

CITY OF LAWRENCE
Police Merit Commission
July 10, 2023
Public Assembly Room
Regular Meeting

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

MEMBERS BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: None

MEMBERS ABSENT: Karen Horth Powers

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Kathleen Walton

STAFF PRESENT: Police Chief Bigsbee, Deputy Chief of Police Woodruff, Officer Heiney and Officer Morgan

STAFF BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: None

Commission President Wheeler called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. and announced a quorum was present.

COMMENTS OF COMMISSION MEMBERS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Christensen moved to approve the minutes of the special meeting on June 20, 2023. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Gartin and carried 4-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

Deputy Chief of Police Woodruff asked for a moment of silence for fallen officers; Marion County Sheriff Officer Deputy John Durm, Tell City Police Sergeant Heather Glenn, and ISP Officer Aaron Smith.

PERFORMANCE RECOGNITION: Deputy Chief of Police Woodruff said on June 2, 2023, Lawrence Police Officers Tyler Morgan and Jason Heiney responded to a residence in Lawrence to a report of a person trapped under a car. Citizen Israel Lara Ponce happened to see what was occurring. He went to the front of the car, where he assisted the officers with lifting the front of the car just enough so that the victim could free himself. Deputy Chief of Police Woodruff presented them with a Police Merit Commission Performance Recognition certificate. Deputy Chief of Police Woodruff's comments that document their outstanding performance of duty are attached to these minutes.

COMMENTS OF THE POLICE CHIEF: None

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m., by the unanimous vote of the Commission.

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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.