

07/11/26
9:00 A.M.
Hoopeston Area High School

Minutes

In attendance from the Commission were Alex Houmes, Mark Wagoner and Bill Goodwine. Mayor Tracy Carter, Police Chief Chris Kelnhofer and Officer Ron Cade were also in attendance.

Following the physical tests of four police officer applicants, the meeting was called to order at 10:13 a.m.

Roll call was taken with all commissioners in attendance.

Minutes of the meeting of 06/04/26 were approved.

Motion to go into executive session was made at 10:19 by Wagoner, seconded by Houmes. The commission went into Executive session to discuss complaints from Joshua Clifton. with Chief Kelnhofer also in attendance

The first complaint concerned an Officer Lackey comment to April Fivecoat who had called the police department regarding Mr. Clifton. Officer Lackey commented to April Fivecoat that she had heard Mr. Clifton had a girlfriend in town. The commission felt this was a personnel issue. Chief Kelnhofer stated that he had counseled Officer Lackey regarding such comments. On motion made and seconded, the commission unanimously denied the complaint.

The second complaint involved Officer Herman allowing a Heather Hughes to change her story. The details are confusing. Since no formal action was taken regarding the issue and Officer Herman is no longer a Hoopeston police officer, the commissioners felt there was no wrong doing and no action should be taken. Such was the motion and was passed unanimously.

A third complaint involved Officers Herman, Ramos and Nardoni. These officers were responding to a domestic issue. In trying to gain entry to Joshua Clifton's house the strike plate on the front door was broken. All evidence suggested that the officers were using standard police practices in trying to gain entry. This complaint was unanimously denied.

Motion to come out of Executive Session was made at 11:18 by Houmes, seconded by Wagoner. Motion approved unanimously.

There being no more business to discuss, motion to adjourn was made by Houmes, seconded by Wagoner. Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
J. William Goodwine, Secretary