

CITY OF WEYAUWEGA
POLICE, FIRE & AMBULANCE COMMITTEE MEETING PROCEEDINGS
AUGUST 11, 2020

The Police, Fire & Ambulance Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Rich Luedke at the Weyauwega Municipal Building Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken. Members Present: Rich Luedke, Dewey Stelzner and Bruce Goetsch. Also Present: City Administrator Jeremy Schroeder, Police Chief Jerry Poltrock, and Sergeant Brandon Leschke.

Motion Luedke, second Stelzner, to approve the minutes from July 13, 2020. Motion carried with all "ayes".

Citizen Appearances: None

Department Update: Chief Poltrock reported that there were 216 calls for service compared to 202 in July of 2019. Reported injured officer is having surgery on August 13th and another officer will be out on maternity leave around Christmas. A few city officers provided mutual aid to the Waupaca Police Dept. for the protest in Waupaca on Sunday. Sergeant Leschke flew the drone for the Sheriff's Dept. for a potential crime scene. Luedke asked if the drone calls are recorded so committee members can see the numbers.

Gold Cross Ambulance 2020 Budget update and 2021 forecast – discussion only: Schroeder reported he attended the Gold Cross meeting for the consortium the City is in on July 30th. Gold Cross run volume was down 40-45% between March-May; therefore they have lost revenue and predict to lose \$117,700 for 2020. Gold Cross has always been very transparent and the price per capita has gone down every year since 2013. However due to the shortfall and unknown future the price per capita will go from \$10.32 in 2020 to \$15.33 in 2021. That is a \$5.01 increase per capita and a total of \$9,402.01 for the City. Stelzner asked if price would go down if runs increased for remainder of 2020. Schroeder said yes, \$15.33 per capita is worse case scenario.

Tactical Gear Presentation: Sergeant Leschke had new tactical gear present and explained each piece and why individual pieces were selected. One set of each gear for each full-time officer. One extra set for part-time officers to share. Chief shared some of the recent statistics around the country and how the tactical gear is used. Gear was paid for by the sale of Dodge Charger and a nice citizen donation.

Next Meeting Date and Time: The next committee meeting has been set for Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law: Stelzner asked Chief and Sergeant if they have a plan as protests are getting closer and closer. Chief said they will use the same model from Waupaca and request mutual aid.

Motion Luedke, second Goetsch, to move into closed session at 7:18 pm pursuant to §19.85(1)(c) Wis. Stats., consideration of employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any city employee who is subject to the jurisdiction or authority of the council. The reason for the closed session is to discuss Police Department overtime emergency rate procedures and staffing. If the

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committee adjourns into closed session it may choose to reconvene in open session at the completion of the closed session in order to take action on items from the closed session pursuant to §19.85(2) Wis. Stats. A roll call vote was taken with “ayes” from Luedke, Goetsch, and Stelzner. Motion carried.

Motion Stelzner, second Goetsch, to move back into open session at 7:51 pm. Motion carried with all “ayes”.

Motion Stelzner, second Goetsch, to approve 80 and 84 hour employees can be paid overtime with vacation counting towards hours worked as long as regular schedule applies. Motion carried with all “ayes”.

Motion Stelzner, second Goetsch, to adjourn at 7:53 pm. Motion carried with all “ayes”.

Recommendation to Council:

1. Recommend to approve 80 and 84 hour employees can be paid overtime with vacation counting towards hours worked as long as regular schedule applies.

Jeremy Schroeder
City Administrator