

The meeting was called to Order by Ald. Frings at 6:00 p.m. with the following Roll Call:

Members Present: Ald. Frings, Ald. Forster, Ald. Henkel

Members Absent:

Others Present: Mayor Boelk, Ald. Smith, Ald. Toellner, Ald. Olson, Christine Churchill, Julie Staffin, Jon Jacobson, Chip Detunq, Jim Holister, Mike Kurutz, Captain Ryan Vossekul, Mike Thoreson, Lois Krueger, Sara Decker, see sign in sheet for approx. 70 supporters of Voices for Vossekul

Item #2 Approve the minutes of the August 28, 2017 and September 11, 2017 meetings.

Motion by Ald. Henkel, second by Ald. Forster to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2017 and September 11, 2017 meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

Item #3 Citizens Comments.

Amber Schraufnagel-318 S. John St. She noted that they have formed a movement of citizens called Voices of Vossekul. She explained their position that Ryan should be offered a fair contract. She handed out a packet of 825 signatures and comments of supporters. She read through a number of the comments. Brenda Bruyette- 250 Brookside Drive. Brenda indicated that she is a longtime citizen of Mayville. She gave appreciation and gratitude to the Mayor and Council. She noted that she understands the City's position to protect the City. She noted her reasons why she feels the City should reconsider and provide Ryan with an acceptable contract.

Tracy Heron-6 S John Street. He echoed Brenda's comments. He said it is encouraging to see the good things the Council has done and is proud of what they've done on so many issues, except this one. He is requesting the Council reverse their action. He gave options to reopen the discussion from Robert's Rules. He noted that it is not embarrassing to reverse decisions when you see in person what the City thinks about your decisions. He said that currently it is a lose-lose scenario. The PFC was put in place to do what they did. They interviewed the candidates and made an objective decision. He stated that almost no one would accept the terms and conditions that were presented. He stated that if the contract was not being used to block a candidate then the same terms would have to be presented to the next candidate. He suggested that someone would eventually accept the contract, but they will have to settle for less experience. This is not based on the Captain being a nice guy.

Mark Fox- 913 Green Bay Drive. He said that some are pleased that Mayor and Council presented a contract to protect the City, but he believes it was the ulterior motive to get Ryan to reject it. He referred to the Mayor's radio statement. He explained his previous experience with the Milwaukee fire department and the politics as well as hiring of an outside chief. He noted that he doesn't know Ryan personally, but has met him professionally. He stated that Ryan is the best candidate and an incredible person. He believes the contract was an attempt to get him to not take it.

Chris Neu-111 South Main Street. Chris noted that he doesn't live in city, but owns a business here. He stated that Sidelines has an infamous history with the police department. He said that Ryan has been professional since he was on patrol. He suggested that the last chiefs had a hidden agenda, but Ryan does things by the books. He feels the contract was shady, but Ryan's integrity is there.

Sheriff Dale Schmidt-He noted that there are a lot of moving parts with this that have a huge impact. The relationship he has with Ryan is better than other Chiefs in the past. They have a good collaborative relationship. He noted that the community is here supporting the police dept. He suggested that micromanagement handcuffs police department and can put them at a disadvantage at making quick decisions. The Chief needs to make intelligent decisions without political influence. He noted he wouldn't have taken the contract and most will not. He stated that eventually the City will get a Chief, but it will not be the most qualified candidate. He urged them to take a look at the contract and to get all the facts and get a decent negotiation while leaving the politics out of it. He stated that the radio story had

a lot of truth. He noted that the City should otherwise take a look at the option powers clause for the Police and Fire Commission.

Donna Gudex Kamrath- 51 N. German St. She questioned a 15 year job that gets put on probation. She thinks the probation is ungrateful and he has to be walking on egg shells now. Ryan is respectable to the community and knows the community.

Joe Adamson-222 Ellison Street, Horicon. He noted that he doesn't live in the City, but has a son that goes to school here. He has known Ryan professionally for 11 years. He treats others with dignity and respect.

Thomas Stellenworth-365 Park Rd. He has known Ryan for a long time. He believes he gets down to the fact of the matter. He thinks there is too much caution in the contract offer. He noted that there is a black eye over the community, but we shouldn't punish the next guy in line for it. He discussed benchmarking and checking on fairness.

Jim Sempf-106 Audubon Court. He noted he moved here a year ago and has known Ryan for 12 years. He works with Ryan professionally in DA office. He has never questioned his integrity or professionalism. He noted that the City will have difficulty finding a better candidate.

Gary Newman-596 River Drive. He has been on the City Council in Horicon and was an army reserve. He has done contracts. They need to have integrity and respect. The Council has lost respect, but hopes they will get it back.

Emil Lazich- 260 Rae Lane. He noted that contracts are written in the writer's favor and need to be negotiated. He feels they should promote through the ranks.

