

## Police & Fire Commission Meeting Minutes – November 10, 2016

Chairman Schumacher called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm and the Deputy Clerk confirmed appropriate meeting notice had been given.

**Members present:** Mercier, Antonneau, Le Duc, Schumacher, Council representative Rosek, a non-voting representative and Krauski  
**Staff present:** Buerger, Pfister, Gard and Wallace

2. **Current Captain of Police (on behalf of the Chief) to Appoint a new Captain of Police to be effective December 3, 2016:** Buerger, on behalf of and representing the Chief of Police David Beguhn, requested the appointment of Lt. Jim Pfister to the position of Captain for the City of Oconomowoc Police Department. Pfister is a 1993 graduate of UW-Platteville. He worked for the Department of Correction for 2 years and 4 years for the Milwaukee Police Department. He has been with the OPD since 2000. He was officer of the year in 2006 and received the Leadership Award in 2005. He was promoted to Lieutenant in November 2009 and is currently responsible for the Dispatch Center and clerical staff. He is married and has 2 children. Buerger stated that they work together very closely and he does an excellent job. His effective date is December 3, 2016.

3. **Consider/act on appointment of Captain of Police:** Motion by Mercier to confirm, on behalf of Chief of Police David Beguhn, Captain Ron Buerger's appointment of Lieutenant James Pfister to the position of Captain of Police; second by Krauski. Motion carried unanimously. The members congratulated Pfister on his appointment.

4. **Captain of Police (on behalf of the Chief) to promote two part time officers to the position of full time officer:** Buerger stated the department has 2 excellent part time officers that he would like to promote to full time positions for the Police Department. He stated this would avoid traditional training costs for these individuals. Also, this would avoid additional overtime costs, associated with field training as they have already proven themselves.

Molly Nitka attended college at UW-Whitewater and WCTC. She graduated in 2013 with an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice. She became certifiable in WI in 2014 and has been a police officer since January 2015, currently with the Lannon Police Department. She began working for the City of Oconomowoc part time in June of 2016 and has successfully completed field training and is considered manpower. She lives in Waukesha with her parents. She is doing an excellent job.

Andrew Preisler has been highly recommended from a number of officers. He attended college at WCTC and Concordia College. He graduated in 2011 with a Bachelor's Degree in Justice and Public Policy and became certifiable in WI in 2010. He has been a police officer since 2011, with the last 4 years in the Town of Oconomowoc. He successfully completed field training and is considered manpower and is doing an excellent job. He lives in Pewaukee and is recently married to his wife Michelle.

Buerger is requesting promoting Molly Nitka, effective 11/12/16 and Andrew Preisler, effective 12/3/16 to the position of full time police Officer.

5. **Consider/act on confirmation of Captain's (on behalf of the Chief) appointments:** Motion by Mercier to confirm, on behalf of Chief of Police Dave Beguhn, Captain Ron Buerger's promotion of part time officers Molly Nitka and Andrew Preisler to full time; second by Antonneau. Motion carried unanimously.

6. **Introduction of new officers:** Nitka stated she came from a full time Police Department where she feels she wasn't learning a lot. She came here and received field training experience with a part time officer. She feels she has learned way more here than she did full time elsewhere. Andrew Preisler stated he is excited to further his career with the City of Oconomowoc. The members congratulated Nitka and Preisler on their appointment to the City of Oconomowoc Police Department.

7. **Comments from Police & Fire Commission members:** None.

Motion by Krauski to adjourn; second by Mercier. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

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Minutes taken by Tina Wallace, Deputy City Clerk  
Marjorie Krauski, Secretary