

**CITY OF MERRILL
POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2025 MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS 6:00 PM**

- I. **Call to Order** Chair Hanson called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm with the following present:
Present: Hanson, Johnson, Thompson, Malm, Bares
Present Not Voting: Police Chief Bennett, Fire Chief Klug, City Administrator Akey

- II. **Consider approving minutes from the previous meeting**
 1. **Minutes from the October 7, 2024 meeting.** - Thompson motioned to approve. Malm seconded and the motion passed.

- III. **Closed Session**
 1. **The Commission may convene in closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes Chapter 19.85(1)(c), to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility; to discuss the promotion of Police Captain, the assignment of Detective Lieutenant, and the promotion of a Patrol Lieutenant.** - Chief Bennett updated the commission on the department's promotion/hiring needs and gave background information on applicants.

 2. **The Commission may convene in closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes Chapter 19.85(1)(c), to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility; to conduct Fire Fighter/EMT candidate interviews and approval of an eligibility list.** - Chief Klug updated the commission on the department's promotion/hiring needs and gave background information on applicants.

- IV. **Reconvene in Open Session**
 1. **The Commission may reconvene in open session for possible action related to the closed session items.** - Bares motioned to reconvene in open session. Thompson seconded, the motion passed, and the meeting was reconvened in open session at 7:42 pm.
Thompson motioned to approve the promotion brought forward by Chief Bennett for consideration: Det. Lt. Seubert to Police Captain. Johnson seconded, and the motion passed.
Thompson motioned to approve the promotion brought forward by Chief Bennett for consideration: Lt. Tesch to the Detective Bureau. Malm seconded and the motion passed.

Malm motioned to approve the two Fire Department candidates, Humphrey and Leder, to be added to the 1-year eligibility list for the hiring process. Thompson seconded and the motion passed.

- V. Adjournment** Hanson motioned to adjourn. Bares seconded and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Minutes submitted by Nicole Johnson and published by City Clerk Anderson-Malm
All minutes are in draft form until approved at the next scheduled meeting.