

CITY OF WEYAUWEGA
POLICE, FIRE & AMBULANCE COMMITTEE MEETING PROCEEDINGS
SEPTEMBER 10, 2024

The Police, Fire & Ambulance Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Pat Gorchals at the Weyauwega Municipal Building Council Chambers at 7:32 pm immediately following the adjournment of the Finance Committee meeting. Roll call was taken. Members Present: Pat Gorchals, Shani Appleby, and Meta Berg. Also present: Mayor Rich Luedke, City Clerk Rebecca Loehrke, City Treasurer Trina Herbst-Gutche, Police Chief Brandon Leschke, Chris Gunderson, Austin Baehnman, Lori Gosz, Andy Schmidt and Carson Faulkner.

Motion Gorchals, second Berg, to approve the Police, Fire & Ambulance Committee meeting minutes from August 14, 2024. Motion carried with all "ayes".

Citizen Appearances: None

August Calls for Service Report and Department Update: The call report and department update report was included in the meeting packet. 274 calls for service, 45 traffic citations issued, 25 written traffic warnings issued and 11 municipal ordinance citations issued.

Chief Leschke also reported on the following:

- Kudos to Officer DeGrand for the work she has done to secure grants for the Vision Impaired Equipment.
- The Deschler child porn case has been resolved. Both brothers have been found guilty and will be serving time.

Berg asked the Chief about budgeting for a vehicle in 2025. The 2011 Expedition which the SRO uses will be sold and then will move up the 2017 to the SRO to use. The 2011 is falling apart and will just keep costing the department money in repairs to operate. Berg also asked questions about keeping vehicles in the City. The Chief stated that he feels this is a minimal benefit to the City for employee retention. It also allows the officer to go where needed when called in and not having to report to the Police Department first to get a vehicle. Chief asked why the department couldn't finance a vehicle and pay over a 2-3 year period. Gosz had brought it up to him as an option which many municipalities do.

Set next meeting date/time: The next committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 8, 2024 immediately following the Finance Committee meeting.

Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law: Clerk Loehrke reminded Council Members to reach out to the Clerk, Treasurer and Chief with any questions they may have. And to also encourage residents to reach out to City Hall and the Police Department. Items don't always have to wait till the committee meetings to be asked.

Motion Appleby, second Berg, to adjourn at 7:59 pm. Motion carried with all "ayes".

Recommendations to the Council: No Action for Council

Rebecca Loehrke
City Clerk