin 2009 Annual Report
UW-Madison Continuing Studies brochures
Anonymous letter about the selection process for the vacant captain position-Police Department

OUTSTANDING BILLS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Employment and training records-Fire Department

Commissioner Patzer asked City HR director Tami Potkay to update the Commission about her recent meetings with the IAFF representative and Deb Delikat to ensure proper training and employment documentation and processes are in place for City fire personnel. She stated that it will be important to act timely on future requests for extensions and terminations of probationary periods to avoid issues with the union. The Commission agreed to address this by scheduling monthly Commission meetings, to be held on the second Wednesday of the month.

NEW BUSINESS

Recognition of former PFC Secretary

Commissioner O'Donnell requested authorization from the Commission to secure a plaque for future presentation to former Commissioner Irene (Renee) Lorbiecki in recognition of her years of service on the Commission. Motion by Commissioner Pezze to authorize Commissioner O'Donnell to purchase a plaque for former Commissioner Lorbiecki. Seconded by Commissioner Piontek and carried unanimously.

Election of Officers

Nominations for the open position of secretary were solicited. No one accepted nomination for secretary at this time. Annual election for Commission officers will be held again in June.

Police Department discussion about Consortium testing and hiring for 2010

Chief Rieder indicated that there is a meeting of the WCMLERA consortium on March 2, 2010. There is currently one vacant position in the Police Department. If testing can be scheduled quickly, there may be potential candidates to interview in May. Recruit school for non-certified candidates would begin in May.

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Police and Fire Commission President O'Donnell read the following:

CLOSED SESSION PER ROLL CALL VOTE

To deliberate in closed session pursuant to Wisc Stat Sec 19.85(1)(c):

“Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, more specifically the items following”:

Fire Department

Request of Chief Dobernig to extend probationary period for Paid-on-Call personnel:

David Bast, Sean Behrens, Tyler Buerger, Steven Dufek, Aaron Krumnow, Victor Ordonez, Troy Schultz, Steven Schweickhardt, Luke Stangle, Seth Williams

Request of Chief Dobernig to terminate probationary period for Paid-On-Call personnel:

Nickolas Fisher, Matthew Schrader, Keith Stefanski

Request of Chief Dobernig to terminate probationary period for full-time fire personnel:

Joshua Buchholz, Joseph Dominguez, Joseph Kreuser, Mark O'Connor, Joshua Roeglin, Dustin Rynders, Matthew Santi, Kyle Schoen

Police Department

Consideration and possible action on Chief Rieder's recommendation for promotion of command staff officer to the rank of captain

Consideration and possible action on Chief Rieder's recommendation for promotion of Sergeant to rank of Lieutenant

“More specifically to deliberate in closed session under Wis. Stat Sec 19.85 1(g) conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which is or likely to become involved. More specifically Saftig vs. City of New Berlin Police and Fire Commission”

Discussion about recent court decision in re: Officer Saftig appeal

Motion by Commissioner Piontek to go into Closed Session at 7:20 PM. Seconded by Commissioner Patzer. At this time Commissioner Patzer requested that Tami Potkay be allowed to remain in closed session. The motion passed unanimously and the Commission adjourned into Closed Session with Ms. Potkay present.

Motion by Commissioner Patzer to reconvene in Open Session at 9:28 PM. Seconded by Commissioner Piontek and carried unanimously.

OPEN SESSION

Request of Chief Dobernig to extend probationary period for Paid-on-Call personnel:

David Bast

Upon recommendation of Chief Dobernig, motion by Commissioner Piontek to approve the written request of David Bast to extend his probationary period to December 31, 2010 as stipulated in a memo dated January 27, 2010. Seconded by Commissioner Pezze and carried unanimously.

Sean Behrens

Upon recommendation of Chief Dobernig, motion by Commissioner Pezze to approve the written request of Sean Behrens to extend his probationary period to July 31, 2010 as stipulated in a memo dated January 27, 2010. Seconded by Commissioner Patzer and carried unanimously.

Tyler Buerger

No action taken.

Steven Dufek

Upon recommendation of Chief Dobernig, motion by Commissioner Patzer to approve the written request of Steven Dufek to extend his probationary period to July 31, 2010 as stipulated in a memo dated January 27, 2010. Seconded by Commissioner Piontek and carried unanimously.

Aaron Krumnow

Upon recommendation of Chief Dobernig, motion by Commissioner Pezze to approve the written request of Aaron Krumnow to extend his probationary period to July 31, 2010 as stipulated in a memo dated January 22, 2010. Seconded by Commissioner O'Donnell and carried unanimously.

Victor Ordonez

Upon recommendation of Chief Dobernig, motion by Commissioner Piontek to approve the written request of Victor Ordonez to extend his probationary period to January 31, 2011 as stipulated in a memo dated January 25, 2010. Seconded by Commissioner Pezze and carried unanimously.

