

MINUTES
WILLMAR POLICE COMMISSION
Tuesday, August 11, 2020

A meeting of the Willmar Police Civil Service Commission was held on Tuesday, August 11, 2020, at the Law Enforcement Center in Willmar.

Present were Police Civil Service Commission members President Earline Schulstad, Vice President Dennis Anfinson, and Secretary Mike Kubesh. Police Chief Jim Felt and Administrative Assistant Sue Edwards were also present.

The meeting was called to order by President Schulstad at 9:33 a.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anfinson, seconded by Commissioner Kubesh, to approve the June 3, 2020 minutes as submitted. **Motion carried.**

Chief Felt informed the Commission that there have been some performance issues with one of the probationary candidates. He gave a synopsis of some of the concerns brought up by supervisors and Field Training Officers regarding this employee. Chief Felt said it would be the recommendation that because of the significant deficiencies and not meeting training standards, the candidate not be certified to the appointing authority. After the Commissioners read through the employee's performance paperwork and further discussion, Commissioner Anfinson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kubesh, that this probationary employee be separated from the Willmar Police Department within the probationary period. **Motion carried.**

Commissioner Anfinson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kubesh, to authorize Chief Felt to send out additional background packets.

Miscellaneous

Chief Felt updated the Commission on Officer Nicole Wortham, who is currently out on Workman's Comp.

Chief Felt informed the Commission that Officer Kyle Athmann is doing well and fitting in well.

Discussion followed on the cold case homicide from 1974 that was solved recently. Chief Felt explained that since the department was up to full staff for the summer, Det. Sgt. Chad Nelson was given the assignment of working on cold cases. Nelson put together a group of officers who worked with him on this case. Chief Felt explained the process they went through in reviewing the 1974 case.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Anfinson, seconded by Commissioner Kubesh. The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

Secretary Mike Kubesh
by Sue Edwards