

CITY OF WEYAUWEGA
POLICE, FIRE & AMBULANCE COMMITTEE MEETING PROCEEDINGS
FEBRUARY 13, 2024

The Police, Fire & Ambulance Committee meeting was called to order by Dewey Stelzner at the Weyauwega Municipal Building Council Chambers at 6:54pm 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, City Treasurer Trina Herbst-Gutche, Police Chief Brandon Leschke, Chris Gunderson, Rick Binley, Lori Gosz with McMahan, Richard Rupno, Sam Berry, Marcus Rennie and family and Matthew Dorow with Cedar Corp.

Motion Goetsch, second Appleby, to approve the Police, Fire & Ambulance Committee meeting minutes from December 12, 2023. Motion carried with all "ayes".

Citizen Appearances: None

January Calls for Service Report: Chief Leschke reported that there were 241 calls for service last month. 38 traffic citations were issued, 34 traffic warnings issued, and 8 municipal ordinance citations were issued.

January Activity Report:

- January 5th participated in the monthly WFDS/WCDHS large group meeting.
- January 10th attended the Waupaca County law Enforcement Quarterly Meeting.
- January 16th received a generous donation from Premier Community Bank in the amount of \$1,000.
- January 17th meet with FLOCK. Looking at a new location for the camera installation.
- January 26th participated in the bi-monthly Waupaca County Child Death Review and Overdose Fatality Review meeting
- Colton Wegener hired part-time and currently working through training
- Shout out to the PD Staff for their work in significant investigations this last month.

Resignation of City Prosecuting Attorney, Tom Hart and Proposal of Veronice Isherwood for City Prosecuting Attorney (Municipal Court matters): Tom Hart will be stepping down as the City's Prosecuting Attorney. He has taken a new position and looking to scale back his practice. He will stay on until we find a replacement. Chief Leschke asked him if he had any recommendations for a replacement and suggested Veronica Isherwood. She has retired from the Waupaca County DA's office and is starting her own practice. She is willing to come on at the same rate of pay. Chief Leschke is confident she will be a good fit and the department has a good working relationship with her. If it does not work out there is no contract and the department can cut ties at any time. *Motion Goetsch, second Appleby, to move forward with Veronica Isherwood as the City's Prosecuting Attorney. Motion carried with all "ayes".*

Fire District Future Budgeting Questions: Stelzner reported that at the last Fire District Meeting it was proposed to see if the local municipalities would be willing to set aside money each year for budgeting of equipment upgrades. Thinking it would be easier for municipalities to set aside a smaller amount each year to say go for an engine versus coming up with one large check to pay for it. Stelzner wants the committees thoughts if that is something the City can do. Mayor Luedke would like to see the city budget for it but hold it in our general fund and

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earmark it for the Fire District, which the City currently does. The other municipalities in the Fire District currently don't budget for Fire District expenses and get hit with a big cost when the Fire District buys a piece of equipment like a new truck. Stelzner also reported that the referendum that the Fire District asked to have on the April Ballot is not going to happen this year. The Fire District is now looking at alternatives for doing multi-step projects working on the first station versus doing it all at the same time.

Set next meeting date/time: The next committee meeting will be held on March 12, 2024 immediately following the Finance Committee meeting.

Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law: None

Motion Goetsch, second Appleby, to adjourn at 7:15 pm. Motion carried with all "ayes".

Recommendation to Council:

1. Recommend to move forward with Veronica Isherwood as the City's Prosecuting Attorney for Municipal court matters.

Trina Herbst-Gutche
City Treasurer