

City of New Holstein Police and Fire Commission Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2023

Location: City Hall, 2110 Washington Street, New Holstein, WI 53061

Members Present: Elroy Schreiner, Sonny Schaar, and Chuck Meves

Others Present: Chief of Police Eric Fisher and Assistant Chief Craig Carey

The meeting was called to order by President Schreiner. It was noted that the meeting was properly announced. Roll call was taken by Schaar.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Meves nominated Schreiner to serve as President, seconded by Schaar. Being no other nominations, a motion was made by Meves, seconded by Schaar, and carried to close nominations.

Schreiner nominated Beckman to serve as Vice President, seconded by Meves. Being no other nominations, a motion was made by Schreiner, seconded by Meves, and carried to close nominations.

Schreiner nominated Schaar to serve as Secretary, seconded by Meves. Being no other nominations, a motion was made by Schreiner, seconded by Meves, and carried to close nominations.

A motion was made by Schaar, seconded by Schreiner and carried to approve the agenda.

A motion was made by Schreiner, seconded by Schaar and carried to approve the minutes from the previous meeting.

No public comments.

No communications.

The Assistant Fire Chief gave a report about the Fire Department. Through the end of April, the Fire Department has had 20 calls for service. Devin Bonlander completed his Firefighter One certification on March 22, 2023. The other probationary members are still working through their certification. The ceiling at the burn tower had some repairs completed recently.

The Police Chief gave a report about the Police Department. Since January 1, 2023, there have been 1,174 calls for service, which is a 61% increase over 2022 which had 719 calls for service at this time. Traffic stops are up 51% and crime preventions is also up, which includes security checks of businesses and other community programs. The department has had some high-profile cases since the beginning of the year. Bike patrol will be returning for summer and officers are in the process of ordering uniforms for this specialized duty. Several grants have been written this year to help offset the cost of equipment.

A motion was made by Meves, seconded by Schreiner, pursuant to Wis. Stats 19.85 (1)(c) and (f) – The Commission will move into closed session to discuss and consider dismissal, demotion, or discipline of any public employee over which the Commission has responsibility or to consider the investigation of

charges against such person. Upon a call of the motion the motion passed with Meves, Schaar and Schreiner voting aye.

A motion was made by Meves, seconded by Meves, to adjourn the closed session and to reconvene in open session, upon a call of the motion the motion passed with, Meves, Schreiner and Schaar voting aye.

A motion was made by Schaar, seconded by Meves and carried to accept the resignation of Officer Byron Ward, upon a call of the motion the motion passed with, Meves, Schreiner and Schaar voting aye.

The next meeting will be called as needed for the hiring process of a new police officer.

Being no further business, a motion was made by Meves, seconded by Schreiner and carried to adjourn the meeting.

Submitted by Sonny Schaar, Secretary