

## SAUK PRAIRIE POLICE COMMISSION MINUTES

August 9, 2023

### Sauk City & Prairie du Sac

1. **Call to order:** This meeting was called to order on August 9, 2023 at 6:00pm by Paul Dietmann.
2. **Roll Call:** Present: Dietmann, Bender, Erickson, Schmidt, Fritsch, Bare
3. **Additions/Changes to Agenda:** Motion by Schmidt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bender to approve the agenda. 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
4. **Approve/Deny Minutes from Previous Meeting:** Motion by Fritsch, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bare to approve July 12, 2023 regular meeting minutes. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, Bender and Erickson abstained. Motion carried.
5. **Approve/Deny Payment of Bills:** Motion by Schmidt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fritsch to approve the payment of bills. 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
6. **Citizen Comment:** None.
7. **Reports**
  - a. **Officer Report:** None.
  - b. **Management:**
    - i. **Activity Reports for July:** Activity reports were reviewed and questions answered by Chief Sherman. There have been drugs taken off the streets with traffic stops recently to include heroin, meth and cocaine. No complaints about ATV/UTVs in the villages at this time. We have had 5 new hires and will be fully staffed once everyone has completed the FTO process around mid-December. Chief attended a Chief's Conference in Green Bay. Discussion was had regarding the current news articles regarding the two officers that are no longer part of the department. Chief explained the timeline of events to the Commission. The Sauk Prairie Police Department found information and forwarded it to Dane County for them to take over the investigation. The attorney has recommended releasing the entire internal report. Discussion was had regarding an outside agency doing a comprehensive analysis of the Department's best practices.
  - c. **Finance Reports:** Chief Sherman reviewed and explained the finance reports through the end of July.

**8. Old Business:**

- a. Discussion/Possible Action Re: By-Laws Waiver:** The one time waiver of the by-laws was discussed by the Commission. There has only been one internal candidate application for Sergeant. The process cannot be open to the outside since all allowed 15 full-time positions are currently filled. Motion by Schmidt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fritsch to approve, pursuant to By-Law Section 9.14, to waive the posting process for the sergeant's position to not require opening the process, for this promotion process only, to outside candidates. Motion carried.

**9. New Business:**

- a. Discussion/Possible Action Re: Squad Car Purchase:** Ewald Automotive has the State Contract this year again. The closest bid last year was \$4000 over Ewald Automotive with the State Contract. Motion by Schmidt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fritsch to approve the squad car purchase using the State Contract with Ewald Automotive. Motion carried.
- b. Discussion/Possible Action Re: Decommission Items/Purchases:** A list of items was given to the Commission to review to be decommissioned to include two laptops, 2004 Defibrillator, 2014 Ford Escape and the Kustom Signal Speed Trailer. Motion by Erickson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bare to approve decommissioning the listed items. Motion carried.
- c. Discussion Re: Preliminary Draft Budget:** Chief reviewed and explained the draft budget for 2024. The Commission will review and this will be brought back in the future.

**10. Consideration of moving into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(1)(c) for the purposes of considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any Commission Employee, in particular to consider:**

**a. Sergeant Promotional**

Motion by Schmidt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Erickson to move into closed session.

**Roll Call:** Ayes: Dietmann, Bender, Erickson, Schmidt, Fritsch, Bare

Nays:

Motion carried.

**11. Return to Open Session for Discussion and Possible Action on any Matter Discussed in Closed Session.** Motion by Erickson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bare to return to open session.

**Roll Call:** Ayes: Dietmann, Bender, Erickson, Schmidt, Fritsch, Bare

Nays:

Motion carried.

**a. Discussion/Possible Action Re: Sergeant Promotional.**

Motion by Erickson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fritsch to approve candidate, Tanner Leister, for Sergeant Promotional. 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

**12. General Discussion:** None.

**13. Communications**

**a. Review Thank You Letters:**

1. Jeanne Gasser
2. Marjorie Jasinski

**14. Committee Reports:** None.

**15. Future Agenda Items:**

- a. Budget
- b. Squad Car
- c. Ceremony for New Officers

**16. Adjourn:** Motion by Bender, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bare to adjourn meeting at 8:14pm. 6 Ayes, 0 Nays.  
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jennifer Evert