

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

Monday September 21st, 2020

Commission Present: April Kopitzke (Pres), John Lee (Sec), Tom Schmude,
Travis Kloehn (Zoom), Lund Cooley

Police Chief: Jeffrey Schlueter

Fire Chief: Mark Wilfuer

Others Present:

Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM by Kopitzke.

- Adoption of Agenda – Lee, 2nd Schmude – carried 5-0
- Public Comment: With Chief Wilfuer present, Chief Schlueter spoke briefly about the purchase of a drone and the PD and FD sharing the drone and cost. Chief Schlueter has been looking at a few drones and has narrowed it down 1 with 2 different cameras. This will be brought up later in the meeting for approval.
- Motion to approve prior minutes from 8/17/2020: Lee 2nd Schmude
Carried 5-0
- The Commission recognizes service anniversaries.
 - Fire Department: Ryan Bednarowski 10 years -11 total
 - Police Department: Tom Algiers 2 years as SRO
- Report of the Fire Department by Chief Mark Wilfuer
 - Motion to approve the bills as presented for August in the amount of: \$554.24: Lee, 2nd Cooley; Carried 5-0
 - Budget as of August 31st, 48.26% reviewed.
 - Discuss Fire Department Equipment/Technology
 - Chief Wilfuer reported that on Monday night they will have an officers meeting to talk about the purchase of a new jaws for life. It is estimate that the cost will be about \$65,000. Chief Wilfuer will be work with Judy to figure out the finances.
 - Chief Wilfuer commented that a new brush truck could take up to 30 months to get.
 - Updates on the 2% dues from Mukwa. It appears right now that the payment for the 2% from Mukwa is in the hands of the state. Bob Kaiser has passed the information onto his boss for a final decision.

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Chief Wilfuer will be contacting Bob Kaiser to see if there has been anything decided yet

- Fire runs and service calls reviewed
- Staffing and Training reviewed
Chief Wilfuer has 2 guys started Fire Fighter I classes in Manawa in Sept. 3 more still need Fire Fighter 1
- Discuss Chief hours
Chief Wilfuer reported that he worked 15 hours in the month of August.
- Monthly attendance report reviewed.
- Fire Inspection Note
Chief Wilfuer reported they have resumed inspections. He plans on working on Rawhide in the upcoming week.

Chief Wilfuer was dismissed at 5:59 PM

➤ Report of the Police Department by Chief Schlueter

- Motion to approve bills for August in the amount of \$44,631.28 by Cooley, 2nd Lee Carried 5-0:
- Budget as of August was reviewed. Currently 66.59%
Chief Schlueter reported that in August, grants for heroin overtime in the amount of \$1082.74 and traffic grants in the amount of \$652.76 were recovered. This money does not reflect back into the budget.
- 2021 budget update: Chief Schlueter report that according to Finance Director Radke that the city is still waiting on bids for health insurance. Until that time the budget can't be finalized. Chief Schlueter will bring the budget to the PFC in October for final review and approval.
- Discuss/Approval of drone for the PD/FD: Chief Schlueter explained that he has been collecting some donations for this drone program. So far he has collected a \$5000 donation from an individual that wishes to remain anonymous, \$750 from County Financial, \$1000 from Festival Foods, Thrivent Financial is having a brat fry for the drone on Oct. 2nd, and in 2021 hopes to receive a \$5000 grant from CVMIC. Chief

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Schlueter has asked the PFC for permission to start purchasing equipment as it comes available. He expects to spend about \$8,000 in 2020 and \$10,000 in 2021. The equipment will include all the drone equipment and 2 cameras, 1 zoom camera and 1 FLIR camera. Chief Schlueter requested that he be able to exceed the spending in budget line item 101.52101.280 in 2020 to make the necessary equipment purchases. Chief Schlueter thought that the excess spending would only be a few thousand dollars which will be made up by under spending in other budget line items.

Motion by Lee, 2nd by Schmude to allow Chief Schlueter to start purchasing the drone equipment as he feels necessary to get the best deal, and to exceed spending in budget line 101.52101.280 if necessary to purchase the needed equipment in 2020. Carried 5-0

- Crime and activity report reviewed.
 - Incident count for August was 635 calls for service. Chief Schlueter commented on the increase number of traffic stops is dues to a speed grant that the PD current is involved in.
- Current staffing and training update.

Chief Schlueter reported to the PFC that he is expecting an officer to go to another agency in the near future.
- Chief Schlueter reported that an officer has received a conditional offer to go to another department in his hometown. Chief Schlueter requested permission that to start a hiring process once he receives a 2 week notice from that officer.

Motion by Lee, 2nd by Schmude to have Chief Schlueter start a hiring process if he receives a two week notice that an officer is going to be leaving. Carried 5-0
- Update on current activities/investigations
- Update on Current Projects:

Chief Schlueter gave an update on the ATV/UTV ordinance that is going in front of council for the 2nd reading in October.

➤ Chief Schlueter was dismissed at 6:37 PM.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Chief Jeff Schlueter