

Watertown City Council

February 14th, 2023

Agenda Item: Firefighter Recruitment

Request for Action: Motion to Approve Firefighter Recruitment

Department: Tom Hanson, Fire Chief

Background:

The fire department is authorized 30 firefighter positions. Due to the high call load, demanding public education schedule, and variety of services provided, it is important we strive to maintain a full roster of firefighters. Today, 23 firefighters are serving the community leaving seven positions vacant. As a result, mailers were sent to city residents and an information session was held on Wednesday, February 10th at 7:00 pm to provide an overview to prospective firefighter applicants. Individuals were provided information regarding the organization, position, and training requirements. Following this information session, staff recommends conducting a formal hiring process for the vacant positions with the application window remaining open indefinitely.

Attachments: