
SYCAMORE FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSION

Special Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2025

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Commissioner Tana Knetsch called the meeting to order at 8:00AM and called the roll. Present were Commissioner Tana Knetsch, Commissioner Jeff Richardson, Chief Jim Winters, Chief Bart Gilmore, City Attorney Kevin Buick, HR Specialist Kate Griffey and HR Manager/Recording Secretary Valerie St James. Commissioner Dailey Absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION

Commissioner Knetsch made the motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Richardson.

VOTE

Commissioners voted 2 Aye and 0 Nay; motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA - None

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS – None

REPORTS

- A. Police Chief – Chief Winters reported that Officer Abonce resigned from her position, which is why we have a lateral officer opening. The 3 officers hired last August are coming off of probation soon. Lateral Officer Shawn Kooistra is doing great and off probation. Deputy Chief Wig announced his retirement. An offer was made to Erik Mahan to be the next Sycamore Police Chief.

- B. Fire Chief – None

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

- A. Review of Police Officer candidate polygraph (Chapter III, Section 6) for Lateral Police Officer Candidate Turkson.

Chief Winters recommends he pass, no deception detected.

MOTION

Commissioner Knetsch moved to pass Candidate Turkson, seconded by Commissioner Richardson.

VOTE

Commissioners voted 2 Aye and 0 Nay; motion carried.

- B. Review of Police Officer candidate background investigation (Chapter III, Section 6) for Lateral Police Office Candidate Turkson.

Chief Winters recommends he fail due to content of background investigation.

MOTION

Commissioner Knetsch moved to pass Candidate Turkson, seconded by Commissioner Richardson.

VOTE

Commissioners voted 0 Aye and 2 Nay; motion failed.

- C. Review of Police Officer candidate polygraph (Chapter III, Section 6) for Lateral Police Officer Candidate Ferraro.

Chief Winters recommends he fail due to detection of deception during exam.

MOTION

Commissioner Knetsch moved to pass Candidate Ferraro, seconded by Commissioner Richardson.

VOTE

Commissioners voted 0 Aye and 2 Nay; motion failed.

- D. Review of Police Officer candidate background investigation (Chapter III, Section 6) for Lateral Police Office Candidate Ferraro.

Chief Winters recommends he fail due to significant concerns found in the background investigation.

MOTION

Commissioner Knetsch moved to pass Candidate Ferraro, seconded by Commissioner Richardson.

VOTE

Commissioners voted 0 Aye and 2 Nay; motion failed.

- E. Review of Police Officer candidate polygraph (Chapter III, Section 6) for Lateral Police Officer Candidate Fisher.

Chief Winters recommends he pass, no deception.

MOTION

Commissioner Knetsch moved to pass Candidate Fisher, seconded by Commissioner Richardson.

VOTE

Commissioners voted 2 Aye and 0 Nay; motion carried.

- F. Review of Police Officer candidate background investigation (Chapter III, Section 6) for Lateral Police Office Candidate Fisher.

Chief Winters recommends he pass, no concerns.

MOTION

Commissioner Knetsch moved to pass Candidate Fisher, seconded by Commissioner Richardson.

VOTE

Commissioners voted 2 Aye and 0 Nay; motion carried.

- G. Review of Police Officer candidate polygraph (Chapter III, Section 6) for Lateral Police Officer Candidate King.

Chief Winters recommends she pass, no deception.

MOTION

Commissioner Knetsch moved to pass Candidate King, seconded by Commissioner Richardson.

VOTE

Commissioners voted 2 Aye and 0 Nay; motion carried.

- H. Review of Police Officer candidate background investigation (Chapter III, Section 6) for Lateral Police Office Candidate King.

Chief Winters recommends she pass, no concerns.

MOTION

Commissioner Knetsch moved to pass Candidate King, seconded by Commissioner Richardson.

VOTE

Commissioners voted 2 Aye and 0 Nay; motion carried.

- I. Review of Police Officer candidate polygraph (Chapter III, Section 6) for Lateral Police Officer Candidate Hanson.

Chief Winters recommends he pass, no deception.

MOTION

Commissioner Knetsch moved to pass Candidate Hanson, seconded by Commissioner Richardson.

VOTE

Commissioners voted 2 Aye and 0 Nay; motion carried.

- J. Review of Police Officer candidate background investigation (Chapter III, Section 6) for Lateral Police Office Candidate Hanson.

Chief Winters recommends he pass, no concerns.

MOTION

Commissioner Knetsch moved to pass Candidate Hanson, seconded by Commissioner Richardson.

VOTE

Commissioners voted 2 Aye and 0 Nay; motion carried.

- K. Review of Police Officer candidate background investigation (Chapter III, Section 6) for Lateral Police Officer Candidate Freeman.

Chief Winters recommends he fail.

MOTION

Commissioner Knetsch moved to pass Candidate Freeman, seconded by Commissioner Richardson.

VOTE

Commissioners voted 0 Aye and 2 Nay; motion failed.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Commissioner Knetsch made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Richardson.

VOTE

Commissioners voted 2 Aye and 0 Nay; motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:38AM.

Accepted by:

Attested by:

Chairperson Tana Knetsch

(Date)

Recording Sec. Valerie St James

(Date)