



Police and Fire Commission Meeting Minutes
May 5, 2022

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/AgendaCenter>

- I. Call to Order, Roll Call – Commission President Glenn Hayes called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
Members present: Dr. Glenn Hayes, Jerry Grant, Beverly Stone, Mwita Binagi, Marissa Aranda
Members absent: None
Also present: Deputy Chief Daniel Meyer, Captain Adam Vander Steeg and Records Specialist Cathleen Swartz
- II. Approval of Minutes from November 10, 2021 - On a motion by Grant with a second by Binagi the minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.
AYES: Hayes, Grant, Stone, Binagi, Aranda
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
- III. Citizen Comments - Hayes read the following disclaimer: *“No formal Police 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 Commission discusses that particular item.”*
 - Ryan Oezer, a resident and business owner in Whitewater, spoke to the commission about his recent contacts with the City of Whitewater’s third-party vendor that is being used to complete fire inspections. Oezer states that this individual during his first visit came into his business through an unauthorized door and did not let anyone know that he was there. Then during his second visit no one was at the business and he came into the business. Oezer has corrected the issue by securing the unsecure door. Oezer finds it to be extremely troubling and very unprofessional that he had to go digging for the fire inspection that the fire inspector just randomly lays on a piece of equipment that is covered up by other items. Oezer brought this issue to Neighborhood Services and City Manager Clapper last week and has not heard a response. Oezer understands no action can be taken on this tonight but wanted the commission to know that this is happening. Oezer finds many things wrong with this, one being liability for the city and it creates an adversarial relationship with the city and businesses. Oezer believe the fire inspector represents the City and needs to conduct himself in a professional manner.
- 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.”*
 1. Item To Be Discussed: Interview of Patrol Officer Candidates
On a motion from Grant with a second from Binagi the Commissioners adjourned to closed session at 6:36 pm.

AYES: Hayes, Grant, Stone, Binagi, Aranda

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

2. Reconvene into Open Session at Approximately 7:15 pm

Hayes reconvened into open session at 7:25 pm

3. Announcement of Recommendation to Chief of Police Concerning Hiring Process

On a motion from Binagi with a second from Grant the Commissioners recommend to Acting Chief Meyer and endorse the hiring of Paul Bradley and Andrew Wipperman as officers for the City of Whitewater Police Department.

AYES: Hayes, Grant, Stone, Binagi, Aranda

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

- V. Future Commission Meeting Dates – The Police & Fire Commission decided to not to set a certain date for the future meeting and wait for future agenda items to be brought before setting a date.

- VI. Future Agenda Items

None

- VII. Adjournment - On a motion by Grant with a second by Stone the Commissioners unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting.

AYES: Hayes, Grant, Stone, Binagi, Aranda

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

The Commissioners adjourned at 7:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathleen Swartz
Records Specialist