

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BRAHAM CITY COUNCIL
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2018
4:45 P.M.

SWEARING IN OF COUNCIL MEMBER VICKY ETHEN

Newly appointed Council Member Vicky Ethen was sworn into office by Administrator Hoy.

The meeting was called to order with the following present: Mayor Patricia Carlson; Council Members Lowell Jaques, Shawn Sullivan, Jeremy Kunshier, and Vicky Ethen; and City Administrator Sally Hoy, and Police Chief Eric Baumgart.

No one was present from the press.

Jaques moved, and Kunshier seconded to accept the agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

HIRING OF POLICE OFFICERS

Chief Baumgart updated the council on where the department sat in the hiring of police officers. He noted that the last advertisement for officers generated three applications, and that all three were interviewed by an interview panel made up of Chief Baumgart, Cambridge Chief Todd Schuster, Mayor Carlson and Administrator Hoy. He recommended the council approve hiring Robert (Scott) Berg and Tyler Johnson as part-time officers at Step 1, which is \$21.23/hr., and that Haley Larson be placed on an eligibility list for consideration if the City should need to hire more officers.

Sullivan moved, and Kunshier seconded to approve hiring Robert (Scott) Berg and Tyler Johnson, and to put Haley Larson on an eligibility list for future consideration, if further hiring was needed. Motion carried 5-0.

HIRING OF LIQUOR STORE CLERK

Ethen moved, and Jaques seconded to approve Liquor Store Manager Jacque Nordby's recommendation to hire Janet Felland as part-time Liquor Store Clerk, at Step 1, which is \$11.31/hr. Motion carried 5-0.

RECOMMENDATION FOR DETECTIVE POSITION

Chief Baumgart updated the council on the Detective Position. He reported that two officers had submitted their Letter of Interest in the position, and given cold case files to review and report on. Their cold case reports were reviewed by a panel of the Personnel Committee, Administrator

Hoy, Chief Baumgart, and Isanti Chief Gene Hill, who then interviewed the candidates. Baumgart reported that based on their casework and interviews, the panel recommended Kevin Stahl for the position.

Baumgart noted that Stahl would continue to work as a peace officer, as well, and that the 2018 year was a trial year to determine the amount of time that needs to be devoted to Detective work. He shared Stahl's credentials, experience, and plans for the Detective position, as well as updating the council with the training of the officers in dealing with people who have mental health issues. He noted the benefit of having an unmarked police squad when responding to calls that involve someone with mental health issues because the unmarked car appears less threatening.

Ethen moved, and Sullivan seconded to promote Officer Kevin Stahl to the Detective position with an increase in pay of \$.50/hr. Motion carried 5-0.

Sullivan moved, and Jaques seconded to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sally A. Hoy
City Administrator