

# Whitewater Police & Fire Commission

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The Whitewater Police & Fire Commission, at their July 28, 2015 meeting, found that the claims of inappropriate behavior by Chief Lisa Otterbacher brought to the City Council by a petition to be unfounded. The petition alleged that the Chief abused her position and her family members weren't held accountable for criminal behavior.

Attorney Mr. Steven R. Wassel completed the investigation of the allegations on behalf of the City per the Department Complaint Policy. He reviewed the submitted petition, related incident reports that existed, and interviewed individuals. Mr. Wassel's report reflects that he attempted to follow-up with the petition submitter, Mr. Kraayvenger, but Mr. Kraayvenger indicated he did not wish to meet with him to discuss the matter.

After reviewing Mr. Wassel's investigative report, the PFC found, based on the record it had before it, no basis supporting the allegations made in the petition.

The PFC feels it is a critical part of its role to support and ensure members of the Whitewater Police Department are effectively and professionally performing their duties within the framework of state statutes and the constitution. We appreciate Mr. Wassel's time and the cooperation of all those involved.

### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

Whitewater Police Department Website:  
<http://www.whitewater-wi.gov/department/police>

Whitewater Police Commission Website:  
<http://www.whitewater-wi.gov/government/agendas-minutes/police-fire-commission>

City of Whitewater Website:  
<http://www.whitewater-wi.gov/>