

**Police Commission Agenda  
Minutes of the May 8<sup>th</sup> 2019 Meeting**

**Present:** Robert Westby, Landon Breunig, Bill Statz, Christina Smith-Gallagher, Tom McGowan.

**Staff:** Craig Freitag, Melissa Randall-O'Neil, Bobbi Brown, Michael Trevarthen, Julie Ostrander.

**Others:** Nancy Long, Brad Allen, Russ Schafer, Paula Enger, Lindsay Patterson, Ann Groves-Lloyd, Jim Ness, Brian Sheridan.

**Call to Order:** Robert Westby called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm in the Council Chambers of Lodi City Hall, 130 South Main St., Lodi WI.

**Public Input:** Paula Enger (Project Director for the Lodi Community Action Team) wanted to say thank you to Scott Klicko and Craig Freitag for the work that they have done in the community to keep youth safe and drugs off of the streets. Paula expressed that she would like to know what the vision is for the Police Department moving forward. Nancy Long (County Board Supervisor-District 27 representing Lodi) wanted to express her gratitude for what has happened in the past to support and protect youth. Nancy also expressed that she would like to know what vision is for the Police Department moving forward.

**Rescind the Minutes of the April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Police Commission Meeting:** Westby stated the commission did not follow the agenda appropriately and the commission needed to rescind the minutes of the 4/30/19 meeting. **MOTION:** (Statz/Breunig) to rescind the minutes of the 4/30/19 meeting. Discussion took place about the prior meeting and the action taken. Smith Gallagher stated the commission did follow the agenda and decided on the selection of Chief rather than interim Chief. Roll call vote taken: Statz aye, Smith Gallagher nay, Breunig aye, Westby aye. **Motion carried.**

**Issue Code of Ethics:** Code of Ethics-Chapter 54, was provided to all Police Commission members and signatures were received acknowledging that each member received a copy of this document.

**Police Department Report:** Freitag discussed scheduling moving forward. The officers came up with schedule that would work but it would have to be approved by the union and the city. Freitag expressed concern for not having enough staff for future events. Freitag did reach out to the Lodi Fire Department to see if they could assist with these events. Smith Gallagher asked if any type of security could be hired to direct traffic at the events. Westby requested that Freitag work directly with the City to ensure there is coverage for upcoming events.

**Accept Officer Resignation:** The commission accepted Officer Michael Andrews resignation. Officer Andrews last day with the Lodi Police Department is May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019. He will continue his career in law enforcement with the Sauk Prairie Police Department.

**Update on Hiring Process- Police Officer:** Freitag advised that police officer interviews were scheduled for May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and 11 candidates were selected to interview. Freitag was hopeful that commission members could interview the top scoring candidates next week.

**Discussion and Action to Contract with Columbia County Sheriff (Interim):**

Westby stated this action is to move forward and have the authority to go into a signed contract with the Columbia County Sheriff's Department to provide interim management oversight to the police department until a permanent Police Chief can be hired.

**MOTION:** (McGowan/Statz) to approve the City of Lodi to move forward in a contract with the Columbia County Sheriff's Department for an interim administrative position. Roll call vote taken: Westby aye, Statz aye, Breunig aye, McGowan aye, Smith-Gallagher aye. **Motion Carried.**

**Discussion and Action to Contract with a Consulting Firm to Hire a Police Chief:**

Westby stated this action is to move forward in a contract with DLP, Private and Public Safety Consulting Firm for the Police Chief hiring process. **MOTION:** (Smith-Gallagher/Breunig) moved to approve the contract with DLP to hire a police Chief. Roll call vote taken: Statz aye, Smith-Gallagher aye, Breunig aye, Westby aye, McGowan aye. **Motion Carried.**

**Discussion and Action to Contract Legal Representation – for Police Commission:**

Westby stated the commission should look into an attorney who can represent the Police Commission. Discussion took place on the Police Commission being a separate entity from the City of Lodi and the City Attorney could not represent the commission. Westby will speak with the City Attorney and request a referral to attorneys who do not work for Boardman and Clark. Westby will provide this information to the commission members at a later date and no formal action took place at this time.

**Next Meeting Date and Time:** The next scheduled Police Commission meeting will be Wednesday May 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm in the Council Chambers of Lodi City Hall, 130 South Main St., Lodi WI.

**Adjourn: MOTION:** (Smith-Gallagher/Statz) to adjourn the police commission meeting at 7:10pm. **Motion Carried.**

*These minutes have been approved.*