Rob Boelk-235 N. Clark St. He noted that as the Mayor there are a lot of things that he knows, but should not tell everyone. He stated that before he got this job he thought everyone should know everything. He is not going to talk about closed door sessions as they are here to protect the City and the City's interest. He noted that the Great 98 ran a news story that had one side of the story and some of it was to create news. The City Attorney drafted the contract and the City has good reason to have probationary period. He stated that residents have to trust their elected officials. He noted Ryan is a good officer and good person, but he has made mistakes. He noted that in the MacNeill investigation it is noted that Ryan knew 3-4 months prior and when the former Chief confessed to Captain Vossekul he had a legal and moral obligation. Anyone can obtain the investigation information from an open records request. He read lines from the investigation and Ryan's statements. He stated that when Chief MacNeill's investigation is closed the City should look into possible misconduct to protect the city's best interest. He stated that the news source and legitimacy of the report should be looked at. He noted that Tracy was partly correct that an Alderperson could rescind a motion that was made and put it on the agenda for discussion/debate. The City will wait until after DOJ is finished to look at that their information.

Item #4 Monthly EMS Report.

Christine and Julie gave report.

- A. Calls for service report: They continue the trend of being very busy. They are 103 calls ahead of last year. They continue to cover Horicon, but only 27 calls have come from them.
- B. Staffing Update: They are staffing ambulances with no problem. Sometimes it is 2-3 ambulances at a time. They have 3 people in training; advanced EMT and driver programs.
- C. Training updates: They will have CHETA in for their next meeting that will train on pediatric care. They are also going to host first responder class starting in January

Item #5 Monthly Fire Department Report.

Mike reported.

- A. Equipment update: All the equipment is in good working order. They recently finished one small repair.
- B. Staffing update: They will be losing a member this week, so they will be at 27.

- C. Fire Call update: They are at 44 calls for the year, which trends them for 60 for the year. This is down from the prior year. This one they had 3 calls; one to assist EMS, one mutual aid with Kekoskee and one electrical fire.

Item #6 Monthly Police Department Report.

Captain Vossekuil reported

- A. Department of Justice Site Visit: The DOJ does inspections every 3 years of our facilities. They toured our facility this month. They look at where detainees are held and review logs. They also review juvenile processing. Everything was compliant.
- B. Grant award from DOT Law Enforcement Luncheon: Captain Vossekuil attended the law enforcement luncheon in Appleton in August. There is a random drawing for equipment. He received \$500, which is the lowest level.
- C. Fleet Update: Last month he reported that the 2005 squad car was out of service, but is now back in service because the Tahoe hit a deer and caused \$3,000 in damages. It is being repair

Item #7 Discuss/Approve location for popcorn wagon at 4 South Main Street

Jim Hollister from 4 South Main Street Mayville spoke. He indicated he talked to Captain Vossekuil regarding his popcorn wagon. There had been a number of suggestions made, but due to space, ordinances and safety issues it was suggested that he bring the issue to the Committee. Jim explained the wagon and options. Jim noted that the Mayor suggested putting the wagon inside the building. He is going to try that and develop a plan for a beautiful door/window. He has permits he needs to get yet, so he would like to get it going as soon as possible, but most likely will be next spring.

Ald. Forster thanked him for coming and can't wait to see the popcorn wagon.

Item #8 Discuss/Approve the Mayville Police Department's participation in 2017/2018 Traffic Safety Grant with Dodge County Sheriff's Office.

Captain Vossekuil noted that they have wrapped up this year's grant. The next opportunity starts next month. The Task Force Plans are in the packet. A number of surrounding communities are participating. This grant is focusing on seatbelts and impaired driving. Mayville will receive approximately \$11,000. The goal is compliance. The Sheriff's Department administers the grant.

Ald. Smith noted that our officers handle traffic control very well compared to others in the County. They are polite and are to be commended. Participation in the traffic safety grants offsets overtime budget. Motion by Ald. Frings, second by Ald. Henkel to approve participation in the program. Motion carried unanimously.

Item #9 Discuss/Recommend Dodge County Sheriff's 911 Joint Powers Agreement.

Christine Churchill noted that this is something that is done every year to allow 911 to work together and dispatch emergency services.

Motion by Ald. Frings, second by Ald. Henkel to recommend the Dodge County Sheriff's 911 Joint Powers Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Item #10 Discuss/Approve Temporary Class "B" license for Lion's Club of Mayville Inc., Audubon Days event on Saturday, October 7, 2017.

Motion by Ald. Forster, second by Ald. Henkel to approve the Temporary Class "B" license for the Lion's Club of Mayville Inc., Audubon Days event on Saturday, October 7, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

Item #11 Discuss/Approve Temporary Class "B" license for Main Street Mayville Inc., Audubon Days event on Sunday, October 8, 2017.

Motion by Ald. Henkel, second by Ald. Forster to approve the Temporary Class “B” license for the Main Street Mayville Inc., Audubon Days event on Sunday, October 8, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

Item #12 Adjournment.

Motion by Ald. Forster, second by Ald. Henkel to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Sara Decker, City Clerk