

CITY OF PLEASANTVILLE
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 30, 2024 at 5:30PM

Mayor Kody Jurgens opened the meeting with council members Rachel Lopez, Jon Koehn, Kyle Patterson, and Jordan Van Ness present. Council member Aaron Hurt was absent.

Mayor Jurgens informed the council that the candidate for the Police Chief position called on Sunday and decided to decline the position. He explained that today is Chief Mrstik's last official day. His recommendation is to appoint Officer Lance Eysink as the interim Police Chief. Councilman Koehn asked if Mayor Jurgens has met with Officer Eysink. Mayor Jurgens explained that he met with Officer Eysink yesterday and Eysink will accept the interim position, but wasn't sure if he would want the full-time Police Chief position. Mrstik explained to the council that he has also talked to Eysink and informed him that he would be available to provide Eysink with assistance if he would need it. Motion by Patterson, seconded by Van Ness to approve Resolution 24-24, approving Mayor Jurgens appointment for Lance Eysink to serve as the interim Chief of Police. All voting in favor motion carried.

Mayor Jurgens explained that he feels Eysink should receive the same compensation that was offered to the candidate for the chief position. The candidate was offered \$77,000 per year which is \$37.02 per hour, along with permission to take the Tahoe home. Motion by Lopez, seconded by Van Ness to approve compensation of \$37.02 per hour for Eysink on an interim basis and give permission to take the city Tahoe home while serving the interim position. Steve Woodhouse asked how broad the search will be for a new chief and how long the application period will be open. Jurgens explained that the position will be re-posted and opened back up for new applicants until the position is filled. He explained the interview process will start once applications are received. Woodhouse asked what the outcome will look like for another police officer position. Jurgens explained that at this time there is no outcome to move forward on. All voting in favor motion carried.

Motion by Patterson, seconded by Van Ness to enter into closed session pursuant to IA Code Chapter 21.5(c). All voting in favor motion carried.

Motion by Van Ness, seconded by Patterson to come out of closed session. All voting in favor motion carried.

Motion by Van Ness, seconded by Koehn to terminate Officer Emily Good. All voting in favor motion carried.

Mayor Jurgens mentioned that Good is still in possession of school property. Mrstik explained that she is in possession of city property as well. He has an inventory list that he will get to Interim Chief Eysink. City Attorney, Bob Stuyvesant, recommended the items be returned to the Police Station to Chief Eysink with City Clerk, Rachel Reed, present.

Motion by Patterson, seconded by Lopez to adjourn the meeting. All voting in favor motion carried.

Mayor, Kody Jurgens

City Clerk, Rachel Reed