



City of Rolling Meadows

Board of Fire and Police Commissioners

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Minutes of Regular Meeting on August 12, 2019

Present: Tom Callard and Ted Loesch

Absent: Dave Walter

Also Present: John Nowacki, Police Chief; Terry Valentino, Fire Chief; Barry Krumstok, City Manager; Deb Austerlade, Administration Secretary

Call to Order: Having established a quorum, Chairman Callard called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Loesch made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 8, 2019, seconded by Chairman Callard. With no further discussion, a vote was taken. All in favor; motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Communications: None.

Unfinished Business

Fire: Higher Education Preference Points Discussion – Continuation from the July meeting.

Last month a discussion began regarding whether to continue the practice of awarding a higher number of points for certain degrees that would be considered "in the field" with regard to a firefighter/paramedic position or to do away with the practice of awarding points for higher education altogether. Chairman Callard reiterated that only points for higher education are being discussed, and the reason it is being discussed is because during the last fire department testing procedure, it was brought to our attention that a paramedic associate's degree is being awarded by some colleges. The Rolling Meadows Board of Fire & Police Commissioners currently award 5 points for those candidates who are in the Northwest Community Hospital system. Should candidates also receive points for possessing an associate's degree in paramedic sciences?

Chief Valentino feels that hiring candidates who possess college degrees in the field of some type of emergency management have an advantage over those candidates who do not have a degree and adjust more quickly to their new position.

Chairman Callard stated that while our rules specify certain degrees as being eligible for the extra points, he does not feel the paramedic associate's degree or the verbiage "college degree in the field" should be added to the list. Instead he suggested simplifying the system by awarding candidates who have an associate's degree in any field 1 point and candidates who have a bachelor's degree in any field 2 points, for example.

Because Commissioner Walter was absent from the meeting, Chairman Callard suggested the discussion be continued when all members are present. All were in agreement.

Police: Chief Nowacki informed the Commissioners that his three new officers will be completing field training in the very near future.

New Business

Fire: None.

Police: Chief Nowacki advised that there are currently two vacancies in the Department, and there are candidates in the background process. A third vacancy is expected in the near future due to an expected retirement.

Chief Nowacki informed the Commissioners that the number of School Resource Officers (SROs) will be increased this school year to 3: 2 will cover Rolling Meadows High School and 1 will cover both junior high schools. Last school year, 1 SRO covered Rolling Meadows High School.

Finally, Chief Nowacki asked if a lateral list is ever created, and Commissioner Loesch informed him that lateral lists were eliminated by the Commission several years ago.

Items Not on the Agenda

Wine Down – Friday, August 16, at Kimball Hill Park from 6 to 11 pm.
Music provided by "7th Heaven".

Dine & Donate at Panera Bread – Wednesday, August 28, from 4 to 8 pm at the Panera Bread located at 1321 Golf Road. Proceeds will benefit the Rolling Meadows Community Events Foundation.

Adjournment: Having no further business to discuss, Chairman Callard made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Loesch. All in favor; motion carried. The meeting was

adjourned at 9:21 a.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be conducted on Monday, September 9, 2019, at 9 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Deb Austerlade.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Walter", written over a horizontal line.

David Walter, Secretary
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