

MINUTES – REGULAR SESSION MEETING
POLICE MERIT COMMISSION, MAY 8, 2014
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I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Commission President Wendy Trietsch.

II. Roll Call

PRESENT: Commissioners Al Stilley, Martha McQueen, Wendy Trietsch, Joy Walker and Tom Brogan

ABSENT: None

Also in attendance were Commission Attorney Linda Meier and Recording Secretary Janice Nix

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the April 10, 2014, meeting were approved as mailed by motion of Commissioner Brogan, seconded by Commissioner Walker. Vote: Ayes (5-0). **MOTION CARRIES**.

Commission President Trietsch thanked Nan Faulk, retiring recording secretary, for all her years of service to the Commission. She was presented with flowers and a card from the members.

IV. Old Business

None.

V. New Business

Commission President Trietsch welcomed new recording secretary Janice Nix.

VI. Business From the Floor

None.

VII. Announcements/Reports

From the Attorney:

Attorney Meier announced that in regard to the Disciplinary Hearing scheduled for 6 p.m. this evening the defendants attorney is present to request a continuance. Attorney Peter Nugent came forward. He explained he will be out of town the week of the next regularly scheduled meeting night. Discussion ensued and the date of June 19, 2014 @ 5:00 p.m. was agreed upon. Commission McQueen moved to continue the Disciplinary Hearing to June 19, 2014 @ 5:00 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Brogan. Vote: Ayes (5-0) **MOTION CARRIES**.

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From the Chief:

Chief Laut presented a resume for Willard Smith and asked that the Commission give approval hiring him as a Reserve Officer for the City. Discussion ensued. Commission McQueen said she would like for the applicants to appear before the Commission prior to being approved so that any questions could be answered. Commissioner Brogan moved to approve Willard Smith being hired as a Reserve Officer, seconded by Commissioner Stilley. Vote: Ayes (5-0) **MOTION CARRIES.**

The Chief then discussed the paperwork he distributed concerning Charges and Specific Conduct That Comprise the Charges in the disciplinary action against Officer Paula Redd. He reviewed the additional charges with the members. He stated he is suspending her without pay pending the outcome of the Disciplinary Hearing. He attempted to serve Ms. Redd with the notice but has been unable to. Commission President Trietsch asked Attorney Nugent if he would accept service of the document on behalf of his client. He stated that he would. Commissioner McQueen moved to add the additional charges presented tonight to the preliminary charges, seconded by Commissioner Walker. Vote: Ayes (5-0) **MOTION CARRIES.**

VIII. Budget/Claims

There were two claims presented for payment: \$333.00 for Attorney Meier's service for the month of April and \$8.64 for postage. Commissioner Brogan made a motion to pay the claims as presented, seconded by Commissioner Walker. Vote: Ayes (5-0) **MOTION CARRIES.**

IX. Comments from Commission Members

Recording Secretary Nix reminded members that a Promotional Testing date of June 7, 2014, had previously been set. President Trietsch asked Chief Laut if there were any openings right now. He stated there were not. Commissioner Stilley moved to reset the Promotional Testing date to October 18, 2014, seconded by Commissioner McQueen. Vote: Ayes (5-0) **MOTION CARRIES.**

X. Comments From the Floor

None.

XI. Adjournment

Commissioner Walker moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McQueen. The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

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Wendy Trietsch, President

Al Stilley
Al Stilley, Secretary