Troy Schultz

Upon recommendation of Chief Dobernig, motion by Commissioner O'Donnell to approve the written request of Troy Schultz to extend his probationary period to July 31, 2010 as stipulated in a memo dated January 15, 2010. Seconded by Commissioner Piontek and carried unanimously.

Stephen Schweickhardt

Upon recommendation of Chief Dobernig, motion by Commissioner Patzer to approve the written request of Stephen Schweickhardt to extend his probationary period to July 31, 2010 as stipulated in a memo dated January 15, 2010. Seconded by Commissioner Pezze and carried unanimously.

Seth Williams

Upon recommendation of Chief Dobernig, motion by Commissioner Pezze to approve the written request of Seth Williams to extend his probationary period to January 31, 2011 as stipulated in a memo dated January 16, 2010. Seconded by Commissioner Piontek and carried unanimously.

Request of Chief Dobernig to terminate probationary period for Paid-On-Call personnel:

Nickolas Fisher

Motion by Commissioner Patzer to terminate the probationary period for Nickolas Fisher and appoint him a paid-on-call firefighter/paramedic effective 0600 hours February 19, 2010. Seconded by Commissioner Pezze and carried unanimously.

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Matthew Schrader

Motion by Commissioner Piontek to terminate the probationary period for Matthew Schrader and appoint him a paid-on-call firefighter/paramedic effective 0600 hours February 19, 2010. Seconded by Commissioner O'Donnell and carried unanimously.

Keith Stefanski

Motion by Commissioner Pezze to terminate the probationary period for Keith Stefanski and appoint him as a paid-on-call firefighter/paramedic effective 0600 hours February 19, 2010. Seconded by Commissioner Piontek and carried unanimously.

Request of Chief Dobernig to terminate probationary period for full-time fire personnel:

Joshua Buchholz

Motion by Commissioner Pezze to terminate the probationary period for Joshua Buchholz and appoint him as a full-time fire inspector/paramedic effective 0600 hours February 19, 2010. Seconded by Commissioner Piontek and carried unanimously.

Joseph Dominguez

Motion by Commissioner Piontek to terminate the probationary period for Joseph Dominguez and appoint him as a full-time fire inspector/paramedic effective 0600 hours February 19, 2010. Seconded by Commissioner Pezze and carried unanimously.

Joseph Kreuser

Motion by Commissioner Patzer to terminate the probationary period for Joseph Kreuser and appoint him as a full-time fire inspector/paramedic effective 0600 hours February 19, 2010. Seconded by Commissioner Piontek and carried unanimously.

Mark O'Connor

Motion by Commissioner Pezze to terminate the probationary period for Mark O'Connor and appoint him as a full-time fire inspector/paramedic effective 0600 hours February 19, 2010. Seconded by Commissioner O'Donnell and carried unanimously.

Joshua Roeglin

Motion by Commissioner Piontek to terminate the probationary period of Joshua Roeglin and appoint him as a full-time fire inspector/paramedic effective 0600 hours February 19, 2010. Seconded by Commissioner Patzer and carried unanimously.

Dustin Rynders

Motion by Commissioner Piontek to terminate the probationary period of Dustin Rynders and appoint him as a full-time fire inspector/paramedic effective 0600 February 19, 2010. Seconded by Commissioner Pezze and carried unanimously.

Matthew Santi

Motion by Commissioner O'Donnell to terminate the probationary period of Matthew Santi and appoint him as a full-time fire inspector/paramedic effective 0600 February 19, 2010. Seconded by Commissioner Patzer and carried unanimously.

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Kyle Schoen

Motion by Commissioner Patzer to terminate the probationary period of Kyle Schoen and appoint him as a full-time fire inspector/paramedic effective 0600 hours February 19, 2010. Seconded by Commissioner Piontek and carried unanimously.

Police Department

Consideration and possible action on Chief Rieder's recommendation for promotion of command staff officer to the rank of captain

Motion by Commissioner O'Donnell to ratify the recommendation made by Chief Rieder to promote Lieutenant Bryan Yokes to the rank of Captain, effective 0600 hours February 19, 2010. Seconded by Commissioner Pezze and carried unanimously.

Consideration and possible action on Chief Rieder's recommendation for promotion of Sergeant to rank of Lieutenant

No action taken.

Discussion about recent court decision in re: Officer Saftig appeal

Discussion occurred. No action taken. Commission to meet again to continue discussion and potentially take action

NEXT MEETING DATE

Monday, February 22, 2010 at 6:30 PM

ADJOURN

Motion by Commissioner Piontek to adjourn at 9:32 PM. Seconded by Commissioner Patzer and carried unanimously.

Michael D. O'Donnell, President
Police and Fire Commission