



**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL SESSION
OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON
BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

December 14, 2015 @ 3:30 p.m.
Charleston City Hall
Basement Conference Room
520 Jackson Avenue
Charleston, Illinois

Members Present

Reed Benedict, Board Chairman
Keith Perry

Members Absent

Barb Marquis

Staff Present

Police Chief Bryan Baker; Fire Chief Pat Goodwin; Asst. Fire Chief Steve Bennett and Debbie Burkhart, Board Secretary.

Call to Order

The Board of Fire and Police Commissioners met in General Session on Monday, December 14, 2015 at 3:30 p.m. in the basement conference room of Charleston City Hall, 520 Jackson Avenue, Charleston, Illinois, with Board Chair Reed Benedict presiding. Board Member Barb Marquis was absent.

Approval of Minutes

Item #1: Board Chair Reed Benedict made a motion accept and approve the General Session and Executive Session Minutes of the November 9, 2015 regular meeting. Board Member Keith Perry seconded the motion. **The motion was carried by a vote of Yeas – 2, Nays – 0**

New Business

Item #2: Board Chair Reed Benedict made a motion to accept and approve the entry-level test scores for firefighter-paramedics proctored on December 5, 2015. Board Member Keith Perry seconded the motion. **The motion was carried by a vote of Yeas – 2, Nays – 0**

Item #3: Board Member Keith Perry made a motion to accept and approve the initial eligibility list for Firefighter-Paramedics. Board Chair Reed Benedict seconded the motion. **The motion was carried by a vote of Yeas – 2, Nays – 0**

Item #4: Fire Chief Pat Goodwin advised the Board that Firefighter-Paramedic Aaron Rice has been on active military leave for 11 of the 12 months of his employment and that his probationary period would be extended. Fire Chief Goodwin advised the Board that it was their understanding the Mr. Rice was to be released from active duty in January or February of 2016 and that he has emailed Mr. Rice for clarification but has gotten no response from him. Assistant Fire Chief Steve Bennett advised the Board that the fire academy has an opening in their March class and has emailed the application for the fire academy to Mr. Rice but has received no response.

Recommendations for Final Certification

Item #5: Board Chair Reed Benedict made a motion to issue final certification to Police Officer Robert “Dan” Hale effective December 31, 2015. Board Member Keith Perry seconded the motion.

The motion was carried by a vote of Yeas – 2, Nays – 0

Adjournment:

Board Chair Reed Benedict made a motion to adjourn at 3:41 p.m. Board Member Keith Perry seconded the motion.

The motion was carried by a vote of Yeas – 2, Nays – 0

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Burkhart