

MAYVILLE MUNICIPAL COURT COMMITTEE

OCTOBER 21, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Chief MacNeill at 1:04 p.m. with the following Roll Call:

Members Present: Chief Brad Seymour, Chief Chris Mireski, Chief Chris MacNeill, Lois Krueger,
Darlene Smith
Members Absent: Bob Redeker
Others Present: Connie Krueger

Item #2 – Citizen Comments.

None.

Item #3 – Approve the minutes of the October 13, 2015, meeting.

Motion by Lois Krueger, second by Chief Mireski to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2015, meeting.
Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Lois Krueger, second by Chief Mireski to move Item #9 before Item #4. Motion carried unanimously.

Item #9 - Discuss/Recommend Municipal Court Budget.

Lois expressed her concern with the 20-24 hours per week for the Municipal Clerk being enough. Lois talked to other municipalities with municipal courts such as Lake Mills - 40 years, never been in the black, collections take time; Pulaski – 31 years, 700 tickets, 20 hours per week; Monona – 2,500 tickets, 40 hours and Shawano – 1,800 tickets, 30 hours per week. We currently have Quick Clerk software budgeted for the municipal court however TIPS is a better software program but more expensive. 25% of tickets are paid before court, 25% are paid the day of court and 50% have to be collected. It was discussed to charge an extra \$5-\$10 as the offender is getting less of a fine through municipal court.

Motion by Chief Mireski, second by Lois Krueger to table the Municipal Court Budget until the next meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Item #4 – Discuss/Approve Timeline of Municipal Judge Appointment/Placement of Ad.

Motion by Chief Seymour, second by Darlene Smith to table Item #4 and Item #5. Motion failed 0-5.

These items are based on the budget. We should still look at possible candidates for employment. Have a court start date of March 9, 2016. The Municipal Judge Ad will be posted the first week in December; interviews will be the first week of January with a start date of February 1st, 2016. Start writing tickets for municipal court in the middle of January but stop issuing tickets as of the 15th of February for the March 9th court date that will give the Municipal Clerk a nice short calendar.

Motion by Chief Seymour, second by Chief Mireski to approve the timeline of the Municipal Court Judge Appointment/Placement of Ad. Motion carried unanimously.

Item #5 - Discuss/Approve Timeline of Municipal Clerk Appointment/Placement of Ad.

The Municipal Clerk Ad will be posted the first week in December; interviews will be the first week of January with a start date of February 1st, 2016.

Motion by Lois Krueger, second by Chief Mireski to approve the timeline of the Municipal Court Clerk Appointment/Placement of Ad. Motion carried unanimously.

Item #6 – Discuss/Approve Municipal Court Information Handout.

You may avoid appearing in court by completing this handout and sending it in along with the deposit amount listed on your citation prior to the court date. If you post the deposit amount and do not appear, the court will enter a no contest plea (no contest means you are not admitting to guilt, but you are not disputing the citation) on your behalf, you will be found guilty and the deposit will be forfeited.

If you wish to plead not guilty without appearing in court, you must complete the handout and return it to the court prior to your court date listed on the citation. Each municipality is doing this right now and that will not change.

Motion by Chief Seymour, second by Chief Mireski to approve the Municipal Court Information Handout as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Item #7 - Discuss/Recommend Revised Joint Operations Agreement.

The Joint Operations Agreement was sent to the City Attorney for his review. Chief MacNeill took out the language regarding hereby referred to as court and changed it to read Mayville Joint Municipal Court. A change was made to Item 4-Mayville Joint Municipal Court Committee a.-Composition to add: No chief shall serve more than two consecutive terms. Appointment should be made for January 1- December 31. Item 6-Bond Schedule possibly remove and/or update: uniform bond schedules for violations of ordinances within their municipality boundaries. The dates will need to be changed from November 9th, 2015 to the new date the revised agreement is made and signed.

Motion by Lois Krueger, second by Chief Mireski to recommend the Revised Joint Operations Agreement with the revisions discussed for approval at the next meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Item #8 – Discuss/Recommend Creation of a Joint Municipal Court Ordinance.

The Ordinance No. is 1082 - 2015. Item 4 was changed to add a date. Item 10 D. was changed to read his/her. Also removed the Village of Lomira and Village of Brownsville signature lines.

Motion by Chief Mireski, second by Chief Seymour to recommend the Joint Municipal Court Ordinance with the revisions discussed for approval at the next meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Item #10 – Adjournment.

Next meeting date is scheduled for Wednesday, November 4, 2015 at 10:30 a.m..

Motion by Lois Krueger, second by Chief Mireski to adjourn at 2:55 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Darlene Smith, City Clerk