

**NASHVILLE METROPOLITAN POLICE MERIT COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2023**

Police Merit Commission Members present: President Ken Wendling, Vice-President Linda Lawson, Secretary Tom Bauer, Member Ric Fox, and Member Jim Hays. Also present: Chief Heather Burris, Officer Mike Horn, and Town Manager Sandie Jones.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

1) CALL TO ORDER

Vice-President Wendling called the meeting to order at 3:40 PM.

2) ROLL CALL

Vice-President Wendling called the roll.

3) ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Selection of Commission President: Tom Bauer nominated Ken Wendling. Second Ric Fox. All unanimously in favor.

Selection of Commission Vice-President: Ken Wendling nominated Linda Lawson. Second Ric Fox. All unanimously in favor.

Selection of Commission Secretary: Ken Wendling nominated Tom Bauer. Second Jim Hays. All unanimously in favor.

4) APPROVAL OF MEETINGS MINUTES FROM 2/14/2023 MEETING

Secretary Bauer asked about the purpose and progress of purchasing various "outreach items" that could be handed out by Officers to citizenry at Town and County events. Chief Burris explained the purpose of the public outreach and talked about possible items that were being considered.

President Wendling said that they are looking at having the Eagle Manufacturing Department at Brown County High School produce some of the items and are checking on pricing.

Member Fox made a motion to approve the minutes from the 2/14/2023 meeting as presented. All unanimously in favor.

5) REPORT FROM POLICE CHIEF BURRIS

A. Chief Burris brought up the idea of Nashville Town Police presence at the "National Night Out" event on August 1, 2023. She explained that National Night Out is an annual event designed to encourage connections and support between community members and community resources. (see <https://natw.org> for more information). Chief Burris requested that Commission Members be involved in the planning process for the event. Vice-President Lawson volunteered to be directly involved in the planning process and communicate with the other Merit Commission members. Chief Burris will communicate to all Commission Members the schedule of planning meetings for this event. President Wendling suggested that the organization "Do Something Brown County" and Cory Joy be involved in the event. Chief Burris said that any organization is welcome to be involved in the event. She said that she would check into sponsorship requirements.

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B. Chief Burris informed the Commission that she is completing the process of making sure that the pictures of all current officers are hanging in the front office entry.

C. Chief Burris announced that she and Town Police Officers will be serving food at Mother's Cupboard on March 15, 2023.

D. Chief Burris announced that Andi Wilson has completed the new design of the Nashville Town Police website. It will be published and displayed soon.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Member Bauer moved to adjourn the meeting. Member Fox seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. President Wendling adjourned the meeting at 4:08 PM.



Police Merit Commission President Ken Wendling



Date