

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BLOOMINGTON BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS
March 23, 2015

Attendees: Charles Witte, Dianne Hollister, Dean Messinger and Keith Rich, Commissioners; Eric Vaughn, Deputy Fire Chief Administration; Gary Sutherland, Asst. Police Chief; Angela Fyans – Jimenez, Deputy Corporation Counsel; Nicole Albterson, Human Resources (HR) Director; Ernestine Jackson, Equal Opportunity Specialist, Salina Grismore, Employment Specialist and Renee Gooderham, Interim City Clerk.

The special meeting of the Bloomington Fire and Police Commission was called to order at 4:05 p.m. on March 24, 2015 at the Bloomington City Hall, Conference Room.

Public Comment: No one came forward to address the Commission.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Motion by Commissioner Rich, seconded by Commissioner Hollister to approve Regular Meeting minutes of February 3, 2015 and Executive Session minutes of January 23, 2015.

Motion carried, (viva voce).

Fire Department: Salina Grismore, Employment Specialist provided the Board a copy of the preliminary Entry Level Firefighter Eligibility Roster. She noted that the median score was seventy – three percent (73%). Twenty – two (22) candidates passed the examination. The next step was Board approval prior to background investigation.

Commissioner Witte questioned background investigation prior to interview. Angela Fyans-Jimenez, Deputy Corporation Counsel, addressed the Commission. She believed the employment hiring requirements were mandated by State Statue.

Motion by Commissioner Messinger, seconded by Commissioner Hollister to authorize HR to proceed with the employment hiring requirements for twenty – two (22) candidates listed on the Entry Level Firefighter Eligibility Roster.

Motion carried, (viva voce).

Commissioner Messinger questioned vacancies. Eric Vaughn, Deputy Fire Chief Administration, stated five (5).

Commissioner Rich questioned interview dates. Ms. Grismore responded the second (2nd) week of April for Fire and end of April beginning of May 2015 for Police. The Board provided availability dates to Ms. Grismore.

Police Department: Ms. Grismore stated that six (6) Entry Level Police Patrol Officer (PPO) examinations were scheduled. Four examinations had concluded and the results were returned.

107 PPO candidates tested ninety –seven (97) received a seventy percent (70%) or above. Next examination dates were March 26 and 28, 2015.

Gary Sutherland, Asst. Police Chief, addressed the Commission. The physical agility examination was scheduled for April 13 – 17, 2015, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (Noon) at Illinois Wesleyan Shirk Center. He explained that same would require the week due to the number of candidates and sharing the facility. Ms. Grismore believed the increase of applicants was due to not testing for two (2) years.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Nicole Albertson, HR Director, addressed the Commission. She introduced Ernestine Jackson, Equal Opportunity Specialist. Ms. Albertson stated that Ms. Jackson was replacing Angie Brown, HR Specialist.

Motion by Commissioner Messinger, seconded by Commissioner Hollister to adjourn. Time: 4:21 p.m.

Motion carried, (viva voce).

The next Board regular meeting is April 7, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. at the City Hall, Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted:

Renee Gooderham
Interim City Clerk