

03/11/14 MEETING MINUTES

POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MANITOWOC

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tom Bare, Paul Blashka, Kate Reynolds, Kay Beilke, Mary Schilder

1. Meeting called to order at 4:30 by T. Bare.
2. Motion made by M. Schilder, seconded by P. Blashka to approve minutes of previous Police & Fire Commission meeting 2/11/14.
3. No Public Input.
4. PFC President T. Bare and Mayor J. Nickels had met concerning issues surrounding the search for candidates for the vacant Fire Chief position. It was not the Mayor's intention to have any influence over "who" that person will be. He explained that the reason for not advertising and considering only internal candidates was due to financial and that the City saw two very good internal candidates. The Mayor stated that if PFC feels these two candidates are not worthy they'll consider looking elsewhere but he personally felt these two were the best candidates for the position. T. Bare stated that they both need to talk more.
5. Police Department:
 - Police Chief Dick's update included: new Seasonal Interns from LTC are working 600-1200 hours as Community Service Workers to help CSW Lippert, the Public Safety Committee is now requiring Chief to provide monthly department updates, and he is expecting more Family Medical Leave this year than last due to having a younger department and with that comes families.
6. Fire Department:
 - Acting Fire Chief Kadow's update included: 6 firefighter candidates were interviewed last week (they planned on 10 but 4 had already taken other jobs) and the first or second week in April he would like to bring on board.
 - AFC Kadow requested approval of the Fire Department Eligibility List but PFC wants to see more information on the candidates.

CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION – Motion made by P. Blashka. Seconded by K. Reynolds. All in favor.

7. Interview applicants for vacant Fire Chief position.
8. Discussion regarding the applicants for the Fire Chief position.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION – Motion made by M. Schilder. Seconded by K. Beilke. All in favor.

9. Motion made by M. Schilder to appointment Todd Blaser as Fire Chief. Seconded by K. Reynolds. Also voting in favor were K. Beilke and T. Bare. P. Blashka voted against. Motion carried 4 – 1
10. Motion made by P. Blashka to approve the Fire Department Eligibility List. Seconded by K. Beilke. All in favor.
11. Meeting adjourned.