

**MINUTES  
APPOINTMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE  
APRIL 4, 2016 4:00 P.M.  
CITY MANAGER'S CONFERENCE ROOM  
CITY HALL  
100 STATE STREET  
BELOIT, WI 53511**

Chair Branden Beavers Jackson called the special meeting of the Appointment Review Committee to order at 4:05 p.m.

**1. Roll Call:**

Committee Members Present: Branden Beavers Jackson, Kurt Reynolds, Henry Clement, Louise Reidenbach, Merlin Kenitzer

Committee Members Excused: Charles Haynes, Sheila De Forest

Staff: Pamela Lathrop

Guests: Lori Curtis Luther, David Luebke, Ana Kelly, Rick McGrath, Linda Lynch, Robert Crozier at 4:20 p.m.

Two new applications were handed out for consideration.

**2. Review of applicants for the following vacancies with recommendations to City Council:**

Three vacancies have occurred on the Police and Fire Commission (PFC). Mr. Jackson explained that the PFC doesn't have a quorum at this time, and the City Council requested the Appointment Review Committee meet to appoint one resident.

All present introduced themselves. Dave Luebke and Lori Luther thanked the members of the Appointment Review Committee for coming together at short notice. Ms. Luther explained that the PFC needs 3 members to conduct business. Besides voting to affirm the appointment of the Police Chief, they need to be able to meet for purposes of creating an eligible list for the Police Department, promotions, and discipline matters.

Mr. Reynolds stated that the applications before us are very strong, and it is encouraging that some have indicated other committee choices besides the PFC.

Submitted for consideration are the following complete applications:

John Emery  
Bill Feffer (application was dated 2014 but when contacted, he stated he's moving out of state)  
Dan Gifford  
Dennis Murphy  
John Petersen

Members of the Appointment Review Committee discussed the applications. They may request a check of voter records to validate political party, since by State Statute the PFC can't have more than three members belonging to the same political party.

Motion by Kurt Reynolds to recommend the appointment of **Dennis Murphy**, 1107 Harrison Ave. (replacing Leesa MacGowen) for a term expiring April 30, 2017, pending a successful background check. Merlin Kenitzer seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Staff will contact Mr. Murphy to set up an interview with Council.

**3. Member Participation**

Lori Luther asked the Beloit Daily News reporter to print something letting the public know that PFC applications should be submitted by the end of this week. The next Appointment Review Committee meeting is Monday, April 11, 2016 and remaining Police and Fire Commission vacancies will be on the regular agenda.

Louise Reidenbach thanked Councilor Luebke for his comments. Councilor Ana Kelly again thanked the Appointment Review Committee members for coming together on short notice.

**4. Citizen Participation**

None.

**5. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

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Branden Beavers Jackson, Chairperson

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Kurt Reynolds, Vice-Chairperson

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