

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD PUBLIC SAFETY RETIREMENT POLICE BOARD, HELD JULY 1, 2015 AT 9:00 AM AT THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING POLICE DEPT MEETING ROOM, 199 S 6<sup>TH</sup> ST., COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA.

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The meeting was called to order by Diane Joens at 9:09 a.m. Roll call was taken as follows:

Board Members Present

Kent Hellman, Civilian  
Dick Ritchey, Civilian  
Kirsten Lennon, Secretary  
Diane Joens, Chairperson  
Monica Kuhl, Police Dept.

Board Members Absent

Chad Sinn, Police Dept.

Approval of Minutes – Monica Kuhl moved to approve the minutes from the December 18, 2014 board meeting and it was seconded by Kent Hellman and the vote was carried unanimously in favor of approving the minutes.

Oath of Office – Richard “Dick” Ritchey recited the Oath of Office and signed the Oath of Office. Mr. Ritchey talked about his extensive background in Public Safety and his retirement. He stated that he currently lives in Cottonwood, Arizona and received a disability pension from Colorado and has never been on this side of the retirement process. He is glad to be on the board. Kent Hellman made a motion to approve Mr. Ritchey’s appointment to the board with a term that expires December 31, 2019, it was seconded by Monica Kuhl and carried unanimously in favor of approving his appointment to the board.

Review of Delton Munday’s request for Disability Retirement – Monica Kuhl stated that based on the medical information presented that she felt that Delton Munday would not be returning to active duty as a Police Officer. She stated that she felt that the disability was an Accidental Disability since it occurred during “Active Shooter Training”. Kirsten Lennon stated that the City had not received notification yet that Officer Munday would not be able to return to work but that the last statement from Worker’s Compensation stated that if he didn’t have full function by the end of 6 months he would not be able to perform the duties of Police Officer. Kent Hellman asked how long it would take to get Officer Munday in for an Independent Medical exam and get a response back to the board. Kirsten Lennon stated that it would probably be late July before he saw the IME and mid August before we got a response back and could be as late as the beginning of September before the board could meet again to make a decision on the Disability Retirement. Kent Hellman also asked if there was a light duty position that would be available if the report stated that Officer Munday could return to light duty. Sergeant Monica Kuhl stated that the department usually only has light duty positions as temporary positions to help with recovery and not long term. Kirsten Lennon stated that typically the Police Department has active duty positions that require the Officer to be able to meet the Police Officer job description. Dick Ritchey asked for an explanation of the different types of disability available through Public Safety Retirement. Kirsten Lennon read off the four different disability retirement definitions from the Retirement Handbook. Everyone agreed that the Accidental Disability Retirement seemed to define what happened to Delton Munday. Diane Joens made a motion to that we have determined that there is enough medical evidence to accept an application for Accidental Disability from Delton Munday and to send him to in for an Independent Medical Exam. The motion was seconded by Monica Kuhl and carried unanimously in favor.

Call to Public- The call to the public was made and Delton Munday said he was thankful for our consideration of his disability retirement.

Adjournment

There being no further business Diane Joens moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:38 am and seconded by Monica Kuhl and the vote was carried unanimously in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:



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Kirsten Lennon, Secretary