

**MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, March 9, 2021  
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT ZION CITY HALL  
ZION, ILLINOIS**

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Commissioner Idleburg called the meeting to order at 5:41 pm.

On call of the roll the following answered present: Commission Idleburg and Commissioner Long, also in attendance was Chief Stried, Chief Henderson, and Attorney Dorando.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Commissioner Idleburg and second by Commissioner Lewis to approve the minutes for the regular board meeting Tuesday, January 12, 2021 and February 19, 2021. Special meeting that was held January 28, 2021.

Chief Stried would like to have a time line to move forward with the lateral entry. Our eligibility list is down to the last four names on the list, nearly exhausted. We have also had limited responses to POP positions. Chief Stried stressed the importance of properly staffing the department. Currently we have one POP who is very interested a lateral position, he has the experience from working full time with North Chicago Fire Department, that lateral appointment provides a great opportunity for us. A motion was made by Commissioner Idleburg and second by Commissioner Long to approve hiring one lateral position for the fire department. Motion carried.

Chief Barden shared the opportunity to reallocate manpower in the leadership ranks by adding one Lieutenant. Currently a sergeant has been assigned to support exterior teams, unnamed sergeant would be promoted to Lieutenant. Chief additionally shared that the adjustment of personnel would not affect financial cost, further stating that the Sergeant Headcount would not have to increase; the department would operate well with the reduction by one; (9 currently down to 8). A motion was made by Commissioner Long and second by Commissioner Long to release the next name on the Lieutenant list based on the reallocating of manpower. Motion carried.

We have received a quote from ISO for the firefighter entry examination. The information will be reviewed and shared with the board at the next meeting

The BC/Lieut promotional exercises are progressing well and as listed on the timeline. Sign-up sheets have been posted at each Fire Station.

Meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

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Karin L. Graves, Recording Secretary