

CITY OF WEYAUWEGA
POLICE, FIRE & AMBULANCE COMMITTEE MEETING PROCEEDINGS
MARCH 14, 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, and City Clerk Rebecca Loehrke.

Motion Luedke, second Goetsch, to approve the minutes from February 13, 2023. Motion carried with all "ayes".

Citizen Appearances: None

Department Update: Chief Leschke reported on the following items:

- 187 calls for February
- Staffing is still the same. Looking at options for another part-time officer going into the summer.
- Bailey passed her 1st level of obedient training.
- In the beginning stages of working on city wide spring clean-up. Starting to look at properties that will be contacted once it warms up.
- At the February School board meeting Chief Leschke presented High School/Middle School Principal Jodi Alix with the "Real Heroes" award. Alix quickly responded to action during a mental health crises of a student that could have turned tragic.

2023 vacation adjustment discussion from the October 11, 2022 closed session that needs to be approved in open session: This item was discussed in closed session and never made official in open session in October. It needs to be in a formal motion and then submitted to the city auditors for their records. *Motion DuCoeur, second Goetsch, to approve Officer DeGrand and Officer Keberlein receive 120 hours of vacation time using their part-time start date to calculate years of service. Motion carried with all "ayes".*

Tobacco Compliance Update: Community Action for Healthy Living out of Kaukauna was in the area to do reviews on the sale of tobacco. Out of three reviews one did not pass. One convenience store clerk did not check for ID and sold tobacco to a minor. The convenience store was talked to by the Police Department.

Consideration to forward Ordinance 454-5 School Bus Warning Lights to the Ordinance Committee for review of Section B: This was brought to the Chief's attention by the school district. In the City's ordinance on school bus warning lights it states that the bus cannot use red flashing lights and stop sign on school property. The school is having issues with cars going around buses when they are dropping kids off on the west end of the property at the elementary school entrance. The school would like to have the buses engage the red flashing lights and stop sign. The Chief would like the approval for the Ordinance Committee to review

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Section B and strike out the last paragraph that pertains to school property and use of warning lights. Committee agrees to forward to Ordinance Committee for action.

Staff Meeting/Training this month CN Railroad is coming to present on Rail Safety/Crash Investigation: The staff meeting on March 15th will include training from CN Railroad on Rail Safety and Crash Investigation. Going forward the Chief wants to make the committee aware of what is happening at the monthly staff meetings.

March 23rd hosting the Norther Central Chiefs of Police Association Meeting (Adams, Ashland, Clark, Forest, Iron, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Oneida, Portage, Price, Shawano, Taylor, Vilas, Waupaca and Wood Counties): The March 23rd meeting will be held in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

Gold Cross Ambulance 2022 Year Review: Schroeder met with Nick Romenesko and Mark Fredrickson from Gold Cross to review 2022. The City had 318 total calls. 220 of them were 911 dispatched and 98 calls were non-911 dispatched. Gold Cross provided information on the breakdown of ambulances used in the area, response times, and medical vs. trauma calls. Manawa and Clintonville have both reached out to Gold Cross to speak about service which could affect the consortium if they join.

Next Meeting Date and Time: The next committee meeting will be Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 6:15 pm.

Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law: Luedke asked about the stop signs by Star Dairy on Wisconsin Street. Leschke would like to see them removed. Star Dairy did have a tanker truck parked blocking the stop signs the other day when they couldn't get the truck moved. Will put on both the Police agenda for April and also the Public Works agenda to have an official motion to remove the signs.

Motion Luedke, second Goetsch, to adjourn at 6:47 pm. Motion carried with all "ayes".

Recommendation to Council:

1. Recommend to approve Officer DeGrand and Officer Keberlein receive 12 hours of vacation time using their part-time start date to calculate years of service.

Rebecca Loehrke
City Clerk