

CITY OF WEYAUWEGA
POLICE, FIRE & AMBULANCE COMMITTEE MEETING PROCEEDINGS
APRIL 11, 2023

The Police, Fire & Ambulance Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Rich Luedke at the Weyauwega Municipal Building Council Chambers at 6:15 p.m. Roll call was taken. Members Present: Rich Luedke, Kaley DuCoeur and Bruce Goetsch. Also present: Mayor Jack Spierings, City Administrator Jeremy Schroeder, Police Chief Brandon Leschke, City Clerk Rebecca Loehrke, Chris Gunderson and Tim Litscher.

Motion Luedke, second Goetsch, to approve the minutes from March 14, 2023. Motion carried with all "ayes".

Citizen Appearances: None

Department Update: Chief Leschke reported on the following items:

- No significant updates
- Department had the flu going around for a while but is all good now.
- DeGrand taught the "Think before You Sink" program at school which was formally called the Counter Act program.
- DeGrand and Leschke participated in the 6th grade safety day.

Calls for Service: There were 235 calls for service in March. Two OWI related crashes that happened on Main Street and Mill Street. Mental Health calls seem to be going down which usually happens with better weather and sunshine.

Birdsall Street ongoing Animal Complaint: Last year there was a fire on W. Birdsall Street that resulted in the family being displaced. Their dog had a litter of puppies that are now growing up. The dogs were relocated off the property in the cold winter months but are now back and living in one of the steel buildings on the property. Neighbors are complaining of excessive barking. Leschke said a couple of the puppies have been sold but thinks there are 4 left. They are fed, watered, let out of the building and played with twice a day. The police department is trying to work with them and their neighbors and hoping they find alternative placement for the remaining puppies soon.

Emergency Warning Siren Maintenance Quotes – Discussion and Action: The siren on City Hall has not been serviced since it was installed when the new City Hall was built. Leschke would like to have it serviced and see how long the technician thinks the siren will last. Emergency management has stated that many municipalities are getting away from sirens now that Code Red is in service with notifications being sent to cell phones. The City needs to show that it is doing due diligence on having the siren serviced. *Motion DuCoeur, second Goetsch, to approve the proposal from Emergency Communication Systems out of Little Chute for siren maintenance for one year. Motion carried with all "ayes".*

Administration Squad Radio Quotes – Discussion and Action: The squad radio that was ordered for the Chief's truck has been on backorder since September due to Motorola not

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being able to get parts. The latest information the Chief received was that it may be coming at the end of April. Leschke checked around at other radios used and received a quote for a Kenwood radio at \$2,742.04 from Nielson Communications. The radio would be guaranteed to arrive in two months. The price difference is \$1,358.70 more for the Kenwood. Leschke could wait and see if the Motorola radio shows up but there is no guarantee it wouldn't be delayed again or cancel the Motorola radio and order the Kenwood. *Motion Goetsch, second DuCoeur, to approve the purchase of the Kenwood squad radio at a cost of \$2,742.04. Motion carried with all "ayes".*

InVeris Training Availability: A family in Clintonville is building an indoor shooting range for their family to use and local police departments. They have been working very closely with the Clintonville Police Department in hopes that they will be able to host different types of trainings in the building. They will be investing into a Virtual Reality training system called the InVeris 100C Marksmanship. This is a huge opportunity for local police departments to be able to train all year round. The fee will be very minimum at \$40 per officer per agency for a yearly fee. The police community is very appreciative to this family for investing into this project.

Wisconsin Street at Mary Street Stop Sign Removal – Discussion and Action: Leschke talked about the numerous times the stop signs on Wisconsin Street have been blocked by Star Dairy and their trucks. Since the addition of the intake building at the corner of Wisconsin Street and Mary Street it is now a driveway for milk trucks onto Wisconsin Street. It has been proposed a while ago to take out the stop signs on Wisconsin Street but no formal action was taken. He has told Star Dairy several times that trucks need to be moved to not block the stop signs or he would have to issue citations. Could install "Trucks Entering" signs on Wisconsin Street to help warn traffic. Also the fire hydrant located near the stop sign needs to have a whip with a flag installed on it. Litscher and Gunderson were concerned if the stop signs were removed would it cause the speed of traffic to increase and vehicles not be cautious in that area. Goetsch thought the eastbound sign could stay up to make sure cars stop and watch for truck traffic entering Wisconsin Street. *Motion Goetsch, second DuCoeur, to remove the westbound stop sign on Wisconsin Street and leave the eastbound stop sign up. Motion carried with all "ayes".*

Set next meeting date/time: The next committee meeting will be set at the April Council meeting.

Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law: None

Motion Luedke, second DuCoeur, to adjourn at 6:55 pm. Motion carried with all "ayes".

Recommendation to Council:

1. Recommend to approve the proposal from Emergency Communications Systems out of Little Chute for siren maintenance for one year.

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2. Recommend to approve the purchase of the Kenwood squad radio at a cost of \$2,742.04.
3. Recommend to remove the westbound stop sign on Wisconsin Street and leave the eastbound stop sign up.

Rebecca Loehrke
City Clerk