

CITY OF MERRILL
POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION

Thursday, June 2, 2022 · 5:15 p.m.
Basement Conference Room – City Hall · 1004 E. First St., Merrill, WI

Members Present: Nicole Johnson (Secretary), Lisa Gervais, Eric Malm, Jeremy Thompson and Norm Hanson
Members Absent:
Others Present: Mayor Hass, MDP Officer Bacher, Police Chief Bennett and City Administrator Dave Johnson

I. Call to Order:

Mayor Hass called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

II. Commission Organization:

Mayor Hass called for nominations for officers (Chairman and Secretary). Nomination of Norm Hansen as Chairman was made by Nicole Johnson and 2nd made by Lisa Gervais. Hansen accepted nomination and motion was carried with 5/5 vote. Nomination of Nicole Johnson as Secretary was made by Lisa Gervais and 2nd made by Norm Hanson. Johnson accepted the nomination and motion was carried with 5/5 vote. Two new members of the commission have been appointed as well: Jeremy Thompson and Eric Malm.

III. Approval of Prior Minutes:

Minutes dated 12.06.2021 up for approval. Motion made to accept minutes (Hansen/Malm). *Carried*

IV. Public Comment Period:

No public comments.

Chief Bennett gave an update on the vacancies of the dept as well as an upcoming retirement in January. There are currently two patrol vacancies to fill and a possible third spot soon with the pending retirement. Approval in process needed to move forward with applicants that have begun hiring process, testing and interviews have been conducted. 4 applicants being presented for approval by the commission (3 of which have received contingent offers).

V. Closed Session(s): Convened at 5:28 p.m.

Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes Section 19.85(1)(c), moved (Thompson/Gervais) that the Commission go into closed session “to consider employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the Commission has jurisdiction of exercises responsibility. *Carried*.”

VI. Reconvene in Open Session: Reconvened at 6:34 p.m.

The committee may reconvene in open session to recommend applicant approvals. Motion to move to open session (Thompson/Johnson). *Carried*.

Motion made to approve the four applicants in the hiring process brought forth by Chief Bennett for consideration, pending their qualifications and testing requirements met (Thompson/Malm): Carried by vote 5/5, *motion carried*.

VII. Adjournment:

Moved to adjourn at 6:57 p.m. (Malm/Thompson). *Carried*.

Respectfully submitted,
Nicole Johnson, Secretary