

# SAUK PRAIRIE POLICE COMMISSION MINUTES

October 13, 2021

Sauk City & Prairie du Sac

1. **Call to order:** This meeting was called to order on October 13, 2021 at 6:00pm by President Dietmann.
2. **Roll Call:** Present: Dietmann, Erickson, Schmidt, Fritsch, Bender, Bare (arrived at 6:02)
3. **Additions/Changes to Agenda:** Motion by Erickson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fritsch to approve the agenda. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
4. **Approve/Deny Minutes from Previous Meeting:** Motion by Schmidt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Erickson to approve September 8, 2021 regular meeting minutes. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
5. **Approve/Deny Payment of Bills:** Motion by Erickson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fritsch to approve the payment of bills. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Bare arrived.

6. **Citizen Comment:** None.

## 7. Reports

- a. **Officer Report:** None.

### b. Management:

- i. **Activity Reports for September:** Activity reports were reviewed and questions answered.
- ii. **Update New Hires:** Both applicants have passed pre-employment evaluations. Wendel started on 10/06/2021 and Mosley is set to start in December. There was a delay in paperwork from Dederich. Sgt. Rider is completing his background check.
- iii. **Update Sergeant Promotion:** The Sergeant promotion was offered to Griffin and Rider. Both have accepted. Sgt. Rider is currently training the new SRO, Leister. Leister is taking a SRO course this week that is being held virtually. Administrator Jeff Wright is reinforcing the SRO program.
- iv. **Update New Website:** Our new website will be through GovOffice. The villages both use GovOffice for their websites. We are still in the programming phase and excited to get rid of the current website because we are unable to make changes.

- c. **Finance Reports:** Lieutenant Sherman reviewed and explained the finance reports through the end of September.

## 8. Old Business:

- a. **Update Re: Police Station Construction:** Chief Strunz discussed the progress of the new building. The brick and stone work is almost complete. Kraemer Brothers is ahead of schedule and Chief Strunz believes that the building should be closed in around the first week of November.

**9. New Business:**

- a. Discussion Re: Sauk Prairie Social Justice and Equity Initiative.** Erickson explained this group and what the group is hoping to accomplish. On Monday, October 18, 2021, there will be a free book, “Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You”, available at the libraries for people to read and be part of a conversation.
- b. Discussion Possible Action Re: Squad Car Bids/Purchase.** Bushnell Ford is the low bid. They do most of our maintenance on our vehicles. Motion by Erickson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schmidt to approve the purchase of the 2022 Ford Police Utility Interceptor AWD Hybrid from Bushnell Ford. 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- c. Discussion Possible Action Re: Body Worn Cameras.** The pros and cons of body worn cameras were discussed. The cost for the cameras would be about \$31000 for the entire department. The technology and implementation was also discussed. Motion by Erickson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schmidt to approve the purchase the body worn cameras. 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- d. Discussion Possible Action Re: Accrued Sick Leave Benefit Upon Retirement.** The Commission reviewed the Sick Leave Conversion Upon Retirement Policy that was written by Atty. Zach. The qualifications, benefits and form of payments were discussion. Motion by Erickson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fritsch to approve the Sick Leave Conversion Upon Retirement Policy. 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- e. Discussion Possible Action Re: 2022 Budget.** Lieutenant Sherman presented and explained the 2022 Budget to the Commission. Questions were answered and discussion had on the budget numbers for the new police station utilities and maintenance. Motion by Erickson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fritsch to approve the 2022 Budget. 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

**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 Retirement of Chief Gerald**

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

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

Nays:

Motion carried.

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

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

Nays:

Motion carried.

- a. Discussion/Possible Action Re: Retirement of Chief Gerald Strunz.** Motion by Bender, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schmidt to accept Chief Strunz’s retirement. 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Motion by Bender, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Erickson to convert Chief Strunz's accrued sick leave to a deferred compensation contribution paid in two installments, one in 2021 and one in 2022. 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Motion by Erickson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fritsch to have Josh Sherman serve as interim Chief upon Chief Strunz's retirement. 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

**12. Communications:**

**i. Review Thank You Letters:** Theis & Lerch

**13. Committee Reports:** None

**14. Future Agenda Items:**

- a. New Police Station
- b. Chief Recruitment

**15. Adjourn:** Motion by Erickson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fritsch to adjourn meeting at 8:30pm. 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jennifer Evert