

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

**Monday May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Commission Present: Tom Schmude (Pres), Corey Knepfel (Sec), Doug Noel,  
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 – Kloehn 2<sup>nd</sup> Kopitzke – carried 4-0
- Public Comment:
- Motion to approve prior minutes from 4/17/2023:  
Knepfel, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kopitzke Carried 5-0
- Election of Officers – Motion to elect Knepfel as president and Kloehn as Secretary by Kloehn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Noel – 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: \$673.68: Kopitzke, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kloehn; Carried 5-0
  - Budget as of April 30<sup>th</sup> reviewed- 21.90%
  - Discuss Fire Department Equipment/Technology
    - Chief Wilfuer reported he received a quote for a new tanker truck from Midwest, Marion, and Pierce.
  - Fire runs and service calls reviewed
  - The PFC looked at 2 examples of possible ordinances for reducing the number of fire inspections to 1 per year. The PFC selected one of the ordinances to be the basis for the City of New London. Chief Wilfuer will work on getting the ordinance prepared to present to Personnel and Finance and the City Council.

Motion by Kloehn 2<sup>nd</sup> by Noel: to approve the ordinance for 1 fire inspection per year as presented by Chief Wilfuer, and have him to move the ordinance forward to Personnel and Finance and City Council. Carried 5-0

- Staffing and Training reviewed  
Everyone (5 firefighters) passed the driver operator class.
- Discuss Chief hours  
Chief Wilfuer reported that he worked 21 hours in the month of April. These hours are in addition to fire calls.
- Monthly attendance report reviewed.
- Fire Inspection Note.  
Things are going well. Ryan Bednarowski is helping with the inspections.

Chief Wilfuer was dismissed at 5:59 PM

➤ Report of the Police Department by Chief Schlueter

- Motion to approve bills for April in the amount of \$45,077.65 by Schmude, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kopitzke: Carried 4-0:
- Budget as of April 30<sup>th</sup> was reviewed. Currently – 33.68%

Chief Schlueter reported:

The Pd received \$466.16 for the OWI grant.

The PD received \$367.32 for the officer assigned to the beer tent on St. Patrick's day.

- Crime and activity report reviewed.
  - Incident count for April was 571 calls for service.
- Staffing and training update.
  - Chief Schlueter reported:  
The PD just completed less lethal, CPR and Taser training this past week.

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Chief Schlueter also spoke briefly about the issues that departments are having of hiring new officers and that we may have to look at alternatives in future processes.

- Update on current activities/investigations
- Update on Current Projects:  
Chief Schlueter gave a rough draft of the PFC rules to the PFC. We will talk about this more at the next meeting.  
Chief Schlueter will be meeting with Scott Bleck tomorrow to talk about the SRO MOU.

➤ Chief Schlueter was dismissed at 6:30PM.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chief Jeff Schlueter