

TO: Mayor Robinson and City Council

FROM: Jeffrey L. McCormick, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Part-time Police Officer Hire

DATE: June 1, 2016

BACKGROUND

When Officer Mikkelson resigned to become Chief on Osseo in December 2014, I advised the Police Commission that there was the opportunity that we could bring two very experienced officers on part-time that had left law enforcement for new careers, but may be interested in working part-time. I discussed this strategy with the Police Commission at that time and they unanimously approved my approach and did not require this be brought back to them if either of the officers I had spoken with wanted to work part-time. In September 2015, I brought forward Nate Timm to join the department as a part-time officer, that addition has been very beneficial.

I am pleased that the other person is ready to return to policing part-time. That person is Mitch Althoff, who previously was a reserve and full-time officer with the Cannon Falls Police department. Mitch left to be a St. Paul police officer for over five years, before buying the hardware store from his father. Mitch is excited about giving back to his community by working part-time as a police officer. I have extended a conditional offer based on the direction provided by the Police Commission and ask for Council Approval to move forward with the hiring of Mitch Althoff as a Police Officer Part-time.

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION

Motion and approval of the hiring of Mitch Althoff as Police Officer Part-time, contingent on successful background, medical and psychological screening.