

CITY OF ZION  
BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING MINUTES  
FROM MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 16, 2021

**Opening Protocol**

- Call to Order:  
Chairman Lewis call the meeting to order at 5:35pm.
  
- Attendance:  
Present in-person were: Commissioner Long, Chief Stried, Recording Secretary Darlene Pickett. Via telephone were: Chairman Lewis, Jimmy Vasselli and Chief Barden.

**Citizens Comments**

- There were no citizens present for comments.

**Approval of minutes from previous meeting**

- Meeting minutes held on November 23, 2021 were approved.

Commissioner Long motioned to approve the minutes and seconded by Chairman Lewis.

Vote: Commissioner Long aye; and Chairman Lewis yes.

**Police**

- Police Chief Eric Barden requested to extend conditional offer of employment to Vianca Castro who is the number one candidate on the list. Police Chief Barden also stated that the academy deadline to submit candidates is December 20, 2021.
- Police Chief Eric Barden second request is when they get to a candidate who passed the background, he would like to extend a conditional offer of employment contingent passing the medical and psychological examinations. Police Chief Barden stated by doing this he will provide the academy the necessary paperwork that the academy requested in their timeline.

Chairman Lewis stated that we need to vote on two things. Police Chief Eric Barden stated three once we get to the promotions.

Commissioner Long motioned Police Chief Eric Barden's first request to extend a conditional offer and seconded by Chairman Lewis.

Vote: Commissioner Long aye; and Chairman Lewis yes.

- Chairman Lewis asked for the next agenda item and Police Chief Eric Barden request to release the next eligible candidate from the Sergeant's promotional list. Police Chief Eric Barden states he is happy to announce a couple of retirements one of which Sgt Grinhaug completed 20 years of service and we are going to need to fill his shoes.

Commissioner Long motioned to release the next name from the Sergeant's list and seconded by Chairman Lewis.

Vote: Commissioner Long aye; and Chairman Lewis yes.

### **Fire**

- Fire Chief Justin Stried request to extend conditional offers of employment. Chief Justin Stried states, by way of clarification, The City Council approved three full time hires at the last council meeting and Chief Justin Stried checked with Attorney Julie Diemer to make sure the timeline and order was correct and she confirmed that Fire Chief Justin Stried can extend conditional job offers to next qualified on list and then come to this board to officially approve which we did. We have three candidates which accepted conditional offers and they know they have to get through physical and background checks. Fire Chief Justin Stried is coming to this board to approved official offers. Chief Justin Stried asks Attorney Jimmy if one candidate falls out, does he need approval from board to keep moving through list. Jimmy states he would like to get approval and agreed to vote on the first three candidates.

Commissioner Long motioned to release the next names from the final fire eligibility list and seconded by Chairman Lewis.

Vote: Commissioner Long aye; and Chairman Lewis yes.

### **Adjourn**

This meeting was adjourned at 5:43pm. This was motioned by Commissioner Long and seconded by Chairman Lewis.

Vote: Chairman Lewis aye; and Commissioner Idleburg aye.

Meeting minutes prepared by: Recording Secretary Darlene Pickett