

SAUK PRAIRIE POLICE COMMISSION MINUTES

November 9, 2022

Sauk City & Prairie du Sac

1. **Call to order:** This meeting was called to order on November 9, 2022 at 6:00pm by John Fritsch.
2. **Roll Call:** Present: Bender, Erickson, Fritsch, Schmidt, Bare (arrived at 6:10pm)
Absent: Dietmann (excused)
3. **Additions/Changes to Agenda:** Motion by Erickson, 2nd by Bender to approve the agenda.
4 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
4. **Approve/Deny Minutes from Previous Meeting:** Motion by Schmidt, 2nd by Erickson to approve October 12, 2022 regular meeting minutes. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
5. **Approve/Deny Payment of Bills:** Motion by Bender, 2nd by Erickson to approve the payment of bills. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
6. **Citizen Comment:** None.
7. **Reports**
 - a. **Officer Report:** None.
 - b. **Management:**
 - i. **Activity Reports for October:** Activity reports were reviewed and questions answered by Chief Sherman. The citation numbers are down due to no grants during this time, being short staffed and training. Body cameras have been implemented. Lt. Griffin is working on the Live Scan Fingerprint equipment to get it up and running.
 - c. **Finance Reports:** Chief Sherman reviewed and explained the finance reports through the end of October. The fuel line is still high. Purchasing some new portable radios to replace the old ones that aren't working well anymore.
8. **Old Business:**
 - a. **Update Re: New Police Station:** Chief Sherman updated the Commission on the new police station. The generator will not be here until possibly January. Chief has talked to the Villages about doing a final billing and holding the monies until the generator is complete and the final payment is made to Kraemer Brothers. We received our solar grant money from WPPI for \$15,000.
 - b. **Update Re: Hiring Process:** Chief Sherman updated the Commission on the current hiring process for patrol officers. The two candidates that were approved for the list are not hireable. We have reopened the process and it closes on November 15th. We currently have 7 applications with 4 of them that have had academy and are currently in school or currently work in other departments. Discussion was had to push to have the interviews at the December meeting.

9. New Business:

- a. Discussion Possible Action Re: Flock Safety LPR (License Plate Reader) Demo.** Kyle from Flock Safety was present to explain to the Commission what the LPR's do and the benefits for the department. Sauk County, Baraboo, Lake Delton and Reedsburg are in the process of obtaining LPR's. This will allow us to assist in finding vehicles related to Amber Alerts, Silver Alerts, Green Alerts and stolen vehicles. The officers have to enter a case number when looking for a plate with this system and audits will be done. Policies and procedures for the readers were discussed. After much discussion, it was decided to postpone this for now and bring it back to the December meeting for action.
- b. Discussion Possible Action Re: Commission Recognizing Successful Completion of Probationary Period for: Sgt. Joshua Rider.** Chief Sherman informed the Commission that Sgt. Rider has completed his 12 month probationary period. Sgt. Rider goes the extra mile and Chief would recommend that the Commission recognize his successful completion. Motion by Erickson, 2nd by Bender to approve Recognizing Successful Completion of Probationary Period for Sgt. Joshua Rider. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- c. Discussion Possible Action Re: Officer Commendations/Awards.** Chief Sherman presented the Officer Commendations/Award Plaques to Officer Jeffrey Beck, Detective Andrew Lewis, Officer Paul Deuman, Officer John Kratochwill, Officer Sethpatric Gritton, Detective Joel Ludowitz and Sergeant Joshua Rider.

10. General Discussion: General discussion was had by the Commission regarding the LPR and putting it on the next agenda. Chief Sherman explained that he would like to do the Commendations/Awards every November to express our Thanks at Thanksgiving time to our officers.

11. Communications:

- a. Review Thank You Letters:**
 - 1. Sauk Prairie Community Club – Josie Fentress

12. Committee Reports: None.

13. Future Agenda Items:

- a. Final Budget
- b. Hiring Process – Interviews at 6:00, Meeting at 5:30
- c. LPR (License Plate Reader)

14. Adjourn: Motion by Bender, 2nd by Bare to adjourn meeting at 7:01pm. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Evert