

STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE WISCONSIN EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION

RUSSELL AHRENS, Complainant,

vs.

CITY OF БЕЛОIT and AFSCME, AFSCME COUNCIL 32 and AFSCME LOCAL 643,
Respondents.

Case ID: 304.0011
Case Type: COMP_MP

DECISION NO. 38484-B

Appearances:

Russell V. Ahrens, 5645 South County Road D, Beloit, Wisconsin, appearing on his own behalf.

Sean Daley, Business Agent, N600 Rusk Road, Watertown, Wisconsin, appearing on behalf of AFSCME, AFSCME Council 32 and AFSCME Local 643.

Susan Love, Attorney, Buelow Vetter Buikema Olson & Vliet, LLC 20855 Watertown Road, Suite 200, Waukesha, Wisconsin, appearing on behalf of the City of Beloit.

DECISION AND ORDER ON PETITION FOR REVIEW

On June 15, 2020, Russell V. Ahrens filed a complaint with the Wisconsin Employment Relations Commission alleging that the City of Beloit and AFSCME, AFSCME Council 32 and AFSCME Local 643 had committed prohibited practices within the meaning of the Municipal Employment Relations Act. The complaint was assigned to Peter G. Davis who was subsequently formally appointed to serve as hearing examiner. On July 28, 2020, AFSCME Council 32 filed an answer to the complaint and on July 31, 2020 the City filed its answer and a motion to dismiss. Ahrens filed a response to the answers and the motion on August 16, 2020. The parties waived hearing based on receipt into evidence of the facts alleged in the complaint and receipt of the applicable collective bargaining agreement and the AFSCME constitution.

On September 24, 2020, Examiner Davis issued an Order Dismissing Complaint. Ahrens timely filed a petition for review. AFSCME and the City filed responses to the petition and the matter became ripe for Commission consideration on December 5, 2020.

Having considered the matter, the Commission is persuaded that the Examiner correctly applied the applicable law to the facts and appropriately addressed all arguments Ahrens makes on review.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is

ORDERED

The Order Dismissing Complaint is affirmed.

Issued at the City of Madison, Wisconsin, this 18th day of December, 2020.

WISCONSIN EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION

James J. Daley, Chairman