

City of Charlevoix
City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 18, 2023 - 2:00 PM
Council Chambers, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

1. Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Mayor Gennett. The Council, staff, and members of the public rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

Mayor: Lyle Gennett

Members Present: Shane Cole, Aaron Hagen, Janet Kalbfell, Mark Knapp, Phil Parr, Richard Spring

Members Absent: None

City Manager: Mark L. Heydlauff

City Clerk: Sarah J. Dvoracek

3. Interviews for Chief of Police for the City of Charlevoix

City Manager Heydlauff introduced Frank Walsh from Walsh Municipal Services, LLC. Council proceeded to interview each candidate and asked each of them a series of questions. Mr. Walsh and Mr. Heydlauff answered questions from the Council. Mr. Walsh left the meeting at 4:31 p.m. The last interview was held via Zoom.

A. 2pm- Robert Scholey, Interim Police Chief, City of Charlevoix

B. 3pm- Jill McDonnell, Former Emergency Management Coordinator, Charlevoix and Emmet Counties

C. 4pm- Kurt Etter, Public Safety Director, Jonesville, MI

D. 5pm- Kevin James, Undersheriff, Laramie County Sheriff's Office, Wyoming (via Zoom)

4. Council Discussion and Direction

After all four interviews were concluded, the Council discussed each candidate.

Mayor Gennett opened the item for public comment, and four were heard.

Motion by Parr, seconded by Spring to invite candidates Robert Scholey and Jill McDonnell back for a second interview next week.

Yeas: Kalbfell, Cole, Hagen, Spring, Knapp, Parr

Nays: None

Absent: None
Motion carried.

5. Reports and Communications

A. Public Comment

Shirley Gibson stated she hopes that the Council will take their time hiring the right candidate.

Barb Orban shared her thoughts on the Chief of Police candidates and the future of the department.

Matt Umulis shared his thoughts on the Chief of Police candidates and the future of the department.

Annie Doyle stated that the current Interim Chief of Police has been great to work with and obtain information from.

6. Adjourn

Mayor Gennett adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Sarah J. Dvoracek

City Clerk

Lyle Gennett

Mayor