

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

Monday April 17th, 2023

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

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

- Adoption of Agenda – Kopitzke 2nd Knepfel – carried 4-0
- Public Comment:
- Motion to approve prior minutes from 3/20/2023:
Kloehn, 2nd Kopitzke Carried 4-0
- The Commission recognizes service anniversaries.
Fire Department: Eric Sager 14 years
Zac Dunbar 14 years
Aaron Ott 9 years
Andy Burns 9 years
Jason Fleese 7 years
Ren Scott 5 years

Police Department: Chad Ewing 3 years
Trent Martin 2 years
Jeremy Mulroy 9 years
Ben Schmidt 17 years

- Report of the Fire Department by Chief Mark Wilfuer
 - Motion to approve the bills as presented for March in the amount of:
\$1600.54: Kloehn, 2nd Schmude; Carried 4-0
 - Budget as of February 28th reviewed- 7.09%
 - Discuss Fire Department Equipment/Technology
 - Chief Wilfuer reported he is getting a quote for a new tanker truck from Midwest, Marion, and Pierce.
 - Fire runs and service calls reviewed

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- Staffing and Training reviewed
Currently full staffed.
- Discuss Chief hours
Chief Wilfuer reported that he worked 19 hours in the month of March.
These hours are in addition to fire calls.
- Monthly attendance report reviewed.
- Fire Inspection Note.
Things are going well. Ryan Bednarowski is going to start helping with the inspections and computer work.

Chief Wilfuer was dismissed at 5:42 PM

➤ Report of the Police Department by Chief Schlueter

- Motion to approve bills for March in the amount of \$47,430.23 by Kloehn, 2nd Kopitzke: Carried 4-0:
- Budget as of February 28th was reviewed. Currently – 20.93%

Chief Schlueter reported:

The reason the budget looks so high is because of the retirement payout for Chris Gregory and 1000% of the longevity has been payed out along with the contributions to the HSAs
The Pd received \$582.70 for the OWI grant.

- Crime and activity report reviewed.
 - Incident count for March was 578 calls for service.
 - The PD continues to see a large number of 911 hang-up calls which appears to be cause by new technology on cell phones.
- Staffing and training update.
 - Chief Schlueter reported:
Cathy Martins' last day will be May 13th.
Chief Schlueter said he has given the MOU to the School District for the SRO program to review and sign it. The MOU is reviewed every 4 years. As of today's, date we have not received the MOU back from the school.

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- The PFC discussed the hiring of Katie Hermes to replace Cathy Martins as a dispatcher when Cathy retires on May 13. Chief Schlueter said he plans on having Katie start on May 2nd. She will be training for about a month. Katie will be starting at the current pay rate that Cathy is at.
Motion by Schmude, 2nd by Kloehn to offer the dispatcher position to Katie Hermes. Carried 4-0
- Update on current activities/investigations
- Update on Current Projects:
Chief Schlueter said he was contacted by Flock and all of our cameras have been approved by DOT and will be installed soon.

➤ Chief Schlueter was dismissed at 6:18PM.
Meeting was adjourned at 6:18 PM.
Respectfully submitted,
Chief Jeff Schlueter