

# Police and Fire Commission Meeting

December 9, 2020

5:30 PM

Virtually via:

<https://tinyurl.com/RFPFComm1292020>

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

Police

Fire

**POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION MEETING**  
**December 9, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.**

*\*\*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. You can see the meeting by visiting this link: <https://tinyurl.com/RFPFComm1292020>*

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

**Agenda**

Call Meeting to Order

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes: August 24, 2020 Regular Meeting

**Police Department**

- 1) Action on Removal from Probation for Officer Patrick McGinty (effective 12-20-2020)

Adjournment

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***Posted: December 7, 2020 at 11:00 am***

## **POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**August 24, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.**  
River Falls City Council Chambers  
222 Lewis Street  
River Falls, WI

Police and Fire Commission President Mark Sams called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM . in a virtual meeting format due to the Covid-9 pandemic. The City Council Chambers was open for public to attend.

Commission Members Present: Mark Sams, Grant Hanson, Jon Longsdorf

Absent: Dick Rinehart, Gary Donath

Staff Present: Police Chief Gordon Young,  
IT Specialist Jon Smits

Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting Minutes from May 6, 2020  
**MSC Hanson/Longsdorf Unanimous.**

- 1) Action on Grade Step and Removal from Probation for Officer Derek Hokkanen (effective 9-5-2020) Chief Young provided background on Officer Hokkanen and shared compliments received regarding his behavior and conduct as an officer. Chief Young also shared goals Officer Hokkanen shared for his future within the department.  
**MSC Longsdorf/Hanson, for approval to remove Officer Hokkanen from probationary status. Unanimous by roll call vote.**

### **Other business:**

Chief updated the Commission that the City is still in a hiring freeze so, although we are approved for 25 sworn officers, we are at 24 as the position vacated by Officer Ekstrom's retirement has not yet been filled.

Officer Wes Adams recently returned from his National Guard deployment to Afghanistan. A specific return to work date for him has not yet been set.

A brief discussion around the Covid-19 pandemic and its affect on staff was held.

Adjournment: **MSC Hanson/Longsdorf** . Meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ailene Splittgerber  
Recording Secretary