

# Police and Fire Commission Meeting

May 5, 2021

5:00 p.m.

River Falls City Hall  
Council Chambers  
222 Lewis Street  
River Falls, WI

**Police**

**Fire**

## **POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION MEETING**

**May 5, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.**

Virtual Meeting

*\*\*Please note that due to the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency, some or all members of this governing body may attend via telephone or internet. The City Council Chambers will be open to the public but limited to 10 attendees or less due to social distancing. (To access, use the lower level doors.)*

*If you wish to watch the meeting, for your personal safety and the safety of our community, you are invited to do so from your home.*

**The public may view/listen to the meeting by:**

Calling Toll Free: 1-844-992-4726, Access code: 132 400 6977

Visiting the web link: <https://tinyurl.com/RFPFComm5521>

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***NOTE: OFFICIAL ACTION MAY BE TAKEN ON ANY AGENDA ITEM***

### **Agenda**

Call Meeting to Order

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes: March 23, 2021 Regular Meeting

### **Police Department**

- 1) Establish Deputy Chief Eligibility List
- 2) Appointment from Deputy Chief Eligibility List to Deputy Chief position, effective May 15, 2021
- 3) Establish Patrol Officer Eligibility List
- 4) Appointments from Patrol Offer Eligibility List

Adjournment

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***Posted: April 27, 2021 at 5:00 pm.***

***Updated May 3, 2021 at 3:00 PM***

## POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

March 23, 2021 @ 5:00 p.m.

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Meeting called to order at 5:09 p.m.

Commission Members Present: Mark Sams, Grant Hanson, Gary Donath, Dick Rinehart  
Staff Present: Gordon Young, Jon Smits

Absent: Jon Longsdorf

Police and Fire Commission President Mark Sams called the meeting to order at 5:09 PM in a virtual meeting format due to the Covid-9 pandemic. The City Council Chambers were open for public to attend.

Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting Minutes from January 27, 2021

**MSC Donath/Hanson. Unanimous by roll call vote.**

- 1) Removal from Probation for Officer Cody Tomlinson (effective March 31, 2021)  
Chief Young relayed that Officer Tomlinson started as a Reserve Officer with our department in March of 2019 and in September of 2019 started his law enforcement career with RFPD. There have been no discipline issues with Officer Tomlinson. He has a positive attitude and is meeting the requirements and expectations of the department. Chief Young shared two instances where Officer Tomlinson's positive attitude and actions made a positive impact on our community. Chief Young asked that Officer Tomlinson be removed from probationary status on March 31, 2021.  
**MSC Hanson/Rinehart to remove Officer Cody Tomlinson from Probation, effective March 31, 2021. Unanimous by roll call vote**

Other Business:

Chief expressed gratitude for those that are taking part in the upcoming interviews for the multiple hiring and promotion processes. He is looking for one commissioner to take part in two days of interviews in April. Chief Young asked interested commission members to e-mail him if interested.

Adjournment: **MSC Donath/Hanson.** Unanimous by roll call vote. Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ailene Splittgerber  
Recording Secretary



**RIVER FALLS  
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**Office of the Chief of Police**  
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**To:** Police & Fire Commissioners  
**From:** Gordon Young, Chief of Police  
**Date:** May 3, 2021  
**Re:** Deputy Chief Eligibility List

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Three (3) River Falls P.D. sergeants applied for the position of deputy chief. After conducting the assessment center and oral board interviews (Civilian and Law Enforcement), Sgt. Matthew Kennett scored the highest in each section of the examinations. See below chart:

Candidate	Assessment Center	Civilian Panel Interview Ranking	Law Enforcement Panel Interview Ranking
Sgt. Matthew Kennett	83.39% (1)	1	1
Sgt. Scott Bangert	79.27% (2)	3	2
Sgt. Denton Anderson	77.50% (3)	2	3

Upon the Commissioners agreeing with the eligibility list, I recommend the position being offered to Matthew Kennett.



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After conducting the physical agility test, written examination, and oral board interviews, the following applicants scored above 70% and meet the Police & Fire Commission rules for the eligibility list:

Candidate	Oral Interview Raw Score	Total	Veteran's Preference Pts	Total w/Vet Pts	Law Enforcement Certification
Luke Axley	391	97.75	n/a	97.25	Not Certified*
Matt Miller	357	89.25	n/a	89.25	Not Certified**
Alex Sather	347	86.75	n/a	86.75	Not Certified**
Alex Hoffman	345	86.25	n/a	86.25	Certifiable
Kyle Marlett	285	71.25	10	81.25	Not Certified
Isaiah Grancorvitz	305	76.25	n/a	76.25	Not Certified
Chris Gagne	299	74.75	n/a	74.25	Not Certified
Quentin Wanstall	290	72.5	n/a	72.5	Not Certified***
Ian Todnem	249	62.25	10	72.25	Not Certified

\*Uniformed Secret Service Academy

\*\* Graduating from CVTC Police Academy on May 15, 2021

\*\*\* Graduating from MN Post Exam on May 19, 2021

The police department currently has two vacant positions and one upcoming retirement (Jon Aubart on May 14<sup>th</sup>). Upon the Commissioners approving this eligibility list, I recommend appointing candidates Luke Axley, Matt Miller, and Alex Sather. Once the candidates have been appointed, they must successfully complete the background investigation and conditional offer requirements (psychological evaluation, drug and medical examination).