

CITY OF LAWRENCE
Police Merit Commission
March 9, 2020
Regular Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charles Wheeler, Gail Gartin and Karen Horth Powers were present

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Kathleen Walton

STAFF PRESENT: Deputy Police Chief Woodruff and Officer Anthony Stout were present

Commission President Wheeler called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and announced a quorum was present.

COMMENTS OF COMMISSION MEMBERS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Ms. Powers moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on February 10, 2020. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Gartin and carried 3-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Deputy Police Chief Woodruff requested that the Professional Standard Division Commander be the acting Agent for the Police Merit Commission in accepting completed applications for the 2020 hiring process. Following discussion, Mrs. Gartin moved to approve Captain Schneider to act as the agent for the Police Merit Commission for the 2020 hiring process. The motion was seconded by Ms. Powers and carried 3-0.

Deputy Chief Woodruff recommended Testing for Public Safety Personnel, LLC dba IPSP for contracted services aptitude testing (written exam and oral interview). Ms. Powers moved to approve IPSP for contracted services aptitude testing (written exam and oral interview). The motion was seconded by Mrs. Gartin and carried 3-0.

PERFORMANCE RECOGNITION: Deputy Police Chief Woodruff invited Officer Anthony Stout to join him at the podium. Deputy Police Chief Woodruff informed the Commission of the actions by Officer Anthony Stout and Officer Stuart Bishop on January 12, 2020 just after 7:15 p.m. (Officer Bishop was unable to attend the Commission meeting.) Both officers responded to the strip mall at 8015 Pendleton Pike where 2 individuals had been shot in an apparent robbery attempt at a business there. After stabilizing the scene, both officers applied tourniquet dressings to both gunshot victims, effectively controlling additional blood loss. Their actions likely served as life-saving measures. The tourniquet kits the officers employed are supplied to police departments across central Indiana by the Central Indiana Police Foundation and through the generosity of many donors in the community. The specifics of the actions by Officer Stout and Officer Bishop are contained in the Chief's attached comments. After his comments, Deputy Police Chief Woodruff presented a Police Merit Commission certificate of recognition to Officer Stout and Officer Bishop.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS: Deputy Police Chief Woodruff announced that the next "Community Shred Day" will be held on April 25, 2020 from 10am to 1pm at Belzer Middle School.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None

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ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m., by the unanimous vote of the Commission.

Charles Wheeler, President

Kathleen Walton, City Clerk

These minutes are not intended to be verbatim. They are a summary of discussions held, with the exception of the motions. An audiotape is made which provides a detailed record.