

EAST PEORIA FIRE DEPARTMENT

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TO: The Honorable Mayor and the City Council

THRU: Commissioner Mingus

FROM: Fire Chief John Knapp

DATE: January 28, 2021

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the hiring of one firefighter

DISCUSSION: Please consider a resolution to authorize the fire department to hire one firefighter to fill a current open position. With the promotion of our Deputy Chief in December 2020 and the subsequent promotions to Assistant Chief and Fire Lieutenant accordingly, we have had a firefighter position which has been unfilled due to the lack of an available fire fighter training academy. We have secured an opening at IFSI in Champaign for a class beginning on March 1, 2021. We would like to swear-in this firefighter on February 16, 2021, so that individual can begin their orientation prior to starting the training academy. The addition of this firefighter will bring our total number of firefighters to 33.

RECOMMENDATION: **Approval of a resolution authorizing the hiring of one firefighter.**

cc: Director of Finance Jeff Becker
City Clerk Morgan Cadwalader

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-099

**East Peoria, Illinois
February 2, 2021**

RESOLUTION BY COMMISSIONER _____

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE OF ONE IN THE NUMBER OF
FIREFIGHTERS ON THE EAST PEORIA FIRE DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, Title 1, Chapter 5, Section 2.1 of the East Peoria City Code authorizes the City Council to determine from time to time by Resolution the number of individuals to hold each rank on the East Peoria Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, in December 2018, pursuant to Resolution No. 1819-106, the City temporarily increased the number of firefighters on the Fire Department by three to a total of 33 firefighters in an effort to minimize overtime costs in the Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Resolution No. 1819-106, the temporary increase to 33 in the number of firefighters in the Fire Department that was approved in December 2018 will then decrease back down to 30 through attrition of members leaving the Fire Department after April 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 1920-131 approved in April 2020, the temporary increase in the number of firefighters in the Fire Department to 33 was extended through April 30, 2021, while also decreasing the number of Deputy Chiefs due to budget issues with the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, due to staffing changes made to the Fire Department command staff pursuant to Resolution No. 2021-070 adopted on December 1, 2020, the Fire Department has one unfilled firefighter position that has remained open due to lack of an available firefighter training academy; and

WHEREAS, with the availability of an upcoming firefighter training academy, the City now seeks to increase the number of Firefighters of the East Peoria Fire Department by one to 33 to fill the opening;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THAT:

Section 1. Effective immediately, the Fire Department of the City of East Peoria shall consist of the following personnel:

- A. One Fire Chief
- B. One Deputy Fire Chief
- C. Three Assistant Fire Chiefs
- D. Nine Lieutenants

- E. Thirty-Three Firefighters
- F. One Paid on Call Firefighter

Section 2. The Fire Chief is hereby authorized and directed to notify the Police and Fire Commission of the increase in Firefighters and to request the Police and Fire Commission to undertake the process of appointing a Probationary Firefighter to fill the position hereby created.

Section 3. Subject to further action by the City Council, effective on April 30, 2021, pursuant to Resolution No. 1920-131, the Fire Department of the City of East Peoria shall consist of the following personnel upon attrition to the staffing levels established in this Resolution:

- A. One Fire Chief
- B. One Deputy Fire Chief
- C. Three Assistant Fire Chiefs
- D. Nine Lieutenants
- E. Thirty Firefighters
- F. One Paid on Call Firefighter

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk