

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD PUBLIC SAFETY RETIREMENT POLICE BOARD, HELD AUGUST 18, 2011 AT 9:30 AM AT THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD POLICE SUBSTATION, 817 NORTH MAIN STREET, COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA.

The meeting was called to order by Diane Joens at 9:28 a.m. Roll call was taken as follows:

Board Members Present

Gary Eisenga, Police Dept.
J.J. Silvas, Civilian
Diane Joens, Chairperson
Kirsten Lennon, Secretary

Board Members Absent

Randy Garrison, Civilian
Brian Campbell, Police Dept.

Approval of Minutes – Gary Eisenga moved to approve the minutes as amended from the March 10, 2011 and it was seconded by J.J. Silvas and the vote was carried unanimously in favor of approving the minutes.

Induction of New City of Cottonwood Police Department Officers into PSPRS –

Gary Eisenga asked if approving new members with a pre-existing condition requires the board members to know what the pre-existing condition pertains to. Kirsten Lennon stated that they are welcome to come into the office and look at the pre-existing condition forms and find out what they might be. It was also discussed that even though the board has the right to get two opinions on the pre-existing conditions that at this time we may not want to have two opinions due to cost. That pre-existing conditions are on file with the board secretary if they are needed at the time of application for a disability retirement.

J.J. Silvas moved to approve having John Rankin and James Repp, who were both hired on May 16, 2011, John Rankin with no pre-existing conditions and James Repp with pre-existing conditions, brought into the Public Safety Retirement system. It was seconded by Gary Eisenga and carried unanimously in favor.

Approval of Normal Retirement-

Kirsten Lennon stated that Ryan Gildehaus had his 20 years of service and was applying for a normal retirement. Gary Eisenga asked if the date should be September 9th 2011 which is Ryan Gildehaus last day of work but Kirsten Lennon stated that Ryan had requested to her that the date be September 11th so that is what is on all the paperwork. Gary Eisenga moved to approve normal retirement for Ryan Gildehaus on September 11, 2011. It was seconded by J.J. Silvas and carried unanimously in favor. J.J. Silvas stated that Ryan Gildehaus had been a great help to the Police Departments volunteer program, Citizens on Patrol, and that he will be missed. Gary Eisenga stated that there would be retirement party on September 9th.

Discussion and Approval or Denial of Accidental Disability Retirement-

Chairperson Joens stated that she had read through all of the doctor's information on Robert Ullery's injuries that were sustained on duty on June 29, 2010. That the doctor had stated in numerous places and notes that Officer Ullery would not be able to function in his current job description and duties. It was discussed that the injury to his left hand occurred during a car accident where the airbag hit his left wrist. Since his left wrist is his dominant wrist the injury was very detrimental to his ability to perform the duties of a police officer as described in the

City of Cottonwood's job description. Chairperson Joens made the motion to approve the Accidental Disability if the board exercised its option to have a medical exam done periodically. Gary Eisenga stated that he thought that Officer Ullery was only 3 years from normal retirement and Kirsten Lennon confirmed that Officer Ullery had 16.397 years of service and would be eligible for normal retirement in 3.60 years and at that time the retirement would convert to a normal retirement. Chairperson Joens then made another motion to approve the Accidental Disability Retirement of Robert Ullery as of July 1, 2011. The motion was seconded by Gary Eisenga and carried unanimously in favor.

Call to Public- The call to the public was made but there was no public present.

Adjournment

There being no further business Diane Joens moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:49 a.m. and it was seconded by Gary Eisenga and the vote was carried unanimously in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

Kirsten Lennon, Secretary