

**MICHIGAN CITY POLICE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 13, 2010**

The Police Civil Service Commission of Michigan City, Indiana, held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 13, 2010, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 100 E. Michigan Blvd., Michigan City, Indiana.

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was present to conduct business.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Michael Palmer called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present: Commissioners Deloise Howse, John Pliske and Michael Palmer.

Also present: Chief of Police Ben Neitzel, Chief of Services John Kintzele, Chief of Operations Mark Swistek, Attorney Pam Krause, Captain Mark Harris, Corporal Sean Steele, Council Liaison Pat Boy, Councilman Ron Meer and members of the Michigan City Police Department receiving awards.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Howse moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 9, 2010 and Special Meeting held on March 15, 2010, accepted as submitted, second by Commissioner Pliske.

Motion carried 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS

QUARTERLY AWARDS

Chief Ben Neitzel presented the following awards:

- ◆ Officer Jason Holloway received a letter of accommodation for the outstanding performance when on duty January 15, 2010 by apprehending a suspect that confused to three robberies.
- ◆ Officer Rob Grant received a letter of accommodation for his performance when on duty February 7, 2010.

Chief Neitzel reported that the Michigan City Police Department received two (2) awards from the United States Attorney Office on April 6, 2010. One of the awards was for the Drug Task Force participation in Operation Caesar Salad. The other award was to the Michigan City Police Department for their cooperation in general with Federal Law Enforcement Agencies during the year.

The Police Merit Commission presented service award plaques to: Sergeant Dave Legros, Sergeant Rob Drake, and Officer Thomas Jackson for twenty years of service.

PROBATIONARY OFFICER REPORTS

Corporal Sean Steele reported:

- ◆ Probationary Officer Kenneth Eguia will begin Phase 4 of the FTO Program. Officer Eguia will remain on Shift 1 with Green Days off. His FTO is Officer Bunton. He will be evaluated by Captain Harris Commander of the Division of Professional Standards for solo operation within the next seven days.
- ◆ Probationary Officer Jason Cracknell began the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy on 03/29/2010 and will continue until graduation on July 9, 2010.
- ◆ Probationary Officer Michael King began the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy on 03/29/2010 and will continue until graduation on July 9, 2010.

- ◆ Probationary Officer Kyle Mason began the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy on 03/29/2010 and will continue until graduation on July 9, 2010.
- ◆ Probationary Officer Michael McLemore began the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy on 03/29/2010 and will continue until graduation on July 9, 2010.
- ◆ Probationary Officer Michael Petrie began the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy on 03/29/2010 and will continue until graduation on July 9, 2010.
- ◆ Probationary Officer Jacob Ray began the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy on 03/29/2010 and will continue until graduation on July 9, 2010.
- ◆ Probationary Officer Matthew Cottrill is assigned to the Division of professional Standards for training.
- ◆ Probationary Officer Oberle is assigned to the Division of professional Standards for training.
- ◆ Reported all Probationary Officers at the academy are doing well.

POLYGRAPH REPORTS

Commissioner Palmer stated that ten (10) polygraph reports have been returned, advising the Commission would be reviewing them at the end of the meeting.

BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION

There were no background investigations to report.

PHYSICAL/PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTING

There were no physical/psychological tests to report.

PERF

Chief Neitzel stated that applicant Ryan Ayres has been submitted to PERF and passed the local Pension Board.

PAST PERFORMANCE REPORTS

Commissioner Palmer stated the Past Performance reports from July 1 –December 31, 2009 have been received and have been graded. Commissioner Palmer advised the scores would be mailed out tomorrow (April 14, 2010).

NEW BUSINESS

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- Memo from Capt. Harris regarding the Board of Commanders meeting scheduled for March 24, 2010.
- Copy of Performance Appraisal Rating Graders for period 7-01-09 thru 12-31-09.
- Memo to all officers taking the promotional exam that the books are available to be checked out.
- Supervisor Evaluation Report for Lt. Brinkman for March.
- Claims to be paid totaling \$3,604.42.

Commissioner Palmer stated there were two (2) other supervisor evaluation reports received from Corporal Ken Drake and Sergeant David Legros.

On motion of Commissioner Pliske, seconded by Commissioner Howse, claims in the amount of \$3,604.42 should be paid. **Motion carried 3-0.**

REPORT FROM CHIEF NEITZEL

Chief Neitzel reported:

- ◆ That on March 15, 2010 a new officer, Michael Oberle was sworn in.
- ◆ Advised there are ninety-one (91) officers to date.

ASST. CHIEF COMMENTS

Asst. Chief Kintzele reported:

- ◆ Stated what a good job the Police Department and the Task Force have done with the cooperation of the public regarding drug issues in Michigan City.
- ◆ Reported on correspondence received from the officers at the academy advising they are doing very well on their tests and wanted to thank the training division for preparing them better than other officers at the academy.

Asst. Chief Swistek reported:

- ◆ Congratulated Officer Jason Holloway, Officer Rob Grant, Sergeant David Legros and Officer Thomas Jackson for 20 years of service on the Police Department.
- ◆ Addressed the good job the Task Force has done, encouraging the community to keep calling the 873-1488 (Drug Tip Hot Line) to report any incident or information that may be of help to the Task Force.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner's Howse, Pliske and Palmer congratulated the department and all the officers who received awards.

Commissioner Palmer reminded everyone that beginning May 13, 2010 the Commission meeting will be held on the second Thursday at 5:30 p.m. each month in the Council Chamber, City Hall.

ATTORNEY COMMENTS

There were no comments from the Attorney.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Pat Boy congratulated the department and everyone that received awards for their service on the department

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public

The next regular meeting is scheduled for THURSDAY, May 13, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting recessed at 10:20 a.m. on motion by Commissioner Pliske and seconded by Commissioner Howse, **Motion carried 3-0.**

The meeting reconvened at 10:45 a.m. in the office of the Police Commission.

The following polygraphs were reviewed:

Motion by Commissioner Howse and seconded by Commissioner Pliske applicant William Warnke is no longer being considered for a position. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Commissioner Pliske and seconded by Commissioner Howse applicant Richard Lind is no longer being considered for a position. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Commissioner Pliske and seconded by Commissioner Howse applicant Melony Blissmer is no longer being considered for a position. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Commissioner Howse and seconded by Commissioner Pliske applicant Brian Cortelyou is to be sent for a background investigation. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Commissioner Howse and seconded by Commissioner Pliske applicant Jonathan Yoder is to be sent for a background investigation. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Commissioner Howse and seconded by Commissioner Pliske applicant Kody Wood is no longer being considered for a position. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Commissioner Pliske and seconded by Commissioner Howse applicant Anthony Tatro is no longer being considered for a position. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Commissioner Howse and seconded by Commissioner Pliske applicant Brian Frank is no longer being considered for a position. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Commissioner Pliske and seconded by Commissioner Howse applicant Michael Chlebowski is no longer being considered for a position. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Commissioner Howse and seconded by Commissioner Pliske applicant Michael Manns is no longer being considered for a position. Motion carried 3-0.

The remaining ten (10) applicants on the eligibility list will be sent for their polygraph.

The reconvened meeting adjourned at 10:55 p.m. on motion by Commissioner Howse and seconded by Commissioner Pliske. **Motion carried 3-0.**

John Pliske, Secretary

ATTEST:

Michael D. Palmer, President

Deloise Howse, Vice-President