

POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION MEETING
Wednesday, February 20, 2008
7:00 P.M.

Public Safety Building/16300 W National Avenue
Use public entrance

Please note: Minutes are unofficial until approved by the Police & Fire Commission at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER; ROLL CALL; PUBLIC NOTICE

The meeting of the Police & Fire Commission was called to order by Commissioner O'Donnell at 7:00 P.M. Commissioners present were: Andries, Lorbiecki, O'Donnell, Patzer and Pezze. Also present was Fire Chief Ed Dobernig and Police Chief Joe Rieder.

This meeting was noticed on Thursday, February 14, 2008 in accordance with the Open Meeting Law.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Andries to approve the Monday, January 28, 2008 minutes as printed. Seconded by Commissioner Patzer and carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

From Police Chief Rieder regarding suspension of a Police Officer.

OUTSTANDING BILLS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Consider recommendations regarding updates to employment application

Applicants for positions within the Fire Department will use the most current version of the City of New Berlin application form as maintained by the Human Resources Department. In addition, applicants will be required to complete a supplemental form created by the Commission and edited with input from the HR Director and the Fire Department Administrative Assistant. The final version of the supplement form will be printed and maintained by the Fire Department.

Update about purging of PFC records

Police and Fire Commission records from the years 1963-1997 to be purged later this month in accordance with the provisions of the state records law.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion about legislative issues regarding arbitration and psychological testing-Police Department

No action taken.

Discussion about recruitment strategies for police officer candidates-Police Department

No action taken.

Police and Fire Commission Secretary Lorbiecki read the following:

CLOSED SESSION PER ROLL CALL VOTE

To deliberate in Closed Session under Section 19.85 (1) (c) Wisconsin State Statutes. The basis for the items to be discussed in Closed Session is as enumerated in Section 19.85 (1) (c) of the Wisconsin State Statutes:

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- (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 on this agenda:

Fire Department

- Interview paid on call employees recommended for promotion to full-time firefighter/paramedic
- Consider recommendation of Chief Dobernig to extend probationary period for POC personnel

Motion by Commissioner Patzer to go into Closed Session at 7:30 PM. Seconded by Commissioner Pezze and carried unanimously per roll call vote.

Motion by Commissioner Pezze to reconvene into Open Session at 9:30 PM. Seconded by Commissioner Andries and carried unanimously.

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

Fire Department

Interview paid on call employees recommended for promotion to Career Firefighter Paramedic

Motion by Commissioner Andries to ratify Fire Chief Dobernig's recommendation to promote the following Fire Department personnel: Ryan Knippel, Lucas Kotschi, Timothy Gorecki and Shannon Omelina to the position of Career Firefighter Paramedic. Promotion subject to candidates fulfilling all job requirements within the probationary period. Seconded by Commissioner Lorbiecki and carried with Commissioner Patzer voting no.

Consider recommendation of Chief Dobernig to extend probationary period for POC personnel

Motion by Commissioner Pezze to ratify Fire Chief Dobernig's recommendation to extend Probationary Period for the following Fire Department personnel: Nicholas Birmingham from January 11, 2008 to September 1, 2008; Jordan Meka from January 11, 2008 to December 31, 2008; Joshua Van Ramshorst from January 11, 2008 to January 11, 2009; Benjamin Ziolecki from January 11, 2008 to August 1, 2008. Seconded by Commissioner Patzer and carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING DATE

None stated.

ADJOURN

Motion by Commissioner Pezze to adjourn at 9:45 PM. Seconded by Commissioner Patzer and carried unanimously.

Renee Lorbiecki, Secretary
Police and Fire Commission