

CITY OF TIOGA
Special City Commission Meeting Minutes
August 24, 2026
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A special meeting of the City Commission of the City of Tioga was called to order at 7:00 pm on August 24, 2026, at the Tioga City Hall, by the City Commission President Brett Rieniets.

Present: Brett Rieniets, Jaden Iverson, Cody Normark, Kyle Ralston, Liz Pendley (Remote), Wendy Lenzen

Absent: Steven Dye

Guest: Kaare Hallesy, Madison Ramberg, Trey Ramberg, Darci Grosche, Henry Rieniets, Josh Vachal

New Business:

1. **Patrol Officer:** Rieniets advised that the patrol officer position has not yet been filled. Normark requested to keep the position open until filled. **Motion by Normark to advertise for a patrol officer until the position is filled. Second by Iverson. Roll Call: Ayes; Ralston, Iverson, Normark, Rieniets.**

Chief of Police: Rieniets advised that he and Normark had visited briefly about the position which is not filled and they have extended the advertisement once. Normark stated that Nick Oster has been filling that role currently and he hasn't had any complaints and would recommend Nick Oster to fill the position. **Motion by Normark to promote Nick Oster to Chief of Police. Second by Iverson.** Normark stated again that Oster has been filling the role for the last 4 months and he hasn't received any complaints. Normark also stated he would prefer to keep the position in-house. Rieniets shared that he sat on the two interviews that were conducted and he felt that the other candidate interviewed very strongly, knocked it out of the park and has a strong resume. Normark agreed that he interviewed strongly but has concern about him in a leadership role. Rieniets stated that the other candidate scored highest during the interview as well and his recommendation would be for the other candidate. Normark stated again that he has not received any complaints about Oster. Rieniets shared that he has received complaints internally regarding Nick and there is struggle with simple managerial things such as timecards and scheduling. Rieniets stated that he would like to find the best candidate that can do the best job, rather than a candidate that can do the job. Iverson stated that he would need to see more leadership from Nick to support him in taking that role. Ralston also expressed concern with history in the police department and a lack of anyone knowing what was going on within the department, which identifies a need for a strong leader with experience in managing. Rieniets stated again that they need someone that can do the job now, not someone that has potential to grow into the role. Officer Hallesy shared that Nick Oster has been his person to go with questions or help. **Roll Call: Ayes; Normark.**

Nayes; Ralston, Iverson, Rieniets. Motion Failed

Rieniets stated he would entertain other motions and re-iterated that the other candidate checked the boxes he felt were needed to fulfil the role of Chief of Police in Tioga. Rieniets also said that there was an option to re-open advertisement.

Motion by Ralston to re-open advertisement for Chief of Police in Tioga until filled. Second by Iverson. Roll Call; Ralston, Iverson, Normark. Nayes; Rieniets

Motion by Ralston to adjourn with no further business at 08:10 PM. Second by Normark. Roll Call: Ayes; Ralston, Iverson, Normark, Rieniets.

ATTEST:

X

Wendy Lenzen
Tioga City Auditor

X

Brett Rieniets
Tioga Commission Preident