

EVANSVILLE POLICE COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
Common Council Chambers, Third Floor, City Hall
Evansville, Wisconsin
May 30, 2007
5:00 p.m.

1. Roll call. Commissioners in attendance: Karen Aikman, Scott Brummond, Steve Hagen, Christe McKittrick, Wally Shannon.

Also present: Chief Scott McElroy, P.O. Patrick Reese, P.O. Mike Laufenberg, P.O. Justin Mahan-Strupp, Richard Woulfe, Larry Wourms, Tammy Wourms, and Lacey Wourms.

Other unidentified community members were also present.

2. Approval of minutes. Minutes of the Commission's meeting of March 12, 2007 were reviewed. Motion was made by Hagen to approve the minutes as distributed and seconded by Shannon. Motion was approved by voice vote.
3. Citizen appearances, other than on agenda items listed below. None. *Aikman reversed*
4. Chief's report. Chief McElroy distributed a written report bearing date of May 30, 2007. The following Chief's report items were discussed by the Commission:
 - a. Resignation of Officer Donald Sparby. Chief McElroy recommended that the Commission formally accept the resignation of Officer Donald Sparby. Motion made by Shannon to formally accept said resignation. Motion seconded by Brummond. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.
 - b. Review the full time candidates/ appointment of Mahan-Strupp. Chief McElroy recommended that the Commission review the full time candidates. The Commission discussed the process for verifying information on the applications submitted by the candidates including reviewing an outline of the May 2007 hiring process. The hiring process involves multiple steps including oral and written assessments and other screening tools. The Commission reviewed a New Hire Checklist and determined it to be acceptable.

After review of the full time applications, motion made by Brummond to appoint Officer Mahan-Strupp to full time officer status with a start date of June 23, 2007 with a 12 month probation period ending June 23, 2008. Motion was seconded by Aikman. Motion was approved unanimously by a voice vote.

- c. New Eligibility List. Chief McElroy recommended that the Commission create a new eligibility list for future full time appointments.

The Commission agreed and a motion was made by Brummond to appoint four new candidates in to the Eligibility List. The four new candidates being: Officer Michael A. Maltese, Officer Jared K. Naprella, Officer Eric Thorson, and Officer Vincente Hernandez. Motion was seconded by Shannon. The Commission reviewed resumes and application materials submitted by the candidates and the Department. Motion was approved unanimously by a voice vote. The resulting Eligibility List consists of the following officers: Officer Jeremy Clifton (previously existed on the list), Officer Michael A. Maltese, Officer Jared K. Naprella, Officer Eric Thorson, and Officer Vincente Hernandez.

- d. Approval of updates to the background investigation procedures. The Police Commission and Chief McElroy discussed the forms related to the hiring process. After that discussion, Brummond moved to approve the new part of the background investigation as part of the hiring process. Seconded by Hagen. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

The Commission commended the officers for their work in developing the additional elements to the background check process.

- e. Appointment of Part Time Officers. Commissioner Hagen then moved to appoint Officer Michael A. Maltese, Officer Jared K. Naprella, Eric Thorsen, and Vincente Hernandez to be conditionally appointed at part time officers starting June 9, 2007. The above Officer's employment is conditioned upon their successfully passing all background checks; the 5 panel drug screening and an employment physical. Motion seconded by Shannon and carried unanimously by a voice vote.
5. Agenda items numbered 8 through 11 were tabled pending the results of the closed session pursuant to Wis. Statute 19.85(1)(f). However, Shannon stated that the agenda items indicate some of the initial issues that the Police Commission will need to consider and decide upon if it is to hold an initial hearing on any officer disciplinary matter.
 6. Motion to convene in closed session. Brummond moved, seconded by Shannon, to convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Statute sec. 19.85(1)(f) for preliminary consideration of a specific personnel problem or investigation of a specific charge against a specific person, to wit: P.O. Scott Fields, which, if discussed in public, would likely have an adverse effect upon the reputation of any person involved in such problem or investigation. Approved by unanimous vote of the commissioners on roll call vote.

7. Closed Session. During the closed session the following matters were determined and voted upon:

Motion by Shannon, seconded by Hagen, for the commission to suspend Police Officer Scott Fields administratively, and not as a penalty, with full pay, allowances and customary benefits, pending the disposal of the charges against him, pursuant to Wis. Statute Section 62.13 (5) (b) and rule 9 of the Commission's rules of procedure. Voted down on the following roll call vote:

Aikman: No;
Brummond: No;
Hagen: No;
McKittrick: No;
Shannon: No.

Motion by Brummond, seconded by Shannon, to hold an initial hearing concerning a verified complaint received by the commission as required pursuant to Wis. Statute Section 62.13 (5) (d) and rule 11(2) of the Commission's rules of procedure, and that said hearing will be set at a date and time as determined by the Commission. Approved on the following roll call vote:

Aikman: Yes;
Brummond: Yes;
Hagen: Yes;
McKittrick: Yes;
Shannon: Yes.

8. Adjournment. Motion to adjourn sine die by Shannon, seconded by Hagen. Approved by voice vote.

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