

**BOARD OF FIRE & POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
CONVENED SEPTEMBER 7, 2021**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire & Police Commissioners was called to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Edwardsville City Hall with Chairman, John W. McCracken, presiding.

Commissioners Attending: John W. McCracken, John Cunningham, Mary Ann Harris, Jean Hughes and Roger L. Huber

Also Attending: Police Chief Michael Fillback, Detective Matt Evers; Deputy Fire Chief Brenden McKee; City Attorney, Jeff Berkbigler, HR Director, Amanda Tucker and Administrative Assistant, Courtney Swarringen

Public Comment: No comments to be heard from the public were either submitted by email or telephonically

Approval of Prior Minutes: Commissioner Hughes moved to approve the Minutes of the previous meeting held August 3, 2021. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner Harris. Motion carried.

Fire Department:

Promotional Eligibility Testing for the Rank of Fire Captain was conducted and proctored by the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association. Fire Lieutenant, Ed Burnley, was the sole individual to submit to undergo testing. Commissioner Harris moved to approve the Final Results of that promotional test, which Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cunningham. Motion carried.

Police Department:

Chief Fillback presented and discussed the results of the **Use of Force** statistics from the period beginning January 19, 2021 through August 20, 2021, which didn't contain any specific incident of special concern.

In order to address additional hiring needs, HR Director Amanda Tucker has been tasked with developing and posting a new Advertisement for Lateral Entry Probationary Police Officers with an application deadline through September 30, 2021. A list of viable applicants will be scrutinized at the Board's next meeting in October. Two tentative dates to conduct Oral Interviews for prospective Applicants have been selected: October 12th and 13th.

Commissioner Hughes made a Motion to adjourn and re-convene in Closed Session to review the results of the background investigation conducted for Lateral Entry Patrol Officer candidate Luke A. Whalen, presently a member of the Crestwood MO Police Department. Motion seconded by Commissioner Huber, which passed unanimously.

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Administrative:

With a second by Commissioner Cunningham, Commissioner Huber arose from Closed Session to move to return to Open Session at 6:00 pm. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hughes made a Motion to remove the *Conditional Offer of Employment* previously tendered to Candidate Luke Whalen and offer him a position as a fulltime Probationary Patrol Officer with the Edwardsville Police Department. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the Motion which carried unanimously.

Adjournment:

With no further business to be conducted, the Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.



John W. McCracken, Chairman



Roger L. Huber, Secretary