

CITY OF WEYAUWEGA
POLICE, FIRE & AMBULANCE COMMITTEE MEETING PROCEEDINGS
OCTOBER 10, 2023

The Police, Fire & Ambulance Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Dewey Stelzner at the Weyauwega Municipal Building Council Chambers at 6:40 pm immediately following the adjournment of the Finance Committee meeting. Roll call was taken. Members Present: Dewey Stelzner, Bruce Goetsch, and Shani Appleby. Also present: Mayor Rich Luedke, City Clerk Rebecca Loehrke, City Treasurer Trina Herbst-Gutche, Chief Brandon Leschke, Lori Gosz with McMahon, Chris Gunderson, Rick Binley, Kaley DuCoeur, Richard Rupno, and Sam Berry.

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

Citizen Appearances: None

Police Department Update: Chief Leschke had a written report in the meeting packet. A few items he touched on were:

- Department did traffic control for the Horse & Buggy Parade. He is analyzing each parade. Not sure if the route is the best but it seems to be working. It takes a lot of man power to keep the intersections blocked during a parade.
- Axon Body Cameras were upgraded and a new docking station.
- The PD met as a team with a citizen on Lake Street who has ongoing issues with their neighbor. The citizen was informed on what they can expect from the Police Department and the proper steps moving forward on how to file a complaint. Most issues with the neighbor are civil issues and not ordinance violations. It is an ongoing issue.
- Tha Vong Vue has started full-time on September 25th and is working very well. Is exceling through the Field Training Process. Officer Bachaus has been very successful with her training and should complete the Field Training Process by the end of October.
- The 2023 Dodge Charger goes in for equipment outfit on November 13th. It will take about 2 weeks till it is in service. The 2021 Tahoe already has over 50,000 miles on it due to the delay of the 2023 Dodger Charger being delivered and outfitted.
- 163 total calls for service last month
- The Chief attended National Incident Management System Model training and the 8 hour Instructor Update to High Risk Vehicle Contacts.
- The Flock Camera System install has been delayed. The Chief sent a different camera location since there were issues with buried cables in the original locations. Have not heard back from the company. The Chief will be following up with them.
- The department has been working with dog issues coming in from anonymous complaints. It is difficult to address with not being able to follow up with the person making the complaint

Gold Cross Consortium Meeting Update: Mayor Luedke attended the Gold Cross Consortium meeting that was held in Waupaca. The subsidy per capita for 2024 has increased to \$13.17

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from \$12.84 in 2023. The City of Weyauwega's annual subsidy will be \$24,048 based off 1,826 population. The Mayor noted that Gold Cross will be adding the Shiocton area and will be purchasing vans for transport instead of using ambulances. They are also building a new training center.

Fire Department 2024 Budget: The Fire Department total budget has remained the same at \$148,400. The City's portion increased just a little from 37.80% to 39.16% for a total of \$58,119.69.

2024 Budget Development Update: Chief Leschke has updated all YTD figures in the budget. Will need to go in and add payroll information once increases are known. Leschke has felt that the Police budget has always gone over and not tracked properly over the years. He feels he is getting much closer to a true operation budget for the department. There is room in the budget to maintain as long as nothing catastrophic happens. Currently looks good and running on target for 2023. With Officer Bachaus on board it should cut down on the overtime as officers are using vacation/time off over the upcoming holiday season. Also when you look at overtime in the budget it looks high but have to consider grant money that is received to offset some of the overtime costs.

Set next meeting date/time: The next committee meeting will be held on November 14th immediately following the Finance Committee meeting.

Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law: None

Motion Stelzner, second Goetsch, to adjourn at 7:00 pm. Motion carried with all "ayes".

Recommendation to Council: No Action for Council.

Rebecca Loehrke
City Clerk