

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

The Police, Fire & Ambulance Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Rich Luedke at the Weyauwega Municipal Building Council Chambers at 6:16 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, Tim Litscher and Jim Biddison.

Motion Luedke, second Goetsch, to approve the minutes from October 11, 2022. Motion carried with all "ayes".

Citizen Appearances: None

Department Update: Chief Leschke reported on the following items:

- Participated in the Walk to School Event with the FFA Chapter.
- Did an open air K9 search in the schools and nothing was found.
- Received a check from the Premier Bank open house that Therapy Dog Bailey participated in. Received \$1,000 from Premier Bank and an additional \$315 in donations.
- Delivered 45.6 lbs of medication from the drug collection box to Wausau to be disposed of.
- Halloween had no issues. Was not able to participate in trick-or-treating due to staff shortages.
- Kicked off the E-Referral Program which makes getting papers to the DA's office much easier and a more streamlined record management process.
- Gearing up for the Christmas Parade

Staff Update: Currently at full staff with full time officers but have no part time officers to cover. Officer Pawlosky has resigned and the other part time officer is employed at another department and does not want to work here in case of injury due to workman's comp. He does not have enough sick time or comp time banked to be able to use.

Critical Incident Retainer - Discussion and possible action: This is an agreement with the Wisconsin Professional Police Association that will provide an attorney in the event of an "Officer Involved Death". That person would be with the officer the moment they are called for support all the way through any legal process. They would also work alongside the City Attorney. The cost is \$252 per officer per year. The Chief says he has money in the budget to make it work and sees this as a benefit to be able to offer his staff if something would happen. The attorney would represent the officer but ultimately also the City. *Motion Goetsch, second DuCoeur, to approve the Critical Incident Retainer Agreement. Motion carried with all "ayes".*

Flock safety – Discussion and possible action: Flock Safety is a program that the County would like to have County wide and have all departments involved. It is a camera system that is installed on major roads that uses license plate recognition and vehicle fingerprint technology. If the department is using the program then they have access to the camera system statewide. The County would like to have one camera on Hwy 10. Cost is \$2,500 per camera per year with an installation fee of \$315. Leschke noted he does have a \$7,000 grant that can be used and funding options are also being

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discussed at the County level. This is just informational at this point. Will wait and see what the County proposes and if other communities are able to participate in it.

Weyauwega Area Fire Project Proposal Discussion: Goetsch spoke on the proposal from the Fire Department for an addition to the station. Looking to tear down the Clark building, add on to the station and remodel the current building. Jim Biddison spoke on behalf of the Town of Weyauwega. He said it would be very tough for them to pay for their portion of the cost. The City's portion of cost would be approximately \$130-\$150 per \$100,000 on taxes for 20 years. Schroeder noted that there certainly is a need for some remodeling and additions but what is proposed has a lot of extras that can be scaled back. The City has been planning on a new Public Works garage and the Fire Department project would go against the City's General Obligation and reduce the capacity to borrow. The City's capacity is there but it certainly restricts what the City would be allowed to do. \$1.7 million would be the brunt of the City portion with interest. Town of Weyauwega has discussed it but haven't made any decisions yet. They would like to see it go to referendum. Luedke also feels it needs to go back to the drawing board and cut some things out. They also need to start a capital fundraiser campaign. Committee agrees a referendum would be the way to go and let the residents decide. The next Fire District meeting will be Tuesday, November 22nd. All Council Members are invited to attend to hear more information on the project.

Next Meeting Date and Time: The next committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 13th at 6:00 pm.

Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law: None

Motion Luedke, second DuCoeur, to move into closed session at 6:59 pm pursuant to §19.85(1)(c) Wis. Stats., in 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 Staffing Review. If the committee adjourns into closed session it may choose to reconvene in open session at the completion of the closed session pursuant to §19.85(2) Wis. Stats. Motion carried with all "ayes".

Motion Goetsch, second DuCoeur, to adjourn in closed session at 7:22 pm. Motion carried with all "ayes".

Recommendation to Council:

1. Recommend to approve the Critical Incident Retainer Agreement.

Rebecca Loehrke
City Clerk