

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

Monday, June 19th, 2023

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

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

- Adoption of Agenda – Kopitzke 2nd Schmude – carried 3-0
- Public Comment: None
- Motion to approve prior minutes from 5/15/2023:
Schmude, 2nd Kopitzke Carried 3-0
- The Commission recognizes service anniversaries.

Fire Department:	Chris Yaroach	1 year
	Jocelyn Banaszynski	1 year
Police Department:	Ryan Gloe	8 years
	Todd Sarazin	22 years
- Report of the Fire Department by Chief Mark Wilfuer
 - Motion to approve the bills as presented for May in the amount of:
\$2,198.24: Knepfel, 2nd Schmude; Carried 3-0
 - Budget as of April 30th 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. They are going to ask for a re-quote from Midwest to make sure all the trucks are similar in structure and quality.
 - Fire runs and service calls reviewed
Fire Department has responded to 63 call so far this year.
 - The PFC reviewed a change to the ordinance for 1 fire inspection a year and suggested that it still be moved forward for approval.

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- Staffing and Training reviewed
Fire Department is fully staffed.
The Fire Department attended a class on Forced Entry - How to open locked entrances.
- Promotions: Motion by Schmude, 2nd Kopitzke to approve the promotion of Cale Wilfuer, Justin Wempe, Chris Yaroch, Brad Siewart, and Tony Romberg to Engineer. Carried 3-0
- Discuss Chief hours
Chief Wilfuer reported that he worked 23 hours in the month of May. These hours are in addition to fire calls.
- Monthly attendance report reviewed.
- Fire Inspection Note.
Things are going well. They are currently working on St. Joes

Chief Wilfuer was dismissed at 5:49 PM

➤ Report of the Police Department by Chief Schlueter

- Motion to approve bills for May in the amount of \$52,663.27 and \$287.48 by Schmude, 2nd Kopitzke: Carried 3-0:
- Budget as of April 30th was reviewed. Currently – 33.68%

Chief Schlueter reported:
The Pd received \$489.52 for the OWI grant.
The PD received \$704.86 and \$189.77 from the heroin grant.
- Crime and activity report reviewed.
 - Incident count for May was 649 calls for service.
- Staffing and training update.
 - Chief Schlueter reported:
Katie Hermes is working out well and has started working on her own.
- Chief Schlueter advised the PFC that in the next 3-10 years NLPD could be looking at possibly 7-9 retirement and the retirement of the 2 part-time SROs in the near future. Chief Schlueter suggested that we

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start looking at options (possibly hiring another officer) to offset the department shortages as this could create an overtime or morale issue. As time goes on Chief Schlueter and the PFC will continue to look at the options.

- Chief Schlueter brought up the possibility of hiring retired officers as part time officers if the PD becomes short on staffing. Chief Schlueter said he would have to talk to the police union as overtime is covered by the contract. The PFC will not take action on this item at this time but Chief Schlueter will start some talks with the police union to see about their thoughts on this issue.
- Motion by Kopitzke, 2nd by Schmude to remove Josh Wilson from his probation status. Approved 3-0
- The PFC discussed the rules for the PFC – Chief Schlueter is going to talk to Chief Wilfuer about probation for new fire fighters and bring back the rules next month for review and approval.
- Update on current activities/investigations
The School Board approved the MOU for the SRO – District Administrator Scoot Beck and Chief Schlueter signed the MOU today. Chief Schlueter posted the SRO position today for 2024.
- Update on Current Projects:
Chief Schlueter spoke to the PFC about looking at part-time wages for 2024. This will be reviewed at budget time.

➤ Chief Schlueter was dismissed at 6:33PM.
Meeting was adjourned at 6:33 PM.
Respectfully submitted,
Chief Jeff Schlueter