

AGENDA
POLICE MERIT COMMISSION
Monday, February 10, 2025 9:00 a.m.
Council Chambers

Municipal Building, 229 S. Second Street, Elkhart, IN 46516

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1-415-655-0001 Meeting Number 2307 142 1667
Password Police25

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approve Agenda
4. Approve Minutes- Regular Meeting January 27, 2025
5. Police Department
 - Change of Status- Ptl. Nicholas Ragsdale, Ptl. Ethan Pasternak
 - Retirement- Detective D'Andre Biller
6. Public Participation
7. Adjournment

POLICE MERIT COMMISSION
Monday, January 27, 2025

President Jim Rieckhoff called a regular meeting of the Police Merit Commission (PMC) to order at 9:00 a.m., Monday, January 13, 2025. Clerk Nancy Wilson called the role. Commissioners Jim Rieckhoff, Brad Billings, and Thomas Barber attended in person. Jean Mayes attended on Webex. Clifton Hildreth was absent.

1. APPROVE AGENDA

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

2. APPROVE MINUTES: Regular Meeting January 13, 2025

On motion by Thomas Barber, seconded by Brad Billings and carried 4-0, the minutes from January 13, 2025 were approved.

3. POLICE

Assistant Chief Andrew Whitmyer presented a Disciplinary Notice for Cpl. Jordan Sears. He violated Policy 320.5.10(d) Safety, and Policy 320.5.10 (E) Safety. He was issued a 10-day suspension without pay, corrective training, and a 60-day suspension from the take-home vehicle program. On motion by Brad Billings, seconded by Jean Mayes and carried 4-0, the PMC issued Cpl. Jordan Sears a 10-day suspension without pay, corrective training, and a 60-day suspension from the take home vehicle program.

Assistant Chief Andrew Whitmyer presented a Disciplinary Notice for Sgt. Michael VanScoik. He violated Policy 320.3.2(a), Supervisor Responsibilities, Policy 32-.5.7(a)(b) Efficiency, Policy 320.5.9(L) Conduct, and Policy 422.3(e2) Mobile Audio/Video. He was issued a 3-day suspension without pay, Training regarding supervisor's responsibilities, and debrief of entire incident as directed by Captain Hamlin. Jim Rieckhoff formally accepted the notification and placed it on file.

4. ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Brad Billings, seconded by Thomas Barber and carried 4-0, the City of Elkhart, Indiana Police Merit Commission was adjourned at 9:17 a.m.

_____ Jim Rieckhoff, President

Attest: _____ Clifton Hildreth, Secretary



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January 29, 2025

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Re: Change of Status
Ptl. Nicholas Ragsdale #513

Dear Commissioners:

On February 13, 2025 Ptl. Nicholas Ragsdale will complete his second year of service as a police officer with the Elkhart Police Department. His status will be effective from 2nd class to 1st class February 13, 2025.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dan Milanese
Chief of Police

cc: Cpt. Hamlin
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Re: Change of Status
Ptl. Ethan Pasternak #512

Dear Commissioners:

On February 13, 2025 Ptl. Ethan Pasternak will complete his second year of service as a police officer with the Elkhart Police Department. His status will be effective from 2nd class to 1st class February 13, 2025.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dan Milanese
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RE: Retirement
Detective D'Andre Biller #176

Dear Police Merit Commission:

After 34 years of service to the Elkhart Police Department, and the citizens of our Elkhart community, Det. Biller is retiring effective January 29, 2025.

Detective Biller was hired on January 8, 1991. D'Andre served in the Uniform Division for 6 years. On January 13, 1997 she was promoted to the rank of Detective in the Criminal Investigation Division. Then on July 24, 2017 D'Andre transferred to the Elkhart County Homicide Unit.

D'Andre has been an asset to the Elkhart Police Department and the Elkhart community.

Respectfully,

Daniel Milanese

Chief of Police

DM/mr

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