

# LOWELL METROPOLITAN POLICE COMMISSION

**August 13, 2015**

The Lowell Metropolitan Police Commission met in regular session on August 13, 2015 at the Lowell Town Hall.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

## I. Roll Call

Commissioner Sharon Patterson, present

Commissioner John Piper, present

Commissioner Ray Borchert, absent

Commissioner Michael Mears, absent

Commissioner Ricky Cooper, present

Chief Erik Matson, present

## II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by a brief moment of silence.

## III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES July 9th, 2015 REGULAR SESSION

Commissioner Piper made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 11th, 2015 Regular session, seconded by Commissioner Cooper. 3 ayes, motion passed.

## V. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS/EXPENDITURES

Commissioner Cooper made a motion to approve the Claims/Expenditures, seconded by Commissioner Piper. 3 ayes, motion passed.

## VI. CHIEF'S REPORT AND THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES OR MEMBERS

Chief Matson stated the Staff and Command School that he was to attend has been canceled due to the lack of participation.

Chief Matson stated that the National Night Out was August 4<sup>th</sup> and he received positive feedback from the community.

Chief Matson informed the Commission that the 911 transition is scheduled for October 7<sup>th</sup>, but that this is only a projection date and it could change at anytime based on problems that may occur during the transition. He also stated that the Lowell Police Department is in the process of preparing for the move and doing everything possible to make things easier for the Lowell citizens and Officers during the transition. The Chief also announced that the Lowell Police Department will be sharing frequencies with the St. John and Dyer Police Departments.

Chief Matson stated the 2016 budgets current status is allowing for the hiring of an Officer next June. He also said that there is a pension idea in the works for a possible increase in pensions.

Chief Matson said that the current hiring list expires September 12, 2015 and asked the Commission if they would like to extend it for 180 days allowed by the policy or start a new one.

Chief Matson stated that an MOU was signed for a part time Resource Officer with the Tri Creek School Corporation. Chief Matson added that Officer Burkus did a wonderful job as the Resource

Officer last year and will be again filling the position this year.

Commissioner Piper asked Chief Matson if he wanted to extend the hiring list. Chief Matson replied that he would prefer to wait to start a new hiring list because it is easier to do the testing in the spring. The Chief said that he is for extending the list, but that if the Commission would like a new list, he is fine with that too.

#### VII. INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

There were none.

#### VIII. OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

#### IX. NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Piper made a motion to approve the extension of the current hiring list, seconded by Commissioner Cooper. 3 ayes, motion passed.

#### X. PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES, AND COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

#### XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Piper thanked Asst. Chief Woestman for assisting a Cruise Night participant who had vehicle problems with getting a tow and making sure the participant was taken care of. Commissioner Piper also thanked Chief Matson for sending an Officer to an Ethics class on short notice. The next meeting was scheduled for September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 7 p.m.

#### XII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Piper made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Cooper. 3 ayes, motion passed.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:09.

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Sharon Patterson, President

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John Piper, Secretary