

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD PUBLIC SAFETY RETIREMENT POLICE BOARD, HELD JULY 14, 2021 AT 2:00 P.M. AT THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING POLICE DEPT MEETING ROOM, 199 S 6TH ST., COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA.

The meeting was called to order by Tosca Henry at 2:01 pm. Roll call was taken as follows:

Board Members Present

Kirsten Lennon, Secretary
Matt Strickland, Police Dept.
Tosca Henry, Chairperson
Diane Joens, Civilian – By phone
Kent Hellman, Civilian

Board Members Absent

Cody Savage, Police Department

Approval of Minutes – Matt Strickland moved to approve the minutes from the September 29, 2020 board meeting. The motion was seconded by Kent Hellman and the vote was carried unanimously in favor of approving the minutes.

Oath of Office – This item was tabled due to Cody Savage being absent from the meeting.

Retirement Application for Mark Mann September 9, 2021 – Kirsten Lennon stated that Mark Mann requested to retire from Public Safety Retirement on September 9th and he is eligible based on age and years of service. Although Mr. Mann only worked for the City for a couple of years he had worked for other entities to achieve his years of service. Kirsten also stated that due to the other positions that he had his high three years was much larger then what he earned at the City and therefore becomes part of the City’s underfunding issue at Public Safety Retirement. Tosca Henry and other board members asked if there was any reason to deny the retirement and Kirsten Lennon stated we really have no grounds. That being said Tosca Henry moved to approve the retirement, Matt Strickland seconded and the motion was carried unanimously in favor. There was a small discussion about the ability of the “City” to not recruit employees who would bring with them an unfunded liability and it was mentioned that due to the law that would be considered discrimination and not be lawful.

Review of Actuaries for FY 2020 - Kirsten Lennon stated that the Actuaries show an increase for the employer portion of the contribution for the Police personnel. This increase was about 10% over the previous year rate. Ms. Lennon also stated that the City of Cottonwood bonded in June for the unfunded liability for both Police and Fire and that the Actuaries in FY 2021 would reflect that bonding. Also that the City of Cottonwood has created a receive fund to help with future liabilities and to decrease the amounts of the employer portion that would have been paid over the next 20 years. Tosca Henry moved to accept the FY 2020 Actuaries as presented, it was seconded by Kent Hallman and carried unanimously in favor of approval.

Induction of New Members – There was five new members presented to the board. Brandon Iuranto – 03/10/21 and David Holdsworth- 05/30/2021 with pre-existing conditions. Zackery Smith 03-20-21, Elijah Olofson – 03/09/2021 and Stephan Wagner-05/30/2021 with no pre-existing conditions. Tosca Henry moved to approve the acceptance of all five members. The vote was seconded by Kent Hellman and the vote was carried unanimously in favor of approval.

Call to Public- The call to the public was made.

Adjournment

There being no further business Tosca Henry moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:16 pm and it was seconded by Matt Strickland and the vote was carried unanimously in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:



Kirsten Lennon, Secretary