

CITY OF LAWRENCE
Police Merit Commission
June 20, 2023
Public Assembly Room
Special Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charles Wheeler, Gail Gartin, and Bob Hendrickson

MEMBERS PRESENT BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: None

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ronald Christensen, and Karen Horth Powers

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Kathleen Walton

STAFF PRESENT: Deputy Chief of Police Woodruff, and Deputy Chief of Police Cline

STAFF BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: Deputy Chief of Police Schneider

Commission President Wheeler called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and announced a quorum was present.

COMMENTS OF COMMISSION MEMBERS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mrs. Gartin moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on May 8, 2023. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hendrickson and carried 3-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Deputy Chief of Police Schneider requested approval of the 2023 (Session 3) hiring process eligibility list. Mrs. Gartin moved to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hendrickson and carried 3-0.

Deputy Chief of Police Schneider requested approval to provide conditional offers of employment to applicants having the highest score (in order) and is still of “good character”. Mrs. Gartin moved to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hendrickson and carried 3-0.

Deputy Chief of Police Schneider requested approval of those applicants passing an updated background investigation and passing all requirements of the INPRS 1977 Fund, become probationary officers to fill 3 of 6 vacancies within the Department. Mr. Hendrickson moved to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Gartin and carried 3-0.

Mr. Wheeler congratulated Deputy Chief of Police Schneider and Deputy Chief of Police Cline on their promotions.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS: Deputy Chief of Police Woodruff said he is proud of the two new deputy chiefs (Schneider and Cline). They will help move the department forward. Lawrence police officers are committed to safety in Lawrence. The hiring process is going well. He encouraged everyone to visit joinlawrencecpd.com. Interested individuals can learn more about the Lawrence Police Department and the competitive benefits available by going to that website.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 4:39 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, except for the motions. An audiotape is made which provides a detailed record.