

Police & Fire Commission  
700 Shiocton Street  
New London, WI 54961-1160

Monday April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Commission Present: Joe Kable (Pres), Lund Cooley (Sec), Al Grumann, Tom  
Schmude, John Lee  
Police Chief: Jeffrey Schlueter  
Fire Chief: Mark Wilfuer  
Others Present: Scott Bellile

Meeting called to order at 6:00PM by Kable.

- Public Comment
- Motion to approve prior minutes from 03/21/2016: Lee 2<sup>nd</sup> Grumann  
Carried 5-0
- The Commission recognizes service anniversaries.

Fire Department:	Eric Sager	7 years
	Zac Dunbar	7 years
	Michael Nash	2 years
	Aaron Ott	2 years
	Andy Burns	2 years
Police Department:	Jeremy Mulroy	2 years
	Ben Schmidt	10 years
- Report of the Fire Department by Chief Wilfuer
  - Motion to approve the bills as presented for March in the amount of:  
\$346.57: Lee 2<sup>nd</sup> Grumann; Carried 5-0
  - Budget as of March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016 reviewed. Currently 24.07%
  - Discuss Fire Department Technology
    - Chief Wilfuer reported that 953 is getting the generator fixed
    - The App “I am responding” was discussed. The PFC felt there might be a risk if the firefighters are looking at the app while they are driving and felt that there might be something better and cheaper in the future.
  - Fire runs and service calls reviewed
    - Discussed the possibility of an ordinance that would allow businesses to be charged for too many false alarms. There continues to be a lot of false alarms at the America’s Best Value Inn

- Discuss Recruitment:  
Chief Wilfuer discussed with the commission the possibility of sending possible recruits to training/certification prior to hiring them. The PFC thought this would be a good recruiting tool, but suggested that Chief Wilfuer have them sign something saying that if we put them through some classes that they will work for NLFDF when there is an opening.
- Staffing & Training reviewed;
  - The fire department did some “blind” training in a vacant house near Cline Hanson.
- Discuss Chief hours  
President Kable showed the PFC an email from the city that requested that the Chief’s hours be tracked so that they do not exceed 1200 hours per year. Chief Wilfuer said that he would start to track the hours again. Chief Wilfuer said that he has delegated certain duties to decrease his hours so that he would still be able to do the more inspections.
- Discussed residency

Lee made a motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Grumann to eliminate the 3 mile residency and to follow WI SS 66.0502 on residency. Carried 5-0

**66.0502 Employee residency requirements prohibited.**

(1) The legislature finds that public employee residency requirements are a matter of statewide concern.

(2) In this section, "local governmental unit" means any city, village, town, county, or school district.

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(a) Except as provided in sub. (4), no local governmental unit may require, as a condition of employment, that any employee or prospective employee reside within any jurisdictional limit.

(b) If a local governmental unit has a residency requirement that is in effect on July 2, 2013, the residency requirement does not apply and may not be enforced.

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(a) This section does not affect any statute that requires residency within the jurisdictional limits of any local governmental unit or any provision of state or local law that requires residency in this state.

(b) Subject to par. (c), a local governmental unit may impose a residency requirement on law enforcement, fire, or emergency personnel that requires such personnel to reside within 15 miles of the jurisdictional boundaries of the local governmental unit.

(c) If the local governmental unit is a county, the county may impose a residency requirement on law enforcement, fire, or emergency personnel that requires such personnel to reside within 15 miles of the jurisdictional boundaries of the city, village, or town to which the personnel are assigned.

(d) A residency requirement imposed by a local governmental unit under par. (b) or (c) does not apply to any volunteer law enforcement, fire, or emergency personnel who are employees of a local governmental unit.

**History:** 2013 a. 20.

This section does not involve a matter of statewide concern, nor does it affect every city or village uniformly; therefore, pursuant to the Wisconsin Constitution home rule amendment, Article XI, section 3 (1), it does not trump the City of Milwaukee's residency requirement ordinance. Milwaukee Police Association v. City of Milwaukee, 2015 WI App 60, \_\_\_ Wis. 2d \_\_\_, \_\_\_ N.W.2d \_\_\_, 14-0400.

- Fitness for Duty
  - Chief Wilfuer stated that there is no required retirement age for the state for a firefighter. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.
  - Chief Wilfuer discussed possible fitness test and showed a video of a test that Menasha uses. Chief Wilfuer is to come up with a policy and possible test and present it to the PFC.
- Monthly attendance report reviewed.
- Fire inspection notes/reports reviewed  
They have been doing a lot of follow ups on the inspections.  
Chief Wilfuer is also doing some training with Troy Herter so he can help out with the inspections.
- New Business  
Chief Wilfuer ordered some new uniform shirts and will be putting a dress code in place for meeting.
- Chief Wilfuer was dismissed at 7:01 pm.
- Report of the Police Department by Chief Schlueter
  - Motion to approve bills for March in the amount of \$39,970.70: Lee 2<sup>nd</sup> Schmude; Carried. 5-0
  - Budget as of March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016 was reviewed. Currently 24.07%.

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- Crime and activity report reviewed.
  - Incident count for March was 574
- Current staffing and training update.

Sgt. Ruckdashel will be off for probably 3+months due to and injury he received while off duty.  
Officer Kamba will be stepping down from the SWAT Team and Officer Mulroy will be taking his place.
- Motion by Lee 2<sup>nd</sup> by Grumann to remove Officer Brent Seavecki form his probation status. Motion carried 5-0
- Motion to move to closed session per WI SS 19.85(1)c to discuss hiring of part-time dispatchers. By Kable 2<sup>nd</sup> by Grumann carried 5-0
- Motion to move to open session by Lee 2<sup>nd</sup> by Grumann carried 5-0  
At this time we will not be hiring another part-time dispatcher. Chief Schlueter will explorer the idea of hiring a permanent part-time dispatcher and training Ashley Bosquez. This will be brought to the PFC again at a later date.
- Update on current activities/investigations
  - Chief Schlueter gave an update on the liquor license for Michael Fahser and Sociables.
- Update on current projects
- No discussion on new business
- Chief Schlueter was dismissed at 7:30 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chief Jeff Schlueter