

Hoopeston Police Commission

12/22/25

5:00 P.M.

Hoopeston City Hall

Minutes

In attendance from the Commission were Alex Houmes and Bill Goodwine. Commissioner Mark Wagoner was absent. Chief Chris Kelnhofer was also in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 5:28 p.m.

Chief Kelnhofer confirmed that Officer Adam Dixon had resigned. Chief Kelnhofer suggested we rehire former officer Luke Hickman to replace officer Dixon. Hickman is a former Hoopeston policer officer who had resigned the Hoopeston police department to become a member of the county sheriff's department. He did not like his new position in the sheriff's department, so resigned. He has been a part time policer for Hoopeston for the past several months. Hickman desires to be rehired by Hoopeston as a full-time officer.

Goodwine made the motion to recommend to the council to rehire Hickman. Seconded by Houmes. Motion carried 2-0.

Chief Kelnhofer recommended we fill the position of Captain within the Police Department. Discussion followed as to the benefits of filling this position. Staffing levels would remain the same as the captain's position would be filled at this time by one of the existing Sargents. Upon recommendation by Chief Kelnhofer, the most qualified person to fill this position is Sargent Morgan.

Goodwine made the motion to recommend promotion of Sargent Morgan to Captain position. Seconded by Houmes. Motion carried 2-0. This recommendation will be submitted to the Council Police Committee for Council approval.

The complaint by Brandon Young against the conduct of Officers Herman and Lackey submitted 12/02/25 regarding an incident at Dollar General on 10/31/25 was denied based upon 2 reasons:

- a.) The complaint is unclear.
- b.) The complaint was submitted 32 days after the incident. The policy requires a complaint be registered with 14 days.

Motion to adjourn was made by Houmes at 6:20 p.m. Seconded by Goodwine. Motion carried 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,
J. William Goodwine, Secretary