

**MINUTES
APPOINTMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE
APRIL 8, 2019 - 4:30 P.M.
CITY MANAGER'S CONFERENCE ROOM
CITY HALL
100 STATE STREET
BELOIT, WI 53511**

Chairperson Dan Gifford called the regular meeting of the Appointment Review Committee to order at 4:31 p.m.

1. Roll Call:

Committee Members Present: Chairperson Dan Gifford, Louise Reidenbach, Pam George, Paul Martin, Rebecca Wallendal, Daniel Barolsky, Kurt Reynolds, Council President Kevin Leavy, Council Vice President Regina Dunkin

Staff: Pam Lathrop, Executive Assistant to the City Manager

2. Minutes:

Motion by Louise Reidenbach to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2019 meeting. Seconded by Daniel Barolsky, motion carried unanimously. There was no meeting in March.

3. Consideration and review of existing and upcoming vacancies (April and May, 2019):

Accepted as sent. Regina Dunkin said there has been a change in staff at the high school, but she will follow up to let them know about the youth vacancies on Park, Recreation & Conservation Advisory Commission and the Municipal Golf Committee.

4. Review of City Council appointments, February 18, 2019:

Accepted as sent.

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

Plan Commission

Motion by Louise Reidenbach to recommend the reappointment of incumbent **Matthew L. Finnegan** to a term expiring April 30, 2022. Pam George seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Louise Reidenbach to recommend the reappointment of incumbent **Timothy L. Weeden** to a term expiring April 30, 2022. Pam George seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Police and Fire Commission

Incumbent Tressy Brown is interested and eligible for reappointment.

Motion by Daniel Barolsky to recommend the appointment of **Rongal Watson**, 810 Emerson St. to a five-year term expiring April 30, 2024. Kurt Reynolds seconded and discussion ensued.

Reidenbach expressed her opinion that Ms. Brown should be reappointed for a second term. The Appointment Review Committee traditionally reappoints incumbents who are interested in continuing on a

committee/commission/board. There were three good candidates presented to the Appointment Review Committee. When all things are equal, then we should reappoint, as we have done in the past.

Wallendal asked the political make-up of the PFC. Currently there are two Democrats, two Republicans and one Independent. According to Wisconsin State Statute 62.13(1): "...No appointment shall be made which will result in more than 3 members of the board belonging to the same political party." Mr. Watson provided his party affiliation as "Independent."

Barolsky expressed the opinion that what makes this different (in terms of reappointing the incumbent) is that Mr. Watson brings something different and distinct. We are looking for individuals to bring new ideas.

Reynolds feels that if Ms. Brown were reappointed, she would be on the PFC for 8 years, which is a long time on one committee. Ms. Brown indicated a 2nd choice on her original application, that of Board of Ethics. ARC members asked if they could nominate her for the vacancy on the Board of Ethics. That vacancy is not on the agenda and it was recommended we check with her to see if she's still interested.

President Gifford called for a vote. The motion carried with 4 voting in favor, 2 opposed and 1 undecided.

City Council shall interview Mr. Watson before appointing, as per Municipal Ordinance.

6. Committee Comments:

Reynolds received his Statement of Economic Interest (SEI) from the Clerk's office and reminded members to make sure to turn them in. Members are not eligible to vote without the SEI on file.

7. Public Comment:

None

8. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Dan Gifford, Chairperson

Date

Daniel Barolsky, Vice-Chairperson

Date