

WINDSOR LOCKS POLICE COMMISSION

Minutes of Regular Meeting

August 13, 2014

Commissioners present:	Chairman Kevin Brace, Neal Cunningham, James Gaylord, and Ricardo Rachele
Commissioners absent:	Edward Lanati and Michael Royston
Also Present:	Chief Eric Osanitsch

- 1) **Call to Order** – Chairman Brace called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance** – The Pledge of Allegiance was not recited because there was no flag in the Town Hall break room where the meeting was held.
- 3) **Public Input** –

Michael Bracken – 12 Tinker Drive – Mr. Bracken made comments with regard to the letter from Ha Tran that was read at a recent Police Commission meeting. 1) He feels it was not intended for public record, 2) He stated Mr. Tran had help writing the letter and then signed it without reading it, and 3) Mr. Bracken stated he was going to file a harassment complaint to the State Police because of it.

- 4) **Approval of the minutes for the special meeting of June 26, 2014.**

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the June 26, 2014 special meeting.

James Gaylord

Seconded by Neal Cunningham

Motion Passed Unanimously

- 5) **Correspondence** – None

- 6) **Chief's Report** –

- Officer John Hoynoski attended a two-week training and is now a certified DARE Instructor and SRO. He will begin teaching DARE in the fall at the WLMS.
- Three handheld laser speed enforcement devices have been delivered and are currently out on patrol. This is part of an effort to replace outdated radar units.
- Officer Harry Garcia attended the National Child Passenger Safety Certification Course and is now a certified child passenger safety technician.

- a) **Budget Update** – The Chief stated that he has not yet received the year-end numbers from Finance. There have been a lot of changes in the Finance Department including a new payroll system and turnover in personnel that has slowed down the process. Chief Osanitsch stated that he would forward the report if he receives it before the next Commission meeting.

- 7) **Old Business** –

- a) **K-9 Program Update** - K-9 Jaxx has sustained a career ending back injury and will be retired from service. The Chief stated that this is very unfortunate and that Jaxx was one of the best dogs he has ever seen. The Department is actively looking for another dog for K-9 duty. The Chief asked for permission to spend up to \$9,000 from the Asset Forfeiture Fund for this purchase.

MOTION: To allow Chief Osanitsch to spend up to \$9,000 from the Asset Forfeiture Fund to purchase a new K-9 dog.

James Gaylord

Seconded by Neal Cunningham

Motion Passed Unanimously

- b) **Nepotism Policy** - Chairman Brace stated that we have a draft of a Nepotism Policy and have reached out to Attorney Deneen for his review. Chairman Brace asked that we table this issue until Attorney Deneen has time to review the document and get back to the Commission.

MOTION: To table the Nepotism Policy until the Commission hears back from Attorney Deneen.
James Gaylord **Seconded by Ricardo Rachele**
Motion Passed Unanimously

8) Executive Session – To discuss personnel matters.

MOTION: To enter into Executive Session at 7:10 to discuss personnel matters. Chief Osanitsch was invited to attend.
James Gaylord **Seconded by Neal Cunningham**
Motion Passed Unanimously

MOTION: To end Executive Session at 7:45.
Neal Cunningham **Seconded by James Gaylord**

9) Possible Vote –

There was no vote.

10) Commissioner’s Comments – None

11) Adjournment –

MOTION: To adjourn at 7:46 pm.
James Gaylord **Seconded by Neal Cunningham**
Motion Passed Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Pfaffenbichler
Recording Secretary

A recording of this meeting is available on CD in the Town Clerk’s Office.