

WEST LAFAYETTE POLICE MERIT COMMISSION
MINUTES
August 14, 2006

The West Lafayette Police Merit Commission met in regular session at City Hall Council Chambers on August 14, 2006 at 7:30 pm. In compliance with the Indiana Open Door Law, notice of this regular meeting was sent to the press and posted. Copies of the meeting agenda and unapproved minutes of the June 7 and 9, 2006 Special Meetings, July 10, 2006 Regular Meeting and August 2 and 3, 2006 Executive Sessions were available at a table adjacent to the entrance to the Council Chambers.

Police Merit Commission President Polles called the meeting to order and presided.

The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated.

PRESENT: Commissioners Don Corrigan, John Polles, Larry Leverenz and Joel Weber.

ABSENT: Commissioner Virginia Nead.

ALSO PRESENT: Commission Counsel Williams, Police Chief Marvin, Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes, two members of the police department, one member of the public, and two members of the media.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Commissioner Weber's motion "that the minutes of the June 7, 2006 Special Meeting be approved as distributed" was unanimously adopted.
- B. Commissioner Weber's motion "that the minutes of the June 9, 2006 Special Meeting be approved as distributed" was unanimously adopted.
- C. Commissioner Weber's motion "that the minutes of the July 10, 2006 Regular Meeting be approved as distributed" was unanimously adopted.
- D. Commissioner Weber's motion "that the minutes of the August 2, 2006 Executive Session be approved as distributed" was unanimously adopted.
- E. Commissioner Weber's motion "that the minutes of the August 3, 2006 Executive Session be approved as distributed" was unanimously adopted.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Chief Marvin reported that the background investigation on one candidate to fill a patrol officer vacancy was expected to be completed in about one week. The background investigation on the second candidate was in progress.

- B. Commissioner Weber reported that the incorporation of the changes to the Merit Commission Rules and Regulations is about 35% complete and is expected to be complete by the September regular meeting.
- C. Calendars were compared and it was decided to conduct sergeant candidate interviews on Saturday, August 26 at 8:30 am and on Monday, August 28 at 7:00 pm in the Police Department Conference Room. Five interviews will be conducted on August 26 and four interviews will be conducted on August 28. Interviews will be scheduled at 45 minute intervals. Anticipating that the background investigation will be completed by then for one prospective employee, information about this prospective employee will be received after the last interview on August 28. Notices of these executive sessions will be sent to the media.
- D. Commissioner Polles provided an update on the review of the application and application process. Background work has been done and meetings will be held to start the review upon the return of Commissioner Nead. Commissioners were encouraged to forward suggestions to Commissioner Polles.
- E. Chief Marvin reported that about 20 citizens had applied to participate in the Citizen Police Academy, to be held on Wednesdays starting August 30 for 11 weeks from 6:30 to 9:30 pm, with graduation on November 8. The purpose of the academy is to educate the public about the police department.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Chief Marvin reported that the previous police dog had been a valued member of the department and had contributed to the recovery of a large quantity of drugs. The insurance payment following the death of this police dog has been received and handler training with a replacement dog is to start on September 11 with the dog expected to be serving with the department by mid-October.
- B. The Mayor's Budget for next year requests three new police officers. It was determined that the next round of applicant testing will be on November 4, 2006 for applications received through October 20, 2006.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.



John Polles, President



Joel Weber, Secretary

WEST LAFAYETTE POLICE MERIT COMMISSION
Meeting Agenda, 14 August 2006
7:30 P.M., Council Chambers, City Hall

Opening

Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Approval of Minutes for
 Special Meeting on 7 June 2006
 Special Meeting on 9 June 2006
 Meeting on 10 July 2006
 Executive Session on 2 August 2006
 Executive Session on 3 August 2006

Old Business

Update on filling the patrol officer vacancies (Commissioner Polles)
Update on revisions of the Merit Commission's Rules and Regulations (Commissioner Weber)
Scheduling interviews for promotion to sergeant (Polles)
Update on review of application process (Polles for Commissioner Nead)
Update on the Citizen Police Academy

New Business

Discussion concerning the department's police dog

Items from the Floor

Public Comments

Adjournment