

**MEETING POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION
BERLIN, WISCONSIN
BERLIN CITY HALL – 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
JULY 16, 2019 – 6:00 PM**

President Lindahl called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Present: Commissioners Eckstein, Jenkinson, Marks, and Guden (5). Absent (0). Also present were Chief Plantz, Liaison Alderman Lehr, City Administrator Jodie Olson, City Attorney Matt Chier, WSSO Curt Olson, and GLSO Mark Putzke.

Hiring update: Chief Plantz stated Bennett has been given a conditional offer of employment and had his appointment for psych eval today with physical agility testing and other testing to be in next several weeks. Officer Mayer has turned in his letter of resignation and his last day will be July 28th.

Fleet Vehicle: Chief Plantz stated the department had taken over ownership of the BMW vehicle and with the Suburban showing age discussion is needed for discussing options regarding trade in and/or upgrade or keep. Proceeds from a drug seizure was used for the purchase of the Suburban so if sold all proceeds would go to the schools. No motion made.

Motion by Marks to convene into closed session Pursuant to Wis. Stat §19.85(1)(c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, and pursuant to Wis. Stat §19.85(1)(e) to deliberate or negotiate the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session (Interim Chief of Police Hiring). Motion seconded by Eckstein. A roll call vote resulted in five (5) ayes, zero (0) nays and zero (0) absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Guden to seat Ald. Lehr, Jodie Olson, Matt Chier, and representatives from Waushara County (Chief Deputy Curt Olson) and Green Lake County (Chief Deputy Mark Putzke). Marks seconded the motion, carried by voice vote.

Discussion continued in closed session.

Marks moved to convene into open session, second by Jenkinson which carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Marks and second by Eckstein to authorize the hiring of Mark Putzke and Curt Olson as Interim Chief of Police and Interim Deputy Chief of Police, respectively, and authorize the Police and Fire Commission President the authority to execute an employment contract for each of said persons to commence upon the retirement of the existing Chief of Police and continuing through October 2, 2019, or the hiring of a longer term Interim Chief of Police or a permanent Chief of Police, whichever comes earlier. Such contracts shall otherwise be on the terms discussed during closed session, and shall be subject to the approval of the City Attorney. The formal job description of the Interim Deputy Chief of Police shall be developed by the Interim Chief of Police, and brought back to the Commission for final approval at the next regular meeting. Until such approval, the Deputy Chief of Police shall be second in command in the department, having command of the department in the absence of the Interim Chief of Police and shall otherwise serve at the discretion of the Interim Chief of Police. Also the job description of the Administrative Sergeant shall be amended to reflect the superiority of both the

Interim Chief of Police and the Interim Deputy Chief of Police, with the administrative sergeant only having command of the department in the absence of both the Interim Chief of Police and the Interim Deputy Chief of Police. A roll call vote carried unanimously.

Atty Chier will draw up the contracts for both positions and Putzke and Olson will use their own equipment. President Lindahl will go to the Common Council to introduce both Mark Putzke and Curt Olson.

Marks made a motion seconded by Jenkinson to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

*Submitted by Vicki Murphy
Administrative Assistant*

Next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, August 7 at 6:30 pm at the Berlin City Hall