

AGENDA
POLICE MERIT COMMISSION
Monday, March 25, 2024 9:00 a.m.
Council Chambers

Municipal Building, 229 S. Second Street, Elkhart, IN 46516
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- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Approve Agenda**
- 4. Approve Minutes- Regular Meeting March 11, 2024**
- 5. Police Department**
 - Request to Hire: Jerod Anton Bechtold**
 - Swearing in Ceremony**
- 6. Public Participation**
- 7. Adjournment**

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President Jim Rieckhoff called a regular meeting of the Police Merit Commission (PMC) to order at 9:00 a.m., Monday, March 11, 2024. Clerk Nancy Wilson called the role. Commissioners Jim Rieckhoff, Thomas Barber, Brad Billings and Clifton Hildreth attended in person. Commissioner Jean Mayes was absent.

1. APPROVE AGENDA

On motion by Brad Billings, seconded by Clifton Hildreth and carried 4-0, the agenda was approved as presented.

2. APPROVE MINUTES: Regular Meeting February 26, 2024

On motion by Clifton Hildreth, seconded by Thomas Barber and carried 4-0, the minutes from February 26, 2024 were adopted.

3. POLICE DEPARTMENT

Request to Hire

Chief Milanese presented prospective officer Kyle Kent Osborne for hire. Mr. Osborne passed all of the required medical and psychological screenings, as well as the appropriate background searches necessary to become employed with the Elkhart Police Department as a Police Officer. He asked the Commissioners to hire him and that he be sworn in. On motion by Clifton Hildreth, seconded by Tom Barber and carried 4-0, the PMC hired Kyle Kent Osborne as a Police Officer for the Elkhart Police Department.

Chief Milanese presented prospective officer Matthew Allen Kline for hire. Mr. Kline passed all of the required medical and psychological screenings, as well as the appropriate background searches necessary to become employed with the Elkhart Police Department as a Police Officer. He asked the Commissioners to hire him and that he be sworn in. On motion by Brad Billings, seconded by Clifton Hildreth and carried 4-0, the PMC hired Matthew Allen Kline as a Police Officer for the Elkhart Police Department.

Chief Milanese presented prospective officer Patrick Wayne Munson for hire. Mr. Munson passed all of the required medical and psychological screenings, as well as the appropriate background searches necessary to become employed with the Elkhart Police Department as a Police Officer. He asked the Commissioners to hire him and that he be sworn in. On motion by Thomas Barber, seconded by Clifton Hildreth and carried 4-0, the PMC hired Patrick Wayne Munson as a Police Officer for the Elkhart Police Department.

Mayor Rod Roberson swore them in as follows: "I swear that I will diligently, honestly, faithfully and impartially, perform all my duties as a police officer of the City of Elkhart according to the law. I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Indiana. I will observe the rules and regulations established by the Police Merit Commission, and the Chief of Police of the Elkhart Police Department."

Chief Milanese presented a promotion Change of Status for Sgt. Andrew Chrobot from probationary to permanent Sergeant effective February 21, 2024. On motion by Brad Billings, seconded by Clifton Hildreth and carried 4-0, the PMC promoted Sgt. Andrew Chrobot to permanent Sergeant effective February 21, 2024.

Chief Milanese presented a promotion for Sgt. Jeremy Snow from probationary to permanent Sergeant effective February 21, 2024. On motion by Thomas Barber,

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seconded by Clifton Hildreth and carried 4-0, the PMC promoted Sgt. Jeremy Snow to permanent Sergeant effective February 21, 2024.

Chief Milanese presented a resignation from Ptl. Kyle Macumber effective March 5, 2024. On motion by Brad Billings, seconded by Clifton Hildreth and carried 4-0, the PMC accepted the resignation of Ptl. Kyle Macumber.

Chief Milanese presented a resignation from Ptl. O'Brien Myers effective February 20, 2024. On motion by Brad Billings, seconded by Clifton Hildreth and carried 4-0, the PMC accepted the resignation of Ptl. O'Brien Myers effective February 20, 2024.

4. ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Brad Billings, seconded by Clifton Hildreth and carried 4-0, the City of Elkhart, Indiana Police Merit Commission was adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

_____ Jim Rieckhoff, President

Attest: _____ Clifton Hildreth, Secretary

Rod Roberson
Mayor

Daniel Milanese
Chief



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RE: Jerod Anton Bechtold

Dear Commissioners:

Prospective officer, Jerod Anton Bechtold, has passed all of the required medical and psychological screenings, as well as the appropriate background searches necessary to become employed with the Elkhart Police Department as a police officer. I am requesting that you will approve the hiring of this candidate and that he be sworn in on March 25, 2024.

If you have any questions, or would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel Milanese", written over a horizontal line.

Daniel Milanese
Chief of Police

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