

Greenwood Fire Department Merit Board

Mr. Tapp called the Wednesday, January 7, 2015 Greenwood Fire Department Merit Board meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

Present:

Forrest Sutton, Michael Tapp, Todd Townsend, City Attorney Shawna Koons, and Chief James Sipes.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion was made by Mr. Sutton to approve the Merit Board meeting minutes of May 21, 2014, as published; motion seconded by Mr. Townsend. **Vote: Ayes: Mr. Sutton, Mr. Tapp, Mr Townsend. Motion carried.**

Old Business:

No old business presented at this time.

New Business:

Chief Sipes requested permission to hire firefighters from the ratified list and present conditional offers of employment to the top three candidates on the list. Motion made by Mr. Tapp to hire three firefighters and make conditional offers of employment to the top three individuals on the Career Firefighter hiring list; motion seconded by Mr. Sutton. **Vote: Ayes: Mr. Sutton, Mr. Tapp, Mr. Townsend. Motion carried.**

Chief Sipes asked Ms. Koons to read the resignation of merit rank letter from Christopher Harris into the minutes. Motion made by Mr. Townsend to accept Firefighter Harris' resignation of merit Captain and Lieutenant ranks; seconded by Mr. Tapp. **Vote: Ayes: Mr. Sutton, Mr. Tapp, Mr. Townsend. Motion carried.**

Chief Sipes asked the boards permission to start the process of scheduling a Captain and Lieutenant process. He will present dates and the process components at the February 18, 2015 meeting for their approval. Motion was made by Mr. Tapp to approve Chief Sipes to start the process for a new Captain and Lieutenants process; seconded by Mr. Sutton. **Vote: Ayes: Mr. Sutton, Mr. Tapp, Mr. Townsend. Motion carried.**

Mr. Tapp asked if there was any other business that needed to be brought before the board.


Chief Sipes and Chief Hoggatt gave a brief update on the new ambulance service. Chief Sipes said that AMR is a very impressive organization and have made the transition very smooth. Chief Hoggatt reiterated AMR has made the transition seamless and they are an outstanding company to work with.

Chief Sipes also updated the board on the Greenwood dispatch consolidation with the Johnson County Public Safety Communications.

Firefighter Pitts asked the board their opinion about the merit/acting positions.

Mr. Tapp scheduled the next Merit Board meeting for February 18, 2015 at 4:00 P.M.

Mr. Tapp adjourned the meeting at 4:34 p.m.

Approved by: 
Michael Tapp, Chairman