Greenwood Fire Department Merit Commission

Mr. Dhondt called the Wednesday, June 21, 2023 Greenwood Fire Department Merit Commission meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Present:

Steve Dhondt, Don Fouts, Matt Holmes, Cindy Reinert, Michael Tapp, Corporation Counsel Sam Hodson, and Interim Chief Brad Coy, and Recording Secretary Kim Hamilton.

Motion was made by Mr. Fouts to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2023 meeting as written; seconded by Mr. Tapp. Vote: Ayes: Mr. Dhondt, Mr. Fouts. Mr. Holmes, Ms. Reinert, Mr. Tapp.

Old Business:

None Presented

New Business:

Chief Coy stated that we have exhausted the current eligibility list and are in need of holding a new Career Firefighter Hiring Process. He stated that Chief Burgess has agreed to stay on part time and help with the process. Mr. Tapp moved to approve holding a new Career Firefighter Hiring process with the Commission's approved full time hiring procedures; seconded by Ms. Reinert. Vote: Ayes: Mr. Dhondt, Mr. Fouts. Mr. Holmes, Ms. Reinert, Mr. Tapp.

Chief Coy said we have current Captain and Lieutenant's lists that expire in November. There is one candidate on the Captain's list and three on the Lieutenant's list. Mr. Tapp moved to keep the current list until it expires and gives permission to proceed with a new process once list expires; seconded by Mr. Holmes. Vote: Ayes: Mr. Dhondt, Mr. Fouts. Mr. Holmes, Ms. Reinert, Mr. Tapp.

Chief Coy informed the Commission that Indiana Senate Bill 185 has passed raising the maximum age to become a member of the 1977 fund from 35 to 39 years of age. City legal and Chief Coy has presented a new ordinance to the City Council for their approval in changing the maximum age for appointment at Greenwood Fire Department. Mr. Holmes moved to accept the change in the merit system for the maximum age to change from 35 to 39 years of age; seconded by Ms. Reinert. **Vote: Ayes: Mr. Dhondt, Mr. Fouts. Mr. Holmes, Ms. Reinert, Mr. Tapp.**

Chief Coy discussed the appointment of new Fire Chief Jayme Washel and that he will be starting on August 1, 2023.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be scheduled as needed.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:14p.m.

Kim Hamilton, Recording Secretary

Don Fouts, Vice-President