

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

**Monday May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

Commission Present: April Kopitzke (Pres), Doug Noel, Tom Schmude, Travis Kloehn (by Zoom), Corey Knepfel  
Police Chief: Jeffrey Schlueter  
Fire Chief: Mark Wilfuer  
Others Present: Billie Olsen

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

- Adoption of Agenda – Kloehn 2<sup>nd</sup> Noel – carried 5-0
- Public Comment:  
Alder person Billie Olsen expressed concerns about keeping the sidewalks clean and the increase of damage in the downtown area. Chief Schlueter informed her that the kids that damaged the theatre and the building at the corner of Pearl and Cook St have been caught and arrested. Chief Schlueter also informed Ms. Olsen that he has spoken to Judge Shaw about having people on community service help keep the downtown clean and that the PD would be talking to the bar owners to also help out cleaning when they close at night.
- Motion to approve prior minutes from 4/19/21: Schmude, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kloehn  
Carried 5-0
- Election of officers: Motion to elect Kloehn as President and Schmude as Secretary by Schmude, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Knepfel: Carried 5-0
- The Commission recognizes service anniversaries.  
Fire Department:  
  
Police Department:
- Report of the Fire Department by Chief Mark Wilfuer
  - Motion to approve the bills as presented for April in the amount of: \$3060.47: Kloehn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Schmude; Carried 5-0
  - Budget as of April 30<sup>th</sup>, 33.75% reviewed.
  - Discuss Fire Department Equipment/Technology
    - Chief Wilfuer reports that they have ordered 2 new thermal imaging cameras that are about \$6000 each. They will also be purchasing 8 more small cameras for about \$600-\$800 each.

- .There is an antenna on the top of City Hall that may need replacing.
- Fire runs and service calls reviewed
- Staffing and Training reviewed  
Chief Wilfuer reported they are still 2 fire fighters short. They have reached out to 1 candidate but he has not returned the call yet.
- Discuss Chief hours  
Chief Wilfuer reported that he worked 23 hours in the month of April.
- Monthly attendance report reviewed.
- Fire Inspection Note  
Chief Wilfuer reported they are training some new inspectors. Currently they have 4 people trained.

Chief Wilfuer was dismissed at 5:52 PM

➤ Report of the Police Department by Chief Schlueter

- Motion to approve bills for April in the amount of \$43,657.84 and \$1,155.93 by Kloehn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Schmude: Carried 5-0:
- Budget as of April 30<sup>th</sup> was reviewed. Currently 30.92%  
Chief Schlueter reported that the budget looks to be on track for the year. We are also on track to save the \$25,000 that was requested by the city for health insurance this year.
- Discuss/approve replacement of cameras at the PD  
Chief Schlueter requested that this be put on next month's agenda
- Crime and activity report reviewed.
  - Incident count for April was 541 calls for service.
- Current staffing and training update.  
Earl Ruckdashel' s last day on patrol will be May 23<sup>rd</sup>. His last day at the PD will be June 7<sup>th</sup>.

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The top candidate finished up the academy last week. He should be starting the psychological, medical screen and the polygraph this week. We expect his start date to be June 14<sup>th</sup>.

Trent Martin is still in the FTO process but is doing a good job. We completed DAAT, CPR and Taser training for the whole department over the past 2 weeks.

We have the drone training scheduled for May 24<sup>th</sup>

- Discuss/Approve removing Jenna Kriewaldt from probation status. Chief Schlueter reported that Jenna is doing a good job and sees no reason not to remove her for probation status. Motion by Schmude, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Noel to remove Jenna Kriewaldt from probation status. Carried 5-0.
- Update on current activities/investigations
- Update on Current Projects:  
Chief Schlueter reported the radio project is going good. Assistant Chief Gregory last week viewed the dispatch configuration with Lisa Taylor and the approved that.  
Chief Schlueter showed the PFC the new drone

➤ Chief Schlueter was dismissed at 6:35PM.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Jeff Schlueter