

# SAUK PRAIRIE POLICE COMMISSION MINUTES

May 11, 2022

## Sauk City & Prairie du Sac

1. **Call to order:** This meeting was called to order on May 11, 2022 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 Bender, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fritsch to approve April 13, 2022 regular meeting minutes. 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
5. **Approve/Deny Payment of Bills:** Motion by Bender, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fritsch to approve the payment of bills. 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
6. **Citizen Comment:** Jim Anderson stated that he came to the meeting to show support for Josh Sherman as he transfers to the Chief position. Jenny Erickson stated she had an experience with SRO Leister recently and he did a great job.
7. **Reports**
  - a. **Officer Report:** None.
  - b. **Management:**
    - i. **Activity Reports for April:** Activity reports were reviewed and questions answered by Chief Sherman. Mental health calls are on the rise. Officers have dealt with suicides recently. A Wellness Program for Mental Health of our officers was discussed. Sgt. Griffin has been attending quarterly meeting with DHS. Ziegler Photography has offered to donate time, studio and 8" x 10"s for staff photos so that they can be put up in the new police station. Chief Sherman has been appointed Sauk County Chiefs Association Secretary and Vice President which was Chief Schauf's position prior to his retirement. Training courses that our officers have taken were reported by Chief Sherman.
  - c. **Finance Reports:** Chief Sherman reviewed and explained the finance reports through the end of April. Increase in fuel costs was discussed.
8. **Old Business:**
  - a. **Update Re: New Police Station:** Chief Sherman discussed the progress of the new building. The building is looking like it is complete. Landscaping is being installed this week. Sod should be going in at the end of the week. The building inside is about 95% complete with substantial completion date as May 18. They will meet on May 19 to go through the punch list.
9. **New Business:**
  - a. **Discussion Possible Action Re: Squad 17 for Decommission.** Chief Sherman stated that the new car is in and being set up. Squad 17 has been stripped and is ready to be sold on the Wisconsin

Surplus Auction Site. Motion by Erickson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bare to approve decommission of squad 17. 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

- b. Discussion Possible Action Re: License Plate Readers.** Chief Sherman explained the license plate readers. Sauk County is looking to see if there is any support for the solar powered readers here. The readers would be used for things such as Amber Alerts and stolen vehicles. The Commission would like to bring this back as a future item.
- c. Discussion Re: Village of Prairie du Sac Carbon Reduction Grant.** Chief Sherman received information that Alan Wildman, Administrator from the Village of Prairie du Sac is applying for a Carbon Reduction Grant. This grant along with the 20% we would have to fund would allow us to potentially purchase 2 electric vehicles. Chief Sherman is currently investigating electric vehicles, pursuit and civilian models. The Village will keep us informed of the grant process.
- d. Discussion Re: Accreditation Standards.** Chief Sherman discussed that our current station would not pass inspection for accreditation and the new police station has been built to be able to pass inspections. Chief Sherman has looked into using WILEAG. There is a lot of work to do to acquire and maintain the accreditation. Chief Sherman will be reviewing the possibility of a grant to help offset the costs of this.

**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. Discussion Re: Appointment of Lt. Josh Sherman to Chief and Compensation**
- b. Discussion Re: Lieutenant Promotion and Compensation**

Motion by Schmidt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fritsch 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 Schmidt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bender to return to open session.

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

Nays:

Motion carried.

- a. Discussion/Possible Action Re: Appointment of Lt. Josh Sherman to Chief and Compensation.**

Motion by Erickson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fritsch to approve Lt. Sherman to Chief and Compensation of \$103,000/year retroactive to February 1, 2022.

6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

- b. Discussion/Possible Action Re: Lieutenant Promotion and Compensation.** Motion by Erickson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bare to approve the promotion of Sgt. Griffin to Lieutenant with compensation of \$83,000/year. Sgt. Griffin is a candidate from the certified list for Lieutenant that was approved in May 2021.

6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

**12. Communications:**

- a. Review Thank You Letters:**

1. George Culver Community Library

**13. Committee Reports:** Personnel Committee met and discussed the Chief offer and compensation. This was discussed during closed session.

**14. Future Agenda Items:**

- a. New Police Department
- b. Sergeant Promotion/Salary Review
- c. Officer Hiring
- d. Goals – July Meeting

**15. Adjourn:** Motion by Bender, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schmidt to adjourn meeting at 7:41pm. 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jennifer Evert