

MINUTES

WILLMAR POLICE COMMISSION

Tuesday, October 11, 2016

A meeting of the Willmar Police Civil Service Commission was held on Tuesday, October 11, 2016. Members present were: President Kathy Schwantes, Vice President Dennis Anfinson, and Secretary Cassie Akerson. Police Chief Jim Felt and Administrative Assistant Sue Edwards were also present.

The meeting was called to order by President Schwantes at 4:35 p.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anfinson, seconded by Commissioner Akerson, to approve the August 19, 2016 minutes as submitted. **Motion carried.**

Chief Felt presented the Commission with the background investigations completed on four of the top five candidates on the police officer eligibility register. Chief Felt explained that we would be hiring two candidates at this time, as he had gotten approval to replace Detective Dustin Van der Hagen and Officer Lukas Eitreim.

After reviewing the backgrounds and discussion, Commissioner Akerson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Anfinson, to certify the names of Melissa Miller, Anthony Haycraft, Jeremy Vearrier and Madeline Graupmann to the appointing authority, with the recommendation to offer the police officer positions to Melissa Miller and Anthony Haycraft, upon successful completion of psychological and physical testing. **Motion carried.**

~~KLH) HOW SOL HGWDWMH O DRUN E GJM~~ Currently would allow the Police Department to add one additional officer in January, and possibly another one in July of 2017. With that in mind, Commissioner Anfinson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Akerson, to continue with the backgrounds of the top candidates on the eligibility register. **Motion carried.**

Miscellaneous

Chief Felt updated the Commission on the following:

- Canine Axel is in a contest where the Aftermath K9 Grant will donate \$5,000 towards the canine program for the department receiving the most votes online. Anyone over the age of 8 can vote, and you can vote every day until October 31, 2016. The link is on the WPD Facebook page. The funds would be dedicated to safety equipment for the K9 vehicle.
- The Handle Bar in Atwater held a fundraiser during the week of September 11th where they solicited donations based on sandwiches sold and divided the proceeds between the Atwater Police Department, the Kandiyohi County

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- After the Honor the Badge event at Robbins Island, Faith at Work donated money to the Minnesota Law Enforcement Memorial Association (LEMA), which is used for survivor families.
- Some of the Police license plates had the license plates, which were paid for by a private donation. The plates for the month of October feature breast cancer awareness. These will be auctioned off to the highest bidder at the end of the month and the money raised will go to the Willmar Regional Cancer Center. Occasionally, throughout the year, this may continue with other themes for charitable events.
- With Detective Dustin VanderHagen taking a job with the Minnesota BCA, the department has been operating with three detectives. Letters of interest are being accepted to fill a 5-year rotation position in the detective unit.
- The Chief and Captain will be meeting with all of the teams in the department to find out how they think the department is running and to get ideas for the strategic planning meeting which will be held on November 7th, with all supervisors, to plan areas of focus for the coming year.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Anfinson, seconded by Commissioner Akerson. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Secretary Cassie Akerson
by Sue Edwards