

CITY OF WEYAUWEGA
POLICE, FIRE & AMBULANCE COMMITTEE MEETING PROCEEDINGS
APRIL 9, 2024

The Police, Fire & Ambulance Committee meeting was called to order by Dewey Stelzner at the Weyauwega Municipal Building Council Chambers at 7:18 pm immediately following the adjournment of the Finance Committee meeting. Roll call was taken. Members Present: Bruce Goetsch, Shani Appleby, and Dewey Stelzner. Also present: Mayor Rich Luedke, Administrator Marcus Rennicke, Clerk Rebecca Loehrke, Treasurer Trina Herbst-Gutche, Police Chief Brandon Leschke, Chris Gunderson, Rick Binley, Meta Berg, Pat Gorchals, Cam Looker, Richard Rupno, and Carson Faulkner.

Motion Stelzner, second Goetsch, to approve the Police, Fire & Ambulance Committee meeting minutes from March 12, 2024. Motion carried with all "ayes".

Citizen Appearances: None

March Calls for Service Report & Department Update: Chief Leschke reported that there were 325 calls for service last month. 57 traffic citations were issued, 20 traffic warnings issued, and 11 municipal ordinance citations issued.

March Activity Report:

- SRO DeGrand conducted a car seat installation/inspection.
- Spring Clean-Up and ordinance enforcement continues.
- Chief Leschke attended a meet and greet with Senator Rachael Cabral-Guevara. Future discussion will take place with the Senator and Waupaca County Chief's on mental health services/procedures.
- Easter Egg Hunt was success. Thank you to SRO DeGrand and Cpl. Rode for organizing the event.
- Attended a recognition ceremony at the Refinery Church to recognize community servants.
- Purchased ammo from the Waupaca County Sheriff's Office at a big discount.
- Officer Keberlein completed Instructor Development. This is the first stage of becoming an instructor in Law Enforcement and be able to pursue Fire Arms Instructor Training.
- SRO DeGrand attended the 2024 Annual School Safety and Security Conference.
- Chief Leschke attended Emergency Operations Plans for Rural Jurisdictions.
- Chief Leschke presented his recommendation to the Council on the Class "B" Beer License application for 129 E Main Street.

Gold Cross Response Issues Discussion: Stelzner asked for item to be listed on agenda. He wanted to make committee aware of concerns on the time for an ambulance to get on scene and how the City ambulance is being sent out for transfers and then not available in an emergency. When the local rig is busy, Gold Cross is calling for their rigs from the Valley instead of using other local municipality's ambulances like Manawa and Fremont. Berg also noted issues they have had with Gold Cross at the nursing home and ambulances not being dispatched properly. The City was told that they were purchasing vehicles to use as transport vehicles so that our rig would be available. Gold Cross will be having a meeting in the Community Room of City Hall on April 30th at 6:00 pm to discuss the preliminary 2025 budget as well as looking as some operational changes. City leaders are invited to attend.

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Fire District Apparatus Funding Discussion and Possible Action: Stelzner reported that the Fire District would like to know from each municipality if they would be able to contribute to the budget each year so that the district has funds on hand and because personnel on the district changes every year. The City is the only municipality that funds their portion directly out of the City budget. The townships take a loan out when the District needs to purchase replacement apparatus. In 2027 there is a replacement engine scheduled. 2030 is new gear. 2031 a command vehicle. The Committee and Mayor agree that the City's share of the fire district budget will be kept in the City budget until the Fire District would need the money. *Motion Goetsch, second Appleby, to continue with the same process of budgeting for the Fire District and holding onto the funds until requested by the district. Motion carried with all "ayes".*

Set next meeting date/time: The next committee meeting will be held on May 14, 2024 immediately following the Finance Committee meeting.

Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law: None

Motion Stelzner, second Appleby, to adjourn at 7:50 pm. Motion carried with all "ayes".

Recommendation to Council:

1. Recommend to continue with the same process of budgeting for the Fire District and holding onto the funds until requested by the district.

Rebecca Loehrke
City Clerk