

MAY 08, 2023  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
11:00 A.M.-VIA ZOOM

Mayor Slinker called the special meeting to order at 11:00 A.M. on May 08, 2023 via zoom.

Mayor Slinker called the roll:

Ward One: Nathan Volkart-here, Loren Plank-here  
Ward Two: Melissa Old-here, Stephanie Bell-here absent  
Ward Three: Rick Lewis-here, David Wilson -here

Staff Present: Darla Sapp, City Clerk, Gabe Edwards, Police Chief and Kyle Michel, City Administrator.

Mayor Slinker presented the agenda for approval. Alderman Wilson made motion and seconded by Alderman Lewis to approve the agenda for May 08, 2023. Mayor Slinker called for the vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Slinker called for staff report regarding the resolution to enter into an agreement for LETI training expense reimbursement. Gabe Edwards, Police Chief reported this is basically as the documents indicates authorization to pay for L.E.T.I training for a for police officer candidate. He stated the candidate has applied for a Missouri's Blue Scholarship and if he were awarded that then the contract would be voided. He stated the University of Missouri academy has an enrollment deadline of May 10, 2023 and the classes begin May 15, 2023. Chief Edwards informed the Board during recruiting efforts, offices communicate regularly with academy directors across the state they have learned there are only a few recruits in each academy class who are not already sponsored by an agency. He stated the candidate would enter into a contractual agreement with the city which would require him to repay the cost of the academy tuition and any salary paid to him during the academy. If he does not remain employed with the police department for a period of at least 36 months. Chief Edwards stated he felt this candidate would be a good fit for the police department and the community. He stated the candidate has accepted the offer contingent on the Board approval of the contract. He stated the tuition is \$5,000.00 and additional costs that will arise during the academy include typical costs of outfitting and officer but also includes ammunition. He stated the recruits are paid \$17.50 per hour. Chief Edwards asked if the Board had any questions. Alderwoman Old stated she did not see in the contract where if he did not pass the academy he would have to pay back the money if he does not pass the academy. Kyle Michel, City Administrator stated he felt it was covered under line 3 upon successfully attaining post certification. Chief Edwards reported this is similar to the agreement the Boone County Sheriff's Department uses. Mayor Slinker asked where the candidate was from. Chief Edwards reported he resides in Ashland. Alderman Wilson made motion and seconded by Alderwoman Old to approve the resolution to enter into an agreement for LETI training expense reimbursement. Mayor Slinker called for the vote. Mayor Slinker called for the vote. Alderwoman Old-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Plank-aye, Alderman Volkart-aye, Alderman Wilson-aye, Alderwoman Bell-absent. Motion carried.

Alderwoman Old made motion and seconded by Alderman Wilson to adjourn the meeting at 11:08 a.m. Motion carried.

Darla Sapp, City Clerk

Dorise Slinker, Mayor