



Police and Fire Commission Meeting Minutes – April 26, 2016

ABSTRACT/SYNOPSIS OF THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF THE OFFICIAL ACTIONS OF THE POLICE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WHITEWATER, WALWORTH AND JEFFERSON COUNTIES, WISCONSIN

Video and audio of this meeting can be viewed on the City of Whitewater web site at <http://www.whitewater-wi.gov/multimedia/police-fire-commission>

- I. Call to Order, Roll Call – Bilgen called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and Boyd conducted the roll call.

Members present: Jan Bilgen, Stephanie Goettl, Dennis Knopp, Dr. Glenn Hayes, Dave Haberman
Members absent: None
Also present: Chief Lisa Otterbacher, Captain Dan Meyer, and Support Services Manager Kathy Boyd
- II. Swearing-in of Common Council Representative Goettl – Boyd sworn-in Stephanie Goettl as a Police & Fire Commissioner
- III. Citizen Comments - *No formal Police and Fire Commission action will be taken during this meeting although issues raised may become part of a future agenda. Participants are allotted a three to five minute speaking period. Specific items listed on the agenda may not be discussed at this time; however citizens may speak to those issues at the time the Police and Fire Commission discusses those particular items.* – Bilgen read the disclaimer and there were no citizen comments.
- IV. New Business
 - A. Adjournment to Closed Session, to Reconvene per Wisconsin State Statute §19.85(1) (c) *“Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.” and §19.85(1)(f) “Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations.”* –
 1. Item To Be Discussed Discussion about resignation of Officer Winger

Bilgen made a motion to adjourn to closed session with a second from Dr. Hayes.

AYES: Bilgen, Goettl, Knopp, Haberman, Hayes
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

The Police and Fire Commission adjourned to closed session at 7:04 pm.
 - B. Reconvene into Open Session at Approximately 7:20 pm. – The Police and Fire Commission reconvened into open session at 8:35 pm.

- C. Consideration and discussion of recent communications, that were received by City of Whitewater officials and commission members, which were critical of the Chief of Police and the management and operation of the City of Whitewater Police Department. – Bilgen asked if there was any discussion or motion on the issue and there was no discussion or action by the Commission.
- D. Consideration and possible action on requesting City Council approval and funding for hiring a third party to investigate the criticisms and issue a report. - Bilgen asked if there was any discussion and there was no discussion or action by the Commission.
- V. Future Meeting Date – The Police and Fire Commission set the next meeting for June 9th.
- VI. Future Agenda Items – Bilgen suggested the Commissioners review the work done by the UW-Whitewater move-in/special event Ad Hoc Committee findings (Bilgen and Goettl are on the committee). Dr. Hayes asked if they would receive the information before the meeting. Bilgen stated the findings would be presented at the council meeting on the 7th. Bilgen asked that if other Police and Fire Commissioners attend to let her know so it can be posted if three or more commissioners attend the meeting.

Bilgen stated that there was one more thing that wasn't on the agenda that she would like to bring up – she wanted to thank Dave Haberman for his service on the Police and Fire Commission.

Members of the audience requested to speak. The commissioners agreed the individuals could speak, but the topic would have to be germane to the items listed on the agenda. Whitewater resident Cory Neumann asked that for safety reasons he not have to disclose his address. Neumann read a letter, which the commissioners had received previously, pertaining to his concerns with Officer Winger's resignation and the culture of the Whitewater Police Department.

Officer Winger's husband asked if he could speak. Bilgen stated that she wasn't sure and that typically the comments portion is for Whitewater citizens. Goettl stated that she thought City Attorney Wally McDonell would be attending the meeting and she questioned which agenda item they would be discussing at that point. Bilgen stated that Mr. Neumann's letter was germane to the agenda items. Bilgen state that she was going to error on the side of conservatism and she would give her direct information or have a discussion with Mr. Winger after the meeting and place any issues on future agendas.

Bilgen suggested that the Commission revisit agenda item D. Mr. Neumann asked that requesting funding be considered. Goettl suggested that Mr. Neumann contact the Common Council members concerning his issues. Mr. Neumann stated that he sent his letter to all Common Council members too.
- VII. Adjournment – On a motion from Dr. Hayes and a second from Knopp, the Police and Fire Commission unanimously voted to adjourn.

AYES: Bilgen, Goettl, Knopp, Hayes Haberman

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

The Commissioners adjourned at 8:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathy Boyd".

Kathy Boyd

Support Services Manager

**City of Whitewater Police and Fire Commission
Closed Session Meeting
Tuesday, April 26, 2016**

Closed session began at 7:05 pm

Chief Otterbacher share that the information being shared is confidential and that the provided materials cannot be removed from this meeting and will be collected after the PFC reviews and questions each of them.

She covered that some of the materials will only be subject to Open Records request as a judge determines they should be released.

She provided information and overview of the Brady law and request from Jefferson County DA and Departmental related policy put in place in 2014.

Ten documents were shared with the Commission.

Discussion and questions by Commission

(Hayes, Goettl) Move to return to open session (unanimous)

8:20 pm return to open session

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Bilgen-Craggs