

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

Monday January 21st, 2019

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

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

- Public Comment: None
- Motion to approve prior minutes from 12/17/2018: Lee 2nd Schmude
Carried 4-0
- The Commission recognizes service anniversaries.
 - Fire Department:
 - Bernie Ritchie 34 years
 - Greg Stilen 29 years
 - Joe Kosmerchock 15 years
 - Troy Herter 10 years
 - Joe Nutter 7 years
 - Ryan Ritchie 7 years
 - Matt Bennett 1 year
 - Police Department:
 - Chris Dearth 7 years
 - Chris Gregory 25 years
 - Nick Kamba 9 years
 - Jeff Schlueter 23 years
 - Brent Seavecki 4 years
 - Lisa Taylor 9 years
- Report of the Fire Department by Chief mark Wilfuer
 - Motion to approve the bills as presented for December in the amount of:
\$7,114.68: Cooley 2nd Lee; Carried 5-0
 - Budget as of December 31st reviewed. Currently 97.23%
 - Discuss Fire Department Equipment/Technology
 - Chief Wilfuer reported that Keith has started programming the tablets for the trucks. They should be installed soon.
 - Fire runs and service calls reviewed

Fire Department was dispatched to 214 calls this year.

- Staffing and Training reviewed
NLFD has started their Monday night training on scene safety and fire investigation. They are in their 3rd week.
- Discuss Chief hours
Chief Wilfuer reported that he worked 24 hours in the month of December.
- Monthly attendance report reviewed.
- Fire Inspection Note
Chief Wilfuer reported everything is going good.

Chief Wilfuer was dismissed at 6:16 PM

➤ Report of the Police Department by Chief Schlueter

- Discuss the SRO position: New London High School Principal Brian Yerkey and SRO Chris Dearth came in and spoke to the PFC about the SRO program and the duties of the SRO. Everyone believes that it is a very successful program and builds a great working relation between the School District and the Police Department along with adding a lot of extra security for the buildings. Since adding the part-time SROs it has allowed SRO Dearth to spend more time at the High School. It does appear that the Middle School is consuming a lot of time of the part-time SROs and they are not getting to the elementary schools like we had hope to build better relations between the young children and law enforcement to help deter future issues and build trust. Chief Schlueter suggested that we look at the possibility to fund 1 more part-time SRO to be assigned to the elementary schools. The PFC agreed that Chief Schlueter should look into this and report back to the PFC with a possible plan. Chief Schlueter estimates that cost for 1 more part-time SRO would be about \$15,000.
- Motion to approve bills for December in the amount of \$43,861.13 and \$358.50: Lee 2nd Grumann; Carried. 5-0
- Budget as of December 31st, 2018 was reviewed. Currently 99.13%. Chief Schlueter reported that he just invoiced the School District for \$37,500 for the SROs.

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- Crime and activity report reviewed.
 - Incident count for December was 425 calls for service
- Current staffing and training update.
Chief Schlueter and Assistant Chief Gregory will be attending a table top exercise on an Active Shooter at FVTC on 1/23/2019
In February Chief Schlueter and Assistant Chief Gregory will be attending the WI Chiefs Conference.

Chief Schlueter reported that Officer Mulroy and Gloe are going to be receiving a Letter of Commendation for saving a young child on 11/25/2018

- Update on current activities/investigations
Chief Schlueter gave an update on a couple of cases that NLPD has assisted outside agencies.
Chief Schlueter has been in contact with WI State Patrol and Waupaca County for assistance with St. Patrick's Day
- Update on current projects

Chief Schlueter gave an update on ordering the squad cars. Ford stopped taking orders for the 2019 models at the end of Sept. to beginning of October and they are not going to start building the 2020s until May. Frick Ford also reported that the price is going to go up about \$5000 a car. Because the PD was allotted about \$77,000 to buy the new vehicles Chief Schlueter looked around the state for vehicles currently on the lots but could not find any. Because the cost would take us about \$10,000 over budget and we would not receive the squads until this fall, Chief Schlueter suggested that we replace the Ford Fusion this year (which is due to be replaced in 2020) and 1 squad. Then in 2020 order the other 2 squads up for replacement when Chief Schlueter is able to get a more accurate amount for the 2020 budget. Chief Schlueter will then shuffle some of the vehicles around at the PD and sell the Crown Vic that is being used as the CSO vehicle. This will keep us at or under budget. The PFC was in agreement. Chief Schlueter also spoke to Finance Director Radke about this to keep her advised.

➤ Chief Schlueter was dismissed at 7:35 PM.
Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

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Respectfully submitted,
Chief Jeff Schlueter