



City of Rolling Meadows

Board of Fire and Police Commissioners

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Minutes of Regular Meeting on June 10, 2019

Present: Tom Callard, Dave Walter and Ted Loesch

Absent: None

Also Present: Jeff Moxley, Fire Deputy Chief; John Sircher, Police Commander; Deb Austerlade, Administration Secretary

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

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Loesch made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 20, 2019, seconded by Commissioner Walter. With no further discussion, a vote was taken. All in favor; motion carried.

Review Closed Session Minutes: All Commissioners reviewed the Closed Session Minutes from the following meetings: August 24, 2015; January 11, 2016; and February 8, 2016. Commissioner Walter made a motion to continue to keep all these minutes in closed status, 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: None.

Police: Commander Sircher stated the Department's three new hires are currently in their eight week of training with their Field Training Officers. They will be in training for a total of 13 weeks.

New Business

Fire: With the recent firefighter examination process, a "Paramedic Technology Associate's Degree" was presented by at least two candidates. Subsequently, Commissioner Callard opened a discussion regarding the awarding of preference points for higher education to firefighter candidates and what constitutes a degree "in the field" when it comes to firefighter/paramedic applications. With respect to higher education, preference points are currently awarded to those candidates who provide documentation as follows:

"...Education = up to 5 points maximum—Candidate is entitled to ONE of the following four point allotments. (i.e., if a candidate has a non-fire science related Associate's Degree and a non-fire science related Bachelor's Degree the candidate is eligible for 2 points for the higher degree, and candidate may not request 3 points for the total of both of his/her college degrees in this situation.)

- 1 point = Associate's Degree from an accredited college or university; or
- 2 points = Bachelor's Degree or higher from an accredited college of university; or
- 4 points = Associate's Degree in Fire Science, Fire Services Management, Fire Service Administration, Public Safety, Emergency Management from an accredited college or university; or
- 5 points = Bachelor's Degree or above in Fire Science, Fire Service Management, Fire Service Administration, Public Safety, Emergency Management from an accredited college or university..."

Although the Paramedic Technology associate's degree is not specifically listed, candidates who possess the Paramedic Technology associate's degree received the higher number of points since the degree is considered "in the field" of a firefighter/paramedic. Deputy Chief Moxley stated that the difference between the Paramedic Certificate and the Paramedic Technology Associate's Degree is the general education requirements for the associate's degree. A concern was voiced about candidates possessing degrees not directly related to firefighting or paramedic work claiming their degree indirectly applies to firefighting and/or paramedic work and therefore should qualify for the higher points. Commissioner Callard asked if we should consider including the Paramedic Technology Associate's Degree in our list of degrees that are eligible for higher points and not consider unlisted degrees. This discussion will be continued at the next meeting of the Board of Fire & Police Commissioners.

Police: None.

Items Not on the Agenda: Commissioner Loesch stated he will not be able to attend the July 8 meeting of the Board of Fire & Police Commissioners.

Adjournment: Having no further business to discuss, Commissioner Walter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Loesch. All in favor; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be conducted on Monday, July 8, 2019, at 9 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Deb Austerlade.



David Walter, Secretary
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