

SPRINGDALE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
AGENDA

Wednesday July 17, 2024 9:30 a.m.

MICKY JACKSON TRAINING FACILITY
2398 TURNBOW AVE

1. Call to Order - Chairman Bob Downum
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes- 7/1/24 meeting
4. Police Dept – Chief Frank Gamble
 - Personnel reinstatement request for Jacob East – See attachment
5. Fire Dept–
 - Hearing for Appeal of Discharge for Jonathan Kidd
6. Comments from Commissioners
7. Adjourn

Civil Service Commission members in attendance:

Bob Downum
Greg Tuck
Julie Loper
Terry Page
Danny McGinley—ABSENT

Others in attendance:

Fire Chief Blake Holte
Asst. Fire Chief Jim Vaughan
Police Chief Frank Gamble
Battalion Chief Pat Lee

Bob Downum called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINTUES

Commissioner Greg Tuck made the motion to approve the Civil Service Commission minutes for the meetings on May 6, June 4, June 17, and June 20, 2024. Julie Loper made the second.

There was a voice vote of all ayes and no nays.

POLICE CHIEF COMMENTS

Police Chief Frank Gamble reminded everyone that the Police Department is currently accepting entry level applications through September 23, 2024. They will take the written test on September 28, 2024 and then interviews with Civil Service Commission on September 30, 2024.

Chief Gamble also updated the commission on the last group of applicants. There were six hired, and they had two withdraw. There were also two that were not considered, and one that failed the PT test. The question was asked if that was a usual occurrence, and Chief Gamble explained it has been typical recently. The department has five starting Tuesday, July 2nd and one starting on Wednesday July 3rd. They have ten openings they hope to fill with this next open application period. There is a Corporal retiring that has been with the department for 26 years. Additionally, the Police Department was approved for a grant that will allow for eight more positions beginning January 2025. The grant will pay for half of the salaries for three years. Chief Gamble said he believes that the department is in a better position than it was last year.

FIRE CHIEF COMMENTS

Fire Chief Blake Holte said there are currently no changes to the calendar, other than adding the hearing date for Jonathan Kidd which will be held on July 17, 2024 at the Mickey Jackson Training Facility.

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The Fire Department will hold their next open application period beginning on September 16, 2024 and closing on December 13, 2024. The Chiefs' panel interviews will be January 21 and 22, 2025. Chief Holte said they would like to have the Civil Service Commission interviews on February 3, 2025.

Commissioner Greg Tuck made the motion to have the Civil Service Commission interviews on February 3, 2025 for the next Spring Fire Academy Session. Julie Loper made the second.

There was a voice vote of all ayes and no nays.

Chief Holte also mentioned that they recently had 3 promotions. Justin Cobb was promoted to Captain for the Training Division; Aaron Satterfield and Zach Hutchinson were promoted to Driver Operator.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Greg Tuck asked Both Chief Gamble and Chief Holte their thoughts on lengthening the Civil Service Commission interview portion. Terry Page also inquired about it, and it was decided they would discuss this at a later date due to the large number of applicants they were interviewing.

Commissioner Julie Loper made the motion to adjourn to executive session. Greg Tuck made the second.

The meeting adjourned into executive session for Fire Department Interviews at 9:01 a.m.

FIRE DEPARTMENT INTERVIEWS AND CERTIFICATION

Civil Service Commission returned from executive session at 5:40 p.m.

After the oral interviews, the composite grades were compiled and reviewed.

Commissioner Greg Tuck made a motion to certify the following 28 candidates that scored 70% or higher overall. Terry page made the second

There was a voice vote of all ayes and no nays.

Those certified are:

1. Gavin Kuncel
2. Jake Reiter
3. Patrick Michaels
4. Richard Wiebe
5. Keaton Eagle
6. Jordan Falci
7. Dalton Johnson
8. Christopher Priest
9. Joshua Justice
10. Brady Noyes
11. Matthew Seiter

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12. Garrett Griffith
13. Kaleb Pike
14. Braxton Kuri
15. Christopher Oyhenart
16. Sean Flikkema
17. Carter McBride
18. Caleb Chastain
19. Drake Stogsdill
20. Luke Davenport
21. Bryce Jones
22. Tyler Braswell
23. Hudson Robnett
24. Tristen Grogan
25. Benjamin Bemis
26. Reagan Babyar
27. Montana Pace
28. Blaze Willis

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Bob Downum, President or Greg Tuck, Secretary

Date



CITY of SPRINGDALE

POLICE DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

To: Civil Service Commission
CC: Mayor Doug Sprouse, HR Director Gina Lewis,
City Attorney Ernest Cate
From: Chief Frank Gamble
Date: July 11, 2024
Re: Request to rehire Jacob East

Commissioners,

I would like to request the approval of the Civil Service Commission to rehire Jacob East as a Police Officer for the Springdale Police Department. Officer East left in good standing. Officer East was at the Springdale Police Department 2 years and his last day of employment was 12/14/23. We would like to bring Officer East back with a starting date of 08/05/24.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Frank Gamble".

Frank Gamble
Chief of Police