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I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 p.m. by Commissioner President Wendy Trietsch.

II. Roll Call

PRESENT: Commissioners Mike Sherman, Wendy Trietsch, Chris Zaborowsky and Martha McQueen.

Also in attendance is Chief of Police James Ison and Recording Secretary Melissa Weathers.

ABSENT: Commissioner Tom Brogan.

III. Minutes

Commissioner Zaborowsky moved to approve the minutes from June 8, 2023, seconded by Commissioner Sherman. **MOTION CARRIES.**

IV. Old Business

None.

V. New Business

Executive Session was held prior to the Regular Session per IC Code 5-14-1.5-6.1 (5) and 5-14-1.5-6.1(6)(a) and was discussion only.

VI. Business from the Floor

None.

VII. Announcements/Reports

A. Attorney –

None.

B. Chief-

Chief Ison requests applicants #25, #26 and #30 be dismissed from the current hiring list.

Commission Sherman makes a motion to remove applicants #25, #26 and #30 from the application list. Seconded by Commissioner McQueen. Vote: Ayes. **MOTION CARRIES.**

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Chief Ison stated three candidates are in the final stages of PERF with a hiring date sometime in mid-August.

Chief Ison stated four candidates have passed the background and will are being sent to PERF for physiological and physical exams. Tentatively the number of positions available will filled by these candidates in October.

Chief Ison stated the current hiring list has been exhausted and requests permission to begin a new hiring process.

Commission Sherman makes a motion to begin a new hiring process. Seconded by Commission Zaborowsky. Vote: Ayes. **MOTION CARRIES.**

Chief Ison requests Sergeant Joshua Rush be promoted to Lieutenant and Patrolman Mitchell Young be promoted to Sergeant effective today.

Commission Sherman makes a motion to promote Sergeant Joshua Rush to Lieutenant and Patrolman Mitchell Young to Sergeant. Seconded by Commission McQueen. Vote: Ayes. **MOTION CARRIES.**

C. Committee -

None.

VIII. Budget/Claims

A claim in the amount of \$333.00 for Attorney Meier's services for the month of June.

Claims for Commissioner Zaborowsky, Commissioner Sherman, Commissioner Trietsch and Commissioner McQueen for per diem for this month's Regular Meeting and Executive Meeting in the amount of \$150.00.

Claim in the amount of \$7200.00 for Testing for Public Safety for the Promotional Testing.

Claim in the amount of \$4275.00 for Hiring Process.

Commissioner Sherman moved to approve the claims, seconded by Commissioner Zaborowsky. Vote: Ayes. **MOTION CARRIES**.

IX. Comments from Commission Members

Commissioner Sherman asks if there has been any increase in crime.

Chief Ison stated he just had an interview with the Daily Journal today regarding violent crimes. Chief Ison stated there has been an increase in vehicle pursuits. He believes there are two

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variables, restriction of pursuit policy and technology of FLOCK license plate readers. Officers are getting notifications when these vehicles pass the FLOCK cameras. Violent crime numbers are stagnant, there was a 1.1% increase from 2020 to 2022, including the 6 homicides. There were more homicides, three were justifiable homicides. We have averaged about 1.8 homicides per year for the past 10 years. Seeing more narcotic offense due to young ambitious officers who are doing a really good job with interdiction and being very proactive.

X. Comments from the Floor

Congratulations to Lieutenant Rush and Sergeant Young.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Commissioner Zaborowsky moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Sherman. Vote: Ayes. **MOTION CARRIES.**

Wendy Trietsch, President