

MINUTES

WILLMAR POLICE COMMISSION

Monday, February 4, 2013

The annual mandatory meeting of the Willmar Police Civil Service Commission was held on Monday, February 4, 2013, at 3:45 p.m., at the Willmar Law Enforcement Center.

Members present were: Vice President Lowell Fostervold, Secretary Dennis Anfinson, and Commissioner Cassie Akerson. Police Chief David Wyffels was also present.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Fostervold.

A motion was made by Commissioner Akerson, seconded by Commissioner Anfinson, to approve the January 9, 2013 minutes as submitted. **Motion carried.**

Election of officers was held. Lourdez Schwab had resigned from her position in September, 2012, with Mayor Frank Yanish appointing Cassie Akerson to the then open Police Commissioner position. Discussion was held about the normal rotation of officers and the current positions held by Commissioner Fostervold and Commissioner Anfinson.

For the position of President, Commissioner Anfinson made a motion to nominate Commissioner Lowell Fostervold, which was seconded by Commissioner Akerson. **Motion carried.** The vote carried unanimously.

For the position of Vice-President, Commissioner Fostervold made a motion to nominate Commissioner Dennis Anfinson, which was seconded by Commissioner Akerson. **Motion carried.** The vote carried unanimously.

For the position of Secretary, Commissioner Fostervold made a motion to nominate Commissioner Cassie Akerson, which was seconded by Commissioner Anfinson. **Motion carried.** The vote carried unanimously.

The Commissioners held a discussion on the review of the current Police Civil Service Rules and Regulations. After discussion, it was agreed upon that no changes should be made at this time.

Chief Wyffels provided input as to a recent request made by Officer Neubauer that was affected by the current Rules and Regulations. The affected rule related to the officer's request to live beyond the imposed thirty-minute response time currently required by all officers. The Commission was in full agreement that the thirty-minute regulation was necessary considering the nature of the employee's job, which is responding to emergency situations, and did not believe the regulation should be changed.

Miscellaneous

Chief Wyffels announced that Officer Benjamin Hanneman started his first day on the job today. General discussion was held regarding the number of officers currently within the Department.

Chief Wyffels noted that with the addition of Officer Hanneman the Willmar Police Department now had 32 sworn officers. Chief Wyffels also advised the Commission that Officer Dorn was currently on a leave of absence for approximately four months.

Chief Wyffels advised the Commission of the offer made by Duininck's Corporation to support the canine program. Discussion was held on the value of the canine program, community interest, etc. Commission members were given full information on the program, including the history of the canine unit within the Willmar Police Department.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Anfinson, seconded by Commissioner Akerson. Meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.

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