

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

The Police, Fire & Ambulance Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Pat Gorchals at the Weyauwega Municipal Building Council Chambers at 7:57 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, Administrator Marcus Rennicke, Clerk Rebecca Loehrke, Treasurer Trina Herbst-Gutche, Police Chief Brandon Leschke, Chris Gunderson, Cameron Looker, Austin Baehnman, Andy Schmidt, Carson Faulkner, and Richard Rupno.

*Motion Gorchals, second Appleby, to approve the Police, Fire & Ambulance Committee meeting minutes from April 9, 2024. Motion carried with all "ayes".*

**Citizen Appearances:** None

**April Calls for Service Report & Department Update:** Chief Leschke reported that there were 296 calls for service last month. 49 traffic citations were issued, 16 written traffic warnings issued, and 16 municipal ordinance citations issued.

**April Activity Report:**

- Officer Rode applied for a \$7,000 grant request to TC Energy for Officer Safety Equipment/Shield and Forcible Entry Bar.
- SRO DeGrand applied for \$11,000 grant request to Canadian Nation Railroad for Educational Alcohol/Drugs Fatal Vision Material.
- Chief attend a meeting in New London with the Department of Revenue
- Attended meeting with Waupaca County Human Services and the WF School District
- Budget review meeting with Mayor and City Administrator
- Waupaca County Law Enforcement Quarterly Meeting in Waupaca
- Waupaca County Traffic Safety Committee Meeting
- Officer Vue gave a tour of the Police Department, Patrol Car and educational presentation/activities to the local Cub Scouts.
- SRO DeGrand attend the Weyauwega Elementary 4K Open House
- Weyauwega PD begins working with the Lutheran School to review and modify their School Safety Plan.
- Attend WF High School Prom at the River Deck in Fremont
- Drug Take Back drop off was 68 lbs of medication collected over the last 6 months
- Attended the North Central Region DOT TIME meeting
- Will be losing one part time offer who is accepting a full time position with the Sheriff's Department
- Flock camera location has been approved and just waiting for installation.

**Discussion on Gold Cross Ambulance Meeting:** Gorchals went over the meeting that was held April 30<sup>th</sup> at City Hall with Gold Cross and the municipalities that make up the consortium. Gorchals voiced his concern with the lack of an ambulance in the City on a consistent basis. There is an ambulance stationed in New London, Weyauwega and Waupaca and soon they will be adding one in Greenville. Gorchals asked why the Weyauwega rig has to be stationed north of the City on Hwy 54 to cover when Waupaca and New London are on calls. Why not stay at

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the Main Street garage. Currently the City's per capita is \$13.17. If Gold Cross does not add the Greenville location it could go up to \$32.00+ and if Greenville joins it could go up to \$15.00+ for the next budget. Discussion on how other area services are such as Fremont and Manawa. The administrator needs to have a discussion on the City owning the ambulance garage. Could the City get a break on their cost? Another big issue is that Gold Cross does not communicate on the Waupaca County radio channel which is a problem for the fire department. Gorchals will do some investigation and talk with the County EMS director and see what was discussed at their meeting last month.

**Set next meeting date/time:** The next committee meeting will be held on June 11, 2024 immediately following the Finance Committee meeting.

**Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law:** Fire District meeting will be held May 28<sup>th</sup> at the Fire Station.

*Motion Gorchals, second Appleby, to adjourn at 8:30 pm. Motion carried with all "ayes".*

**Recommendation to Council:** None

Rebecca Loehrke  
City Clerk