

CITY OF ZION
BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES
FROM MEETING HELD ON MARCH 8, 2022

Opening Protocol

- Call to Order:
Chairman Lewis call the meeting to order at 5:30pm.
- Attendance:
Present in-person were: Chairman Lewis, Commissioner Idleburg, Commissioner Long, Chief Barden, Chief Stried, Commissioner Frierson, Recording Secretary, Darlene Pickett. Via telephone were: Attorney, Jimmy Vasselli.
Absent: No one.

Citizens Comments

- There were no citizens present for comments.

Approval of minutes from previous meeting

- Meeting minutes held on February 8, 2022 were approved.

Commissioner Idleburg motioned to approve the minutes and seconded by Commissioner Long.

Vote: Commissioner Idleburg aye; Commissioner Long aye and Chairman Lewis yes.

Police

- Police Chief Eric Barden requested to add the following paragraph to applicants denial letter who did not pass the background investigations:
~~“We understand that it is disappointing to hear this news and it is common to want to know why you did not move forward.~~ It is the City’s practice not to release specific information or details disclosed during the applicant process. This is to protect the present and future value of information obtained during the selection process.”
Attorney Jimmy Vasselli recommended the first sentence should be removed. A motion was called to accept this paragraph as follows:

Commissioner Long motioned to accept this paragraph to be use with the removal of the first sentence; seconded by Commissioner Idleburg.

Vote: Commissioner Idleburg aye; Commissioner Long aye; and Chairman Lewis yes.

- Chief Barden request to launch a new testing and hiring process due to he his near the end of the current list with only two candidates remaining.
- Commissioner Long motioned to accept this paragraph to be use with the removal of the first sentence; seconded by Commissioner Idleburg.
- Vote: Commissioner Idleburg aye; Commissioner Long aye; and Chairman Lewis yes.

Commissioner Long motioned to begin a new testing and hiring for the police department; seconded by Commissioner Idleburg.

Vote: Commissioner Idleburg aye; Commissioner Long aye; and Chairman Lewis yes.

Fire

Chief Stried provided an update to the Firefighter hiring list. Chief Stried stated that during next months meeting (April 12, 2022) he will be requesting to test and hire since he is going back through the list to make second offers.

No vote taken.

Adjourn

This meeting was adjourned at 5:43pm, motioned by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Idleburg.

Vote: Chairman Lewis aye; Commissioner Long and Commissioner Idleburg aye.

Meeting minutes prepared by: Recording Secretary Darlene Pickett