

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

**Monday September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

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

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

- Adoption of Agenda – Kopitzke 2<sup>nd</sup> Kloehn – carried 5-0
- Public Comment: Kopitzke would like to thank the Fire Department and Police Department for their assistance with Wheels on Water Street and Fall Family Fest
- Motion to approve prior minutes from 8/16/21: Kopitzke, 2<sup>nd</sup> Schmude  
Carried 5-0
- The Commission recognizes service anniversaries.  
Fire Department: Ryan Bednarowski 11 years  
  
Police Department:
- Report of the Fire Department by Chief Mark Wilfuer
  - Motion to approve the bills as presented for August in the amount of: \$1230.69: Knepfel, 2<sup>nd</sup> Noel; Carried 5-0
  - Budget as of August 31<sup>st</sup>, 51.89% reviewed.
  - Discuss/Approve 2022 Budget and Capital Projects:  
Motion to approve the 2022 budget for \$226,778 by Schmude, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kopitzke: Carried 5-0 This included a 4% increase in salary for the staff.  
Motion to approve the following items as presented for capital projects: Fire Radio Equipment \$3,000, Washer/Extractor \$9,000, Fire Fighter Equipment \$10,500 and No Skid Floor \$30,000. By Schmude, 2<sup>nd</sup> Noel: Carried 5-0
  - Discuss Fire Department Equipment/Technology
    - Chief Wilfuer reported that the radios they got from the PD are up and going.

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- Chief Wilfuer reported that they had to change some batteries in the knox boxes with the help of Assistant Chief Gregory from the PD.
- Fire runs and service calls reviewed  
118 calls as the end of August
- Staffing and Training reviewed  
The fire department will be doing some grain facility training. They received a \$500 donation from a farmer to attend this type of training.
- Discuss Chief hours  
Chief Wilfuer reported that he worked 24 hours in the month of August. These hours are in addition to fire calls.
- Monthly attendance report reviewed.
- Fire Inspection Note.  
No new info

Chief Wilfuer was dismissed at 5:51 PM

➤ Report of the Police Department by Chief Schlueter

- Motion to approve bills for August in the amount of \$45,769.35 and \$1,507.96 by Kopitzke, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kloehn: Carried 5-0:
- Budget as of August 31<sup>st</sup> was reviewed. Currently 63.42%  
Chief Schlueter reported that the budget looks to be on track for the year.  
Chief Schlueter reported that we will be receiving a \$5,000 grant from CVMIC to help out with the purchase of the PD cameras that were approved last month.
- Chief Schlueter presented the 2022 budget and capital projects to the PFC:  
Motion to approve \$2,426,887 for the 2022 Police Department Budget by Schmude, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kopitzke: Carried 5-0. This includes a 2.5% salary increase. This is a 1.9% total budget increase from 2021.  
Motion to approve the following capital projects: 2 squads \$88,000 and body cameras \$2,000 by Kopitzke, 2<sup>nd</sup> Noel: Carried 5-0

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- Crime and activity report reviewed.
  - Incident count for August was 433 calls for service.
- Current staffing and training update.

Chief Schlueter reported that Brant Gosh was sworn in on Tuesday August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10am and he started his 1<sup>st</sup> shift on Friday August 27<sup>th</sup>. Everything is going good with him.  
Earl Ruckdashel came back to the PD as the part-time SRO  
We are back to full staffing since September 2021.  
In October the PD will have yearly firearms training and qualifications
- Update on current activities/investigations
- Update on Current Projects:

The 2022-2024 Police Union Contract has been completed and approved by City Council.  
Chief Schlueter applied for a \$1000 grant from Wal-Mart for Shop with a Cop.  
Next month Chief Schlueter will bring the 2022 handbooks to the PFC to be approved.

➤ Chief Schlueter was dismissed at 6:29PM.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Jeff Schlueter