

LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

The Labor Relations Committee of the Willmar City Council met on Wednesday, September 26, 2012, in Conference Room #1 at the City Office Building. The meeting was called to order by Chair Steve Ahmann.

Present:	Steve Ahmann	.....	Chair
	Denis Anderson	.....	Member
	Doug Reese	.....	Member
	Tim Johnson	.....	Member
	Charlene Stevens	.....	City Administrator

Others present included Council Members Jim Dokken, Ron Christianson; Mayor Frank Yanish; Police Chief Dave Wyffels; and David Little of the "West Central Tribune."

Item No. 1 Public Comment (Information Only)

Mr. John Sullivan addressed the Committee regarding his opinions on the proposed increase in pay for the Mayor and Council, as well as opinions on labor negotiations and strategy.

Item No 2 Employee Vacancies

Ms. Stevens reviewed the status of the six employee vacancies. Ms. Stevens stated that she and Police Chief Wyffels were requesting action to fill the vacant police officer position and maintain a sworn force of 32 officers. Chief Wyffels stated that the officer is needed, however actually training would begin in January of 2013 due to our current training of two officers at this time. Chief Wyffels also explained that he would be replacing the Gang Enforcement Officer position as well, which would be filled via an internal promotion. Chief Wyffels stated that the City is working with the County to suppress gang-related activities.

After discussion by the Committee, Council Member Anderson made a motion, seconded by Council Member Johnson to fill the vacant patrol officer position, using the current eligibility list. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Stevens provided updates on the remaining five vacancies, but did not request any action at this time.

Item No. 3 Miscellany

Chair Ahmann distributed information on Conflict of Interest policies adopted by other cities and suggested that the Willmar City Council consider the adoption of the

same and requested that city staff and the city attorney review the information and provide a recommendation for discussion. Other committee members concurred.

At 5:10 p.m. a motion was made by Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Reese and passed to enter into closed session to discuss contract negotiation strategies. This matter was for information only.

Item No. 4 Open Session

At 5:35 p.m. the meeting was reopened and adjourned on a motion by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Reese and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Stevens,
City Administrator