



Police and Fire Commission Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2023

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 7:00 pm.
Members present: Dr. Glenn Hayes, Jerry Grant, Beverly Stone, Mwitwa Binagi
Members absent: Marissa Aranda
Also present: Captain Adam Vander Steeg, Assistant Fire Chief Ryan Dion and Support Services Manager Sabrina Ojibway
- II. Approval of Minutes from February 8, 2023 - On a motion by Grant with a second by Binagi the minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.
AYES: Hayes, Grant, Stone, Binagi
NOES: None
ABSENT: Aranda
- 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.”*
 - 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.”*
 1. Item to be discussed: Interview of Patrol Officer Candidates
 2. Item to be discussed: Interview of EMS Chief Candidate
 3. Item to be discussed: Presentation of EMT/Firefighter Candidates for CertificationOn a motion from Grant with a second from Stone the Commissioners adjourned to closed session at 7:02 pm.
AYES: Hayes, Grant, Stone, Binagi
NOES: None
ABSENT: Aranda
 - B. Reconvene into Open Session
On a motion from Stone with a second from Grant the Commissioners reconvened to open session at 7:58 pm.
AYES: Hayes, Grant, Stone, Binagi
NOES: None
ABSENT: Aranda

1. Announcement of Recommendation Concerning Whitewater Police Department Hiring Process

On a motion from Grant with a second from Binagi the Commissioners moved to recommend and endorse the hiring of Ryan Aldrich and James Garcia as officers for the City of Whitewater Police Department.

AYES: Hayes, Grant, Stone, Binagi

NOES: None

ABSENT: Aranda

2. Announcement of Recommendation Concerning Whitewater Fire Department Promotional Process

On a motion from Grant with a second from Stone the Commissioners moved to appoint Jason B. Dean to the position of EMS Chief of Whitewater Fire and EMS, effective March 8th, 2023. This Promotion is subject to the successful completion of a 12-month probationary period.

AYES: Hayes, Grant, Stone, Binagi

NOES: None

ABSENT: Aranda

3. Announcement of Recommendation Concerning Whitewater Fire Department Hiring Process

On a motion from Grant with a second from Stone the Commissioners moved to certify the appointment of Tanner L. Stark to the position of Firefighter/Paramedic, effective February 27th, 2023. This appointment is subject to the successful completion of a 12-month probationary period.

AYES: Hayes, Grant, Stone, Binagi

NOES: None

ABSENT: Aranda

On a motion from Grant with a second from Stone the Commissioners moved to certify the appointment of Carl A. Strait to the position of Firefighter/AEMT, effective February 27th, 2023. This appointment is subject to the successful completion of a 12-month probationary period.

AYES: Hayes, Grant, Stone, Binagi

NOES: None

ABSENT: Aranda

On a motion from Grant with a second from Stone the Commissioners moved to certify the appointment of Crystal K. Griffin to the position of Firefighter/Paramedic, effective February 28th, 2023. This appointment is subject to the successful completion of a 12-month probationary period.

AYES: Hayes, Grant, Stone, Binagi

NOES: None

ABSENT: Aranda

On a motion from Grant with a second from Stone the Commissioners moved to certify the appointment of Alexander M. Rohde to the position of Firefighter/EMT, effective February 28th, 2023. This appointment is subject to the successful completion of a 12-month probationary period.

AYES: Hayes, Grant, Stone, Binagi

NOES: None

ABSENT: Aranda

On a motion from Grant with a second from Stone the Commissioners moved to certify the appointment of Amanda M. Kraayvanger to the position of Firefighter/AEMT, effective February 28th, 2023. This appointment is subject to the successful completion of a 12-month probationary period.

AYES: Hayes, Grant, Stone, Binagi

NOES: None

ABSENT: Aranda

On a motion from Grant with a second from Stone the Commissioners moved to certify the appointment of Benjamin Z. Kastern to the position of Firefighter/Paramedic, effective March 2nd, 2023. This appointment is subject to the successful completion of a 12-month probationary period.

AYES: Hayes, Grant, Stone, Binagi

NOES: None

ABSENT: Aranda

On a motion from Grant with a second from Stone the Commissioners moved to certify the appointment of Alana L. Kolesar to the position of Firefighter/EMT, effective March 2nd, 2023. This appointment is subject to the successful completion of a 12-month probationary period.

AYES: Hayes, Grant, Stone, Binagi

NOES: None

ABSENT: Aranda

On a motion from Grant with a second from Stone the Commissioners moved to certify the appointment of Sylvia K. Netemeyer to the position of Firefighter/EMT, effective March 2nd, 2023. This appointment is subject to the successful completion of a 12-month probationary period.

AYES: Hayes, Grant, Stone, Binagi

NOES: None

ABSENT: Aranda

- V. Future Commission Meeting Dates – The Police & Fire Commission tentatively set Wednesday, May 17th, 2023 as the next regular session meeting date.
- VI. Future Agenda Items
Subcommittee continued review of Police & Fire Commission interview questions.
- VII. Adjournment - On a motion by Grant with a second by Binagi the Commissioners unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting.

AYES: Hayes, Grant, Stone, Binagi

NOES: None

ABSENT: Aranda

The Commissioners adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sabrina Ojibway
Support Services Manager