

CITY OF WEYAUWEGA
POLICE, FIRE & AMBULANCE COMMITTEE MEETING PROCEEDINGS
AUGUST 14, 2024

The Police, Fire & Ambulance Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Pat Gorchals at the Weyauwega Municipal Building Council Chambers at 6:41 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, and Tim Litscher.

Motion Gorchals, second Appleby, to approve the Police, Fire & Ambulance Committee meeting minutes from July 8, 2024. Motion carried with all "ayes".

Citizen Appearances: None

June & July Calls for Service Report & Department Update: Chief Leschke reported that they are partially back up with Spillman since the County went down. Spillman is working on the squad laptops but not on the office computers yet. Calls in June totaled 246 and calls in July were 195. July had 36 traffic citations issued, 7 written traffic warnings issued and 0 municipal ordinance citation issued. There was 2 reportable traffic crashes and a theft complaint on W. Alfred Street that led to the arrest of a local resident who was on probation. Chief Leschke also reported on the following:

- July 1st had the yearly meeting with our League Mutual Insurance Representative. The City is eligible for a \$1,000 reimbursement to the Police Department Mental Health Program.
- July 3rd City Fireworks had no major complaints or issues.
- Chief Leschke assisted the Manawa Police Department/Fire Department with their flooding event on July 5th.
- July 14th to July 19th SRO DeGrand attended the National School Resource Officer Conference.
- Chief Leschke meet with AIT to discuss City Network Upgrades.
- Chief Leschke attended the quarterly Waupaca County Law enforcement Executive Meeting.
- Tested new rifles at the Waupaca Conservation Club. Departments new rifles should be coming mid fall.
- Leschke and Strobusch attended the Waupaca County District Attorney Support Staff Meeting.
- Candidate that was offered a part-time position turned it down to accept a full-time position.
- 32 total non-compliant properties for 2024. 27 of the 32 have gained voluntary compliance. 5 are pending action. No citations have been issued so far.
- Will have all shifts covered at the fair.

Fire District Report: Gorchals reported that the department is moving forward to purchase a new fire truck to replace one of the tender trucks for about \$375,000. The old tender can be fixed at a cost of around \$30,000. The Department has applied for a grant to help with the purchase of the new truck. Gorchals asked the department for a more updated quote to get the

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current tender fixed which would be more cost effective if the department does not get the grant approved.

Also, the HVAC in the building is not working. It is the original system put in when the building was built. Chief is getting 3 bids for new systems and will bring them forward to the Fire District meeting in September. Will have systems with separate areas for the meeting room and apparatus room.

Set next meeting date/time: The next committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 10th immediately following the Finance Committee meeting.

Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law: Appleby reminded everyone of the Fire Department Dance on Saturday, August 17th starting at 8:30 pm. She also got to experience a ride along with the Police Department for the first time. It was an eye opening experience and showed how hard their job is.

Motion Gorchals, second Appleby, to adjourn at 7:22 pm. Motion carried with all "ayes".

Recommendations to the Council: No Action for Council

Rebecca Loehrke
City Clerk