

CITY OF WEYAUWEGA
POLICE, FIRE & AMBULANCE COMMITTEE MEETING PROCEEDINGS
FEBRUARY 15, 2022

The Police, Fire & Ambulance Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Rich Luedke at the Weyauwega Municipal Building Council Chambers at 6:30 p.m. Roll call was taken. Members Present: Rich Luedke and Bruce Goetsch. Not present: Kaley DuCoeur. Also present: City Administrator Jeremy Schroeder, Chief Brandon Leschke and Clerk Rebecca Loehrke.

Motion Luedke, second Goetsch, to approve the December 14, 2021 Police, Fire & Ambulance Committee minutes. Motion carried with all "ayes".

Citizen Appearances: None

Department Update: Leschke presented total calls for service for 2021 and 2020 for a comparison. In 2021 there were 1800 total calls and in 2020 it was 1817. He also included information on the times of day that the calls come in. Mental health calls continue to be a concern. Currently having issues with one facility because they won't accept patients with any type of alcohol in their system. Which causes issues with having to hold a patient until they can be transferred. The department participated in the December food drive for the Weymont Food Pantry. They collected 1,000 pounds in food and \$5,000 in cash donations. Officers are participating in the OWI patrol enforcement grants. These shifts are reimbursed by state funds. Chief Leschke participated in a table top exercise that dealt with an ammonium release at Agropur. Leschke also attended the New Chief's Conference training by zoom and attended Police Leadership Conference in person. The conference allowed for good networking opportunities and the Chief will be signing up in the mentorship program. Held a staff meeting last week and the department will be working on a rebranding project. Will be redesigning their shoulder patch and getting new department photos in March.

Staffing Update: Bryce Tesch has been hired back by the department and will cover Officer Walby's full time shift while she is out. Leschke will also be reaching back out to a recent academy graduate to hire part time.

Squad update with possible action on new squad purchase in 2023: Leschke reported the new Tahoe is getting installed and hoping to be able to pick up this week and get it in service. The Expedition that was used by Chief Poltrock has extensive rust on the rocker panels and the floor on the driver side is rusting out. It would cost at least \$7,000 to repair it. Leschke would like to drive it till they can't use it any longer but also look into a new purchase versus sticking a lot of money into the Expedition. It is currently being used by Chief Leschke. Plach Automotive has told the Chief that a window will open up in May to order a new Chevy vehicle. It could come anytime from October into 2023. Leschke presented pricing information on both a Tahoe and Silverado to the committee. This new vehicle would be used mostly by the Chief. Committee would like for it to be budgeted for purchase in 2023. Leschke said there are pro's and con's to both vehicle styles and can work with either but the availability of the truck bed could be nice to use in certain circumstances. *Motion Goetsch, second Luedke, to approve the purchase of a Chevy Silverado and wait till 2023 for payment. Motion carried with all "ayes".* The proceeds from the eventual sales of the Explorer and Expedition can go towards equipment needed to outfit the new Silverado.

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Next Meeting Date and Time: The next committee meeting was scheduled for Monday, March 7th at 5:00 pm.

Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law: None

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

Recommendation to Council:

1. Recommend to approve the purchase of a Chevy Silverado and wait till 2023 for payment.

Rebecca Loehrke
City Clerk