

**Item 25-0062: Resolution #1-R-25 Fire Department Paramedic Service Level**

**Item 25-0048: Director's Report**

Safety and Licensing Committee

Wed, Feb 12, 2025 5:30PM

**Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 29:35**

All right. That brings us to 25-0062, resolution 1-R-25 Fire Department paramedic service level.

**Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 29:44**

Move to approve

**Alderson William Siebers (District 1) 29:45**

Second.

**Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 29:46**

We have a motion to approve and a second. Any discussion on this one? Chief Hansen, do you want to chime in there?

**Fire Chief Jeremy Hansen 29:59**

Yes. Thank you, Chair. Thank you to Alder Siebers for submitting this resolution.

**[Alder Siebers says something off microphone. It sounded like a joke or light-hearted comment of some sort.]**

**Fire Chief Jeremy Hansen 30:05**

I thought it was. The fire department continues to move towards upgrading to paramedic in July of 2025. One of the things we need to do is submit a operational plan to the state of Wisconsin for our upgrade of service, and there is a litany of items that we have to provide the state. One of the items is to have minutes, agendas, and approval from the elected officials of the city that we reside in. So, this is more of a procedural thing where hopefully you approve the upgrade to paramedic, and we'll use this for our operation's plan.

**Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 30:48**

All right, thank you. All those in favor say aye. Aye. Opposed? Motion carries four zero.

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**Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 32:15**

That brings us to Director Reports, 25-0048. Alder—or city clerk, do we have anything for you?

**Clerk Kami Lynch 32:23**

Nothing to report.

**Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 32:23**

Okay. Fire Chief, a hiring update, it looks like.

**Fire Chief Jeremy Hansen 32:26**

Yes. Thank you, Chair. We have four retirements this year. Two were earlier in February, and we have two in March. We began a hiring process to fill those vacancies back in September. We had approximately 60 candidates apply. First interviews were in January. That interview was with HR and then some of our line staff. They moved 12 forward to the Chief's panel. We met just a couple weeks ago with all the candidates, and we're pushing 10 of those forward to the Police and Fire Commission. Our goal is to hire for those four, and there might be a fifth one hanging out there that is playing a game, but that's okay. And then our schedule hire date is about May—May 19.

**Fire Chief Jeremy Hansen 33:18**

There is one other opportunity that I'm working on regarding hiring is we have one of our individuals who's a newer firefighter that has received orders he's going to be deployed to Kuwait in May. So, I've worked with HR to do an over hire so that may be coming through this committee and HR IT committee probably in the next couple months, and we're going to hopefully grab somebody to fill that role for the year to 18 months that he will be gone.

**Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 33:49**

Thank you for that. So, 60 candidates for four positions?

**Fire Chief Jeremy Hansen 33:53**

Yes.

**Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 33:55**

Chief Olson, do you have 60 candidates for four positions when you put up? Sorry. I couldn't resist. All right, do you have anything Chief Hansen—or Olson. Sorry, my apologies. Well, that brings us to the end.