

MINUTES

OF

The Monona Police and Fire Commission

April 20, 2020

Meeting held by Zoom

PRESENT: Commissioners Steve Brezinski, Ann Tieman, Tom Stolper, and Joe Fontaine. In addition, Leah Kimmel was present to host the Zoom meetings.

NOT PRESENT: Commissioner Simmons

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Brezinski at 10:02am. The results of the roll call are as above.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve minutes (both open and closed session) of April 14, 2020 meeting made by Brezinski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tieman, approved by unanimous vote.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Brezinski informed the Commission of a request by City Administrator Gadow to allow Leah Kimmel to sit in on the interviews. Brezinski inquired as to the reason for the request. Kimmel replied in order to better get a feeling for the candidate(s) in order to assist in putting together the offer. Brezinski said that the Commission normally conducts the interviews without outside parties present, but if there were specific things the PFC should mention or be aware of relative to the candidates, the PFC would be receptive to hearing those items. Kimmel asked that the PFC mention the residency requirement and report back if there were any specific things that the PFC thought City administration should be aware of. PFC agreed and Kimmel agreed to step out once interviews commenced.

Miscellaneous Business: Brezinski informed the Commission of the ordinance which requires the PFC to hold an annual meeting in May of each year for the purpose of electing PFC officers and receiving reports from the Chiefs. Brezinski suggested that given that we'll not have a report from the Fire Chief, and further, with current events that perhaps it made sense to hear from the Chiefs later this summer and hold the elections presently. The Commission agreed. With that Brezinski moved to elect Stolper as secretary, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fontaine, motion passed unanimously. Stolper moved to elect Brezinski as President, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fontaine, motion passes unanimously.

Closed Session: Motion by Brezinski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stolper to go into closed session for the purpose of re-interviewing two candidates for the Position of Fire Chief and subsequent deliberations thereon. The motion was passed upon the unanimous roll call vote of the 4 present Commissioners.

Reconvene in open session: Brezinski moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tieman to reconvene in open session. Motion passed unanimously.

Stolper moved, Fontaine 2<sup>nd</sup> to offer the position of Fire Chief to Suzanne Neuman pending a successful negotiation with City Administration over contract terms. In the event that negotiation is unsuccessful the position will be offered to Anthony Rauterberg. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment: Brezinski moved 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tieman to adjourn (11:41AM) Motion passed unanimously.