

**SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, April 29, 2021  
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT ZION CITY HALL  
ZION, ILLINOIS**

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Commissioner Lewis called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm.

On call of the roll the following answered present: Commissioner Lewis and Commissioner Long, and Attorney Douglas Dorando.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Commissioner Long and second by Commissioner Lewis to approve the Final Eligibility List for the Fire Department Battalion Chief and Lieutenant. Motion carried.

Chief Barden made an announcement that he would like to have the BOFPC consider the organization change (adding a sergeant) with supporting information that the new Safety Act will require a dedicated training officer, approx. 79 mandates that must be followed, and the training officer must have the rank of Sergeant and/or above. To not have additional budgeting cost and reduce overtime cost at the sergeant ranks this increase with another sergeant would be beneficial. Additionally the shift fills for sergeant is approx. 34 shifts until the end of the year (roughly 21K in cost); alternatively the promotion of a sergeant is approx. \$6900.00. The total number of employees in the department will remain the same -45. With the promotion (additional sergeant) we will have staffing of 8 per shift, and still have 8 detectives in the unit. Chief Barden also requests the name of the next person the Sergeant Eligibility list. The BOFPC will ratify this decision at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:44

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Karin L Graves, Recording Secretary