

# Police Commission City of Wabasha

Minutes of the February 21, 2012, 7:00 p.m. meeting:

COMMISSION MEMBERS: Dan Losinski  
Jayne Dick  
David Meyer  
Richard Nordby  
Christine Beckman  
Frank Lee – Kellogg

STAFF: Joe Stark Interim Chief of Police  
Heidi Schurhammer Administrative Assistant

The meeting of the Police Commission was held on February 21, 2012 at City Hall and was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll call found Richard Nordby, Jayne Dick, Dan Losinski and Christine Beckman present. Frank Lee and David Meyer were absent. Mayor Rollin Hall was also present.

Joe Stark presented the Commission with Officer Becklund's resignation. Officer Wiles' letter was presented in which he declined the full-time open position.

Joe discussed the current 24-hour schedule and the need to hire more part-time officers to fill the schedule until more full-time can be hired. He discussed the possibility of hiring officers from other agencies who are already licensed who would be willing to work part-time. The Commission discussed the hiring process and council approval. Commissioner Losinski discussed concerns with loss of coverage if the position is not filled. Joe discussed hiring from the current part-time staff. Discussion was made and Losinski made the motion to advertise for the full-time position for patrol officer. Ayes: Losinski, Dick, Beckman. Nays: Nordby.

Commissioner Losinski expressed concerns about current staff working at other agencies and asked if there was a policy in place that required a set amount of hours between jobs where they are not allowed to work. Stark stated there is not a policy. Losinski requested the new Chief should address this issue and obtain a sample policy with a 10-hour break between jobs.

Mayor Rollin Hall questioned Stark why city police officers were in the Wabasha office while on duty part-time with other agencies.

Stark requested the Commission move to hire approximately 6 part-time officers to help fill the shifts until a new Chief and full-time patrol officer are hired. Losinski moved to hiring part-time officers. Adopted anonymously.

Losinski requested Stark to check with the city attorney regarding the policies and laws on requiring an employee of the police department to live within a designated response time.

Upon unanimous consent the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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Heidi Schurhammer