

Minutes of the meeting of the Fire and Police Commission held Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. in the City Hall Conference Room.

Present at the meeting: Commissioners Mike Franks, Joel Jackson

Also present: Fire Chief Kurt Nelson, Police Chief John Dossey, Deputy Police Chief Jeff Little

Commissioner Franks called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jackson to approve the meeting agenda.

Commissioner Franks seconded the motion. All in favor.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jackson to approve the April 24, 2019 meeting minutes.

Commissioner Franks seconded the motion. All in favor.

Departmental Reports

1. FD – Probationary Reports

Chief Nelson reported that the probationary firefighters are doing well.

2. PD – Probationary Reports

Deputy Chief Little reported that the probationary police officers are doing well. #5149 JM is set to be released to solo patrol within a week. #5148 TM is doing well. #5152 MM is in the first week of the Academy at PTI, Champaign.

Commissioner Franks made a motion to receive and file these reports. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson. All in favor.

Bills

1. FD – IWIRC – Pre-Employment Physical, GA - \$394.93
2. FD – Stanard & Assoc. – Pre-Employment Evaluation, TS - \$395.00
3. FD – Terrence G. McCann & Assoc. – Pre-Employment Polygraph, TS - \$150.00
4. FD – PJStar – Application Testing Advertising - \$570.00
5. PD – Terrence G. McCann & Assoc. – Pre-Employment Polygraph, MM - \$150.00

Commissioner Jackson made a motion to recognize the timely payment of the above listed bills as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Franks. All in favor.

Old Business:

FD – Application Acceptance - Update

There has been 1 qualifying application packet received as of this date. Chief Nelson reported that at the recent Fire Chiefs Conference it was noted that an approximately 65% drop in applicants is common throughout the state.

PD – Original Appointment Testing

The application acceptance date will be delayed due to discussion of education requirements at the June 26th meeting. The testing date is set for August 3rd. Sarah is still working to get the application process up and running online. Chief Dossey reported that he is on the new recruitment committee through the Illinois Chiefs Association. The first meeting was this week. The committee is exploring ways to change the trend of declining applicants. This is a nationwide issue. There may be changes

to the process coming in the next year or so. It was noted that the current process is slow to get Officers up and going on the street.

New Business:

None

5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 1 – Personnel

All Other Business Deemed Necessary by the Commissioners

Follow-Up – Question from Police Department Deputy Chief Little

There had been a question regarding parallel eligibility lists. The process is to merge the lists. The details of how that process works will be kept on file for future reference.

Discussion – Military Service Credit

The Commission has been asked to consider military service as an exception to the education requirement for police department original appointment applicants. Sample wording was given and other departments were asked about their requirements. A summary of their responses was distributed. After discussion, it was decided to have this as an agenda item for the June meeting.

The police department is working on the background process for the last person on the current Original Appointment list.

Submitted:

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Dennis Short, Chairman

Attest:

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Michael Franks, Secretary

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Joel Jackson, Commissioner