

Minutes
St. Charles Board of Fire and Police Commissioners
Meeting
Wednesday, October 05, 2011

Members Present: Chairman Pro-tem Don Haines, Greg Pacelli, Craig Livermore, Sandra Wright

Members Absent: James Urhausen

Also Present: Fire Chief Patrick Mullen, Recording Secretary Nonda Anderson

Chairman Pro-tem Haines called the meeting to order at 5:04 PM. Roll was called with four members present and a quorum determined.

Chairman Pro-tem Haines told the members that an item was left off of the agenda and a motion was needed to add the item for discussion. He said the item was for granting an extension of the residency area. Mr. Livermore moved to add the agenda item, Grant an Extension of Residency Area.” Mr. Pacelli seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Grant an Extension of Residency Area - Chairman Pro-tem Haines asked Sgt. Cicci to explain the situation. Sgt. Cicci told the Board that he would be moving soon and the area is not within the 30 mile radius from E. Main Street and Riverside Avenue. He said he and his fiancée were looking at homes in New Lenox which is approximately 32 miles from E. Main Street and Riverside Avenue. Sgt. Cicci told the Board that he understood that only they could grant a waiver to the requirements and because of that he had lost a contract on a house. He said they have been looking at others that are within approximately 32 miles of the measuring point. Sgt. Cicci also explained that the reason they are looking at houses in the New Lenox area is that his fiancée’s son is in high school and they want to keep him in the same school. He said that living in New Lenox would actually shorten his drive time from where he lives now in Joliet.

Chairman Pro-tem Haines asked if there were any other officers who lived outside of the residency area. Chief Lamkin said there were several others who lived right on the line or very close. Chief said it is unusual to have the residency line in the center of town; that it is commonly from corporate limit to corporate limit. He said a few miles over would have no impact on the Department. Chief reminded the Board that the Police Department does not have many situations that off-duty personnel would have to respond quickly. He asked the Board to consider adding five miles and thought 35 miles was not extreme.

Chairman Pro-tem Haines told the members that there is a need to review the Rules and Regulations and should look at the Police Department residency requirements during that review.

Mr. Pacelli asked if all city departments fall into the 30 mil radius from E. Main Street and Riverside Avenue. Chief Lamkin replied that Police and Fire are different. He said the Fire Department has a large residency area, but they work every third day. He said IBEW and Teamsters have an area that borders on Rt. 59 on the east, Rt. 20 on the north , I88 on the south and the DeKalb area on the west.

Mr. Livermore stated he felt that mileage is not necessarily the best way to determine response time, that driving distance was better.

Executive Session – Personnel and Pending Litigation – Mr. Pacelli made a motion to adjourn to executive session. Ms. Wright seconded. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes 3, Nays 0, Absent 2. The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 PM.

The meeting reconvened at 5:07 PM.

Ms. Wright moved to obtain additional background information from the firefighter candidate's current employer. Mr. Pacelli seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Ayes 3, Nays 0, Absent 2.

Mr. Broiehier suggested that Chairman Haines send a letter to the candidate outlining the Board's decision.

With no further business, Ms. Wright moved to adjourn and Mr. Pacelli seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Nonda Anderson, Recording Secretary