



# City of Rolling Meadows

## Board of Fire and Police Commissioners

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#### Minutes of Regular Meeting on March 8, 2021

**Present:** Commissioners Tom Callard, Ted Loesch, and Dave Walter

**Absent:** None.

**Also Present:** John Nowacki, Police Chief; John Sircher, Deputy Police Chief; Jeff Moxley, Fire Chief; Rick Acosta, Deputy Fire Chief; Barry Krumstok, City Manager; Lori Ciezak, Assistant to the City Manager

**Call to Order:** Having established a quorum, Chairman Callard called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Walter made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 8, 2021, seconded by Commissioner Loesch. With no further discussion, a vote was taken. All in favor; motion carried.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Communications:** None.

#### **Unfinished Business**

**Fire:** Approximately 100 candidates have registered to take the entry level firefighter exam. Start times will be staggered to accommodate social distancing. Chief Moxley, Deputy Chief Acosta, and Ms. Norton will be onsite for the entire duration of the test. Commissioner Callard will be

onsite for the beginning of the test, but will leave early, and Commissioner Walter plans to be onsite for the duration of the test. Test results are expected to be received on March 16 or 17, and on March 18, correspondence will be sent to all who took the test indicating whether or not they passed and what the next step will be. Commissioner Callard will coordinate with the Commissioners to determine the number of candidates to interview, and those candidates eligible for an interview will be instructed to contact Ms. Austerlade to schedule. All three commissioners will participate in the interview process along with Battalion Chief Sutter.

**Police:** Chief Nowacki reported that Probationary Officer Dan Hart resigned from the department, and a conditional offer of employment has been extended to the next candidate on the eligibility list to replace him. It has been difficult securing a full-time spot in a Police Academy as each academy is full and has a long wait list; however, he is hopeful that our candidate will be able to start in the academy on a part-time basis until a full-time spot opens.

Sergeant Dan Cook has announced his retirement effective April 6, 2021, which will result in another vacancy in the department. Subsequently, the next two candidates on the entry level police officer list will be contacted to determine their interest in the position.

Commissioner Walter asked Chief Nowacki if is he was concerned about the low staffing in the Department, and he suggested over-staffing the department for when situations such as this occur. Chief Nowacki stated that the decision to over-staff the department would be up to the City Council.

#### **New Business**

**Fire:** None.

**Police:** Chief Nowacki informed the Commissioners that three new officers have successfully completed their probationary period and he recommends placing them into regular full-time status. The Chief is very happy with the quality of the Department's many new hires over the past few years.

Commissioner Loesch made a motion to accept Chief Nowacki's recommendation for the three to be granted permanent status, seconded by Commissioner Walter. With no further discussion, a vote was taken. All in favor and the motion carried.

#### **Items Not on the Agenda**

None.

**Adjournment:** Having no further business to discuss, Commissioner Loesch made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Walter. All in favor; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 a.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be conducted on Monday, April 12, 2021, at 9 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Deb Austerlade.

  
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David Walter, Secretary  
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