

Minutes of the Police & Fire Commission meeting held on Monday, April 25, 2016 pursuant to notice duly given.

1. Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m. by President Longsine.
2. Roll call: Sue Anderson, Jim Lacourciere, Jerry Finn, Pat Trepanier and Joe Watt. Also present: Sgt. Randy Van Hulle, Administrator Sara Perrizo, Deputy Clerk Carol Stewart as recording secretary and other interested parties.
3. Moved by Trepanier seconded by Finn to approve of agenda as presented.
Motion carried upon verbal voice vote. 5 ayes
4. No Public Input or Correspondence:
5. Discussion/action/updates on the following:

a. Interim Chief

Trepanier stated that he spoke with Don Phillips who is available if needed and would go in accordance of previous contract; Trepanier said he felt that we have capable people of handling the dept. at this time; Sgt. Van Hulle felt that things could be handled within the department, as long as we can all work together...Officer Rehberg is willing to take on more during his shift to allow Van Hulle to be able to do more in the office; Perrizo stated she can help with some of the administrative duties; Perrizo added that according to the statutes the investigation has to be wrapped up within 30 days...recommended waiting until after that to make a decision on Interim Chief; Commissioner members were in agreement with that;

Moved by Trepanier seconded by Watt to hold off on an Interim Chief until the matter with Chief Faith is resolved.

Motion carried upon verbal voice vote.

5 ayes

b. Outside Investigator

Trepanier stated that he was informed by Tom Parins that we have to have counsel...we want to seek outside counsel for the Commission; Parins fees are \$210 per hour...would a \$1500 retainer fee would be required of which he would deduct from and return whatever was not used; Parins also recommended Bob Burns of Davis-Kuelthau Law firm to do the investigation and prosecution...Burns does not have a conflict of interest with the City to do this impartially; Perrizo questioned what the Attorney would do?

Trepanier stated that Parins would guide the Commission members and according to him, thus far our actions are exactly as they should have been; Perrizo and Anderson questioned this process as it differed from the outline provided by City Attorney Erickson...are we putting the cart before the horse? Trepanier stated how he explained it is how it should happen....Commissioners can't do the investigation because we are no longer impartial; Perrizo informed the members that there will be a Finance committee meeting Tuesday, April 26, 2016 at 5:15 p.m. followed by a City Council meeting at 6:00 to address this issue as far as allocating funds...members are encouraged to attend; Trepanier stated he would like Perrizo to talk personally to Tom Parins and Bob Burns; Moved by Trepanier seconded by Anderson to recommend to Finance the hiring of Tom Parins to be the representation/guidance for the PFC and Bob Burns as the investigator/prosecution to handle the matter with Chief Faith.

Motion carried upon verbal voice vote.

5 ayes

6. Moved by Watt seconded by Finn to adjourn.
Meeting adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

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Minutes submitted by:
Carol F. Stewart
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer