



Muncie Police Merit Commission

Call to order:

A meeting of the Muncie Police Merit Commission was held on Thursday, September 7, 2023 at 300 N. High Street Muncie, IN 47305- City Hall Auditorium
Bruce Qualls called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm

Roll call:

Attendees included - Bruce Qualls, Phillip Miller, Dea Bell, Carisa Aguilar, Chuck Zimmers, Mark Ervin and Nathan Sloan

Members not in attendance:

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Approval of minutes:

Carisa made a motion to accept the August 29, 2023 meeting minutes with any necessary corrections. Chuck seconded the motion. Motion to approve the meeting minutes with any necessary corrections is carried by voice vote.

Old business:

n/a

Business from Police Chief:

Chief Sloan read a resignation letter from Officer Dawson Schmidt. Officer Schmidt's last day is effective September 14, 2023. Dea made a motion to accept the resignation letter, Chuck seconded the motion. Motion to accept the resignation letter is carried by voice vote.

Chief Sloan asked the Commission to reconsider the pay status of matter #23-02. Carisa made a motion to change the pay status, of matter #23-02, from paid status to unpaid status, effective immediately. Dea seconded the motion. Motion to change complaint matter #23-02 from paid to unpaid status is carried by voice vote.

Business from Attorney Mark Ervin:

Mark gave a status update on disciplinary matters #23-01 and #23-02: following the last meeting, the Merit Commission issued an order, directing that the prior orders of dismissal be vacated and determined to be null and void and new hearing dates for both matters be set. There has been no action taken to set the matters for new hearing dates at this time. There are motions in both matters from the attorneys for the officers involved asking that the orders from the Commission be stayed or vacated and that the hearing officer dismiss both cases in accordance with the hearing officer's prior orders.

Chuck made a motion that if the Commission does not receive new hearing dates, for matters #23-01 and #23-02, prior to the next Merit Commission meeting on September 21, 2023, that the Merit Commission will set the hearing dates. Carisa seconded the motion. Motion is carried by voice vote.

Other business:

n/a

Adjournment:

Dea made a motion to adjourn, Bruce seconded the motion. Motion to adjourn is carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:12 pm.