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OF

The Monona Police and Fire Commission

October 5, 2020

Meeting held by Zoom

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

NOT PRESENT: None

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Brezinski at 6:32 pm. The results of the roll call are as above.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve minutes of August 11, 2020 meeting made by Simmons, 2nd by Brezinski, approved by unanimous vote.

Appearances: None

Unfinished Business: Brezinski reported on his discussion with the Mayor. She requested some public participation, and was forthcoming with money for the Commission to hire a consulting/recruiting firm. Fontaine reported Ald. Thomas (Chair of Public Safety) agreed with public participation, and suggested that the Council should not be involved because of purposeful separation under State law. It was agreed that various investigations and potential policy changes should not affect the process. A template for an RFP to recruit and hire a consulting/recruiting firm was provided to the Commission. Commissioners having comments or changes to the RFP template should communicate with Administrator Gadow by close of business on Wednesday October 7.

Closed Session: Motion by Brezinski 2nd by Fontaine to go into closed session under 19.85(1)(c) in order to speak with Lt. Sara Deuman regarding the upcoming vacancy in the Police Chief position. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted in favor.

Reconvene in open session: Motion by Brezinski, 2nd by Simmons to return to open session, passed unanimously.

New Business: The Commission held a discussion relative to the process of consultant evaluation and selection. It was suggested that the Chairman may want to select 1 or 2 Commissioners for this task to

recommend to the whole Commission. Post selection the Commission would meet with the firm selected by the Commission to lay out a process moving forward.

Miscellaneous Business: None

In open session Tieman moved, Stolper 2nd to appoint Sara Deuman to the position of interim Police Chief effective December 1, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment: Simmons moved 2nd by Brezinski to adjourn (7:12PM) Motion passed unanimously.