

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF NEW BERLIN
POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, April 18, 2006
7:00 P.M.
Public Safety Building/16300 W. National Avenue
(Enter at 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 Andries at 7:10 P.M. Commissioners present were: Andries, Lorbiecki, O'Donnell, Patzer and Pedersen. Also present: Fire Chief Ed Dobernig and Police Chief Gary Blunt.

This meeting was noticed on Wednesday, April 12, 2006 in accordance with the Open Meeting Law.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner O'Donnell to approve the Monday, March 20, 2006 minutes as printed. Seconded by Commissioner Pedersen and carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. From Police Chief Gary Blunt regarding an offer of employment to a Police Officer.
2. Copy of letter from Police Chief Gary Blunt regarding Notice of Suspension to a Police Officer.
3. From Mayor Jack Chiovatero regarding his intention to conduct research into police chief job descriptions.
4. From Police Chief Gary Blunt, copy of an article regarding difficulty several states are experiencing in filling law enforcement positions.

OUTSTANDING BILLS

1. Medical Associates #224297 medical screening for 2 Police officers

Motion by Commissioner Pedersen to approve payment to Medical Associates for \$292.00. Seconded by Commissioner O'Donnell and carried unanimously.

2. Medical Associates #224615 medical screening for 1 Police Officer Hire

Motion by Commissioner Lorbiecki to approve payment to Medical Associates for \$146.00. Seconded by Commissioner O'Donnell and carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion on the length of time records must be retained

No action taken.

Fire Department:

Update on Paid-on-Call recruit candidate testing.

Sixty-two Paid-on-Call candidates took the written exam on February 4th. Twenty-nine candidates received a passing score. These candidates were eligible to take the CPAT exam on April 7, 2006. Weather conditions made it necessary to re-schedule the date to April 14, 2006 and April 21, 2006.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion on plaques for retiring officers

Commission President Ken Andries was given authority to order plaques for retiring police officers.

Police and Fire Commissioner Secretary Renee Lorbiecki read the following:

CLOSED SESSION PER ROLL CALL VOTE

The basis for the items to be discussed in Closed Session are as enumerated in Section 19.85 (1) (c) of the Wisconsin State Statutes, 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

- **Discussion on reclassification for qualified Paid-on-Call Firefighters to Company Officer and Driver Operator status.**
- **Recommendation of Fire Chief Ed Dobernig for termination of probation period for two (2) Paid-on-Call Firefighters.**
- **Discussion on any disciplinary action or citizen complaints**

Police Department

- **Discussion regarding Police Chief Blunt's retirement and appointment of new Police Chief.**
- **Discussion on any disciplinary action or citizen complaints**

Motion by Commissioner Pedersen to go to Closed Session at 7:40 PM. Seconded by Commissioner O'Donnell and carried unanimously per roll call vote.

Motion by Commissioner Pedersen to reconvene to Open Session at 9:05 PM. Seconded by Commissioner O'Donnell and carried unanimously.

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

Fire Department

Discussion on reclassification for qualified Paid-on-Call Firefighters to Company Officer and Driver Operator status

Motion by Commissioner Patzer to ratify Fire Chief Ed Dobernig's recommendation to reclassify Paid-on-Call Firefighter Joshua Buchholz to Equipment Operator effective 0600 hours 4-19-2006. Probationary period to be 18 months. Seconded by Commissioner Pedersen and carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Patzer to ratify Fire Chief Ed Dobernig's recommendation to reclassify the following personnel to Paid-on-Call Company Officer: Jonathan Fisher and Marco Pelicaric effective 0600 hours 4-19-2006. Probationary period to be 18 months. Seconded by Commissioner O'Donnell and carried unanimously.

Recommendation of Fire Chief Ed Dobernig for termination of probation period for two (2) Paid-on-Call Firefighters

Motion by Commissioner Pedersen to ratify Fire Chief Ed Dobernig's recommendation to terminate the probationary period for Timothy Gorecki effective 0600 hours 4-19-2006. Seconded by Commissioner O'Donnell and carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Pedersen to ratify Fire Chief Ed Dobernig's recommendation to terminate probationary period for Marco Pelicaric effective 0600 hours 4-19-2006. Seconded by Commissioner Patzer and carried unanimously.

Discussion on any disciplinary action or citizen complaints

None.

Police Department

Discussion regarding Police Chief Blunt's retirement and appointment of new Police Chief

Motion by Commissioner O'Donnell to appoint Captain Steve Morris Interim Chief of Police effective May 31, 2006 upon retirement of Police Chief Gary Blunt. Seconded by Commissioner Lorbiecki and carried

with Commissioner Patzer voting no.

Discussion on any disciplinary action or citizen complaints

None.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Wednesday, May 3, 2006

ADJOURN

Motion by Commissioner Pedersen to adjourn at 9:28 PM. Seconded by Commissioner O'Donnell and carried unanimously.

Renee Lorbiecki, Secretary
Police and Fire Commission