

SAUK PRAIRIE POLICE COMMISSION MINUTES

August 14, 2024

Sauk City & Prairie du Sac

1. **Call to order:** This meeting was called to order on August 14, 2024, at 6:00pm by Paul Dietmann.
2. **Roll Call:** Present: Dietmann, Bender, Schmidt, Bare
Excused: Erickson, Fritsch
3. **Additions/Changes to Agenda:** Motion by Bender, 2nd by Bare to approve the agenda with the change to move Old Business item C to A. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
4. **Approve/Deny Minutes from Previous Meeting:** Motion by Schmidt, 2nd by Bender to approve July 10, 2024, regular meeting minutes. 3 Ayes, 0 Nays. Bare abstained. Motion carried.
5. **Approve/Deny Payment of Bills:** Motion by Bender, 2nd by Bare to approve the payment of bills. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
6. **Citizen Comment:** Several citizens spoke on the dangers of crossing Phillips Boulevard (US HWY 12) while using the Great Sauk Trail and the accidents that have happened. There was also discussion of problems while crossing Water Street on the Great Sauk Trail and also the intersection of VFW Drive and the Great Sauk Trail. Citizens expressed the need for the Police Commission and Police Department to assist them in getting corrective action taken for these concerns. Chief Sherman stated that he would attempt to contact the Wisconsin DOT and talk to someone regarding their concerns.
7. **Reports**
 - a. **Officer Report:** None.
 - b. **Management:**
 - i. **Activity Reports for July:** Activity reports were reviewed, and questions answered by Chief Sherman. Chief Sherman informed the Commission that National Night Out was held on August 6th at the Culver Community Park. There was a great turnout with Cops and Bobbers being a big hit with the children. On July 14th, Sauk County Dispatch received calls about a male carrying a long gun in Sauk City. The officers did make contact, and it was found that he was a 2nd amendment auditor. He did return a few days later and was seen walking in Sauk City with a long gun. On July 23rd, Officer Mosley saw a vehicle with equipment violations. An attempt to pull the vehicle over led to a chase of the vehicle heading north on HWY 78. He saw that there was a child in the back and the chase was terminated. Sauk County

Sheriff's Department then located the vehicle and pursued it. They did deploy spike strips, and the vehicle crashed. The suspect exited the vehicle and shot at the Deputy and fled. He was located a few days later in Portage County and was found deceased. On July 27th, Officer Mosley had a motorcycle that was suspicious and had no registration plate displayed. As he attempted to pull it over, the motorcycle turned several times trying to evade him and then parked in someone's driveway. The suspect had a hatchet on his person. As he was being detained, he kept reaching toward the hatchet. At one point the suspect pulled out a bag of methamphetamine from his pocket and put it in his mouth. He would not allow either officer on scene to remove it from his mouth and eventually swallowed it. He was taken to the Sauk Prairie Hospital. After 8 hours of observation, the suspect was released from the hospital and taken to Sauk County Jail where he showed signs of overdose and Narcan was administered by Officer Kratochwill in the sally port. The suspect was then taken via ambulance to St. Clare Hospital.

- c. **Finance Reports:** Chief Sherman reviewed and explained the finance reports through the end of July. All questions were answered.

8. Old Business:

- a. **Discussion/Possible Action Re: 2025 Budget:** Chief reviewed the budget for 2025. There has been no change since last meeting. Motion by Bare, 2nd by Schmidt to approve the 2025 budget. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- b. **Discussion Community Services Officer Position:** Chief informed the Commission that our CSO, Kim Silva, has taken a full-time dispatch position with Fitchburg. She is very limited with her availability but has assisted with Fire on the River. Chief would like to add another CSO position with the hopes of keeping CSO Silva on staff for events and some limited hours. It was decided to place this on the next meeting agenda.
- c. **Joel Green Donation:** Chief presented Joel Green who is donating Stop the Bleed Kits for the officers in memory of his brother, CSO Green from Plymouth, MN. There is a kit available for each officer and squad car. Joel spoke about his brother and presented the Commission with his donation.

9. New Business:

- a. **Discussion/Possible Action Re: Decommissioning Items: Motorcycle:** The motorcycle has not been used since Officer Beck retired. There is no interest from any of the other officers in using the motorcycle. Motion by Bender, 2nd by Bare to approve decommissioning the motorcycle and all the equipment related to it. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- b. **Discussion/Possible Action Re: Rifle Purchase:** The list of the current rifle inventory was presented to the Commission and discussed. There are 7 rifles that 20 years old or older. There is money in the budget for the purchase of new rifles. The

cost for the purchase of 10 new rifles with optics and lighting package will be approximately \$11,000. Motion by Bender, 2nd by Schmidt to approve the purchase of the rifle package presented. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

- c. **Discussion/Possible Action Re: Squad Car Bids:** The quotes from Ewald Automotive Group for the 2025 squad car purchase were presented. The quotes were for a 2025 Dodge Durango at \$41,312.00 and a 2025 Ford Interceptor at \$47,424.00. The differences between the two vehicles were discussed. Motion by Schmidt, 2nd by Bare to approve the purchase of the 2025 Dodge Durango during the 2025 budget year. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

10. General Discussion: Craig Bender congratulated the Police Department on its 75th anniversary that was on August 9th.

11. Communications

a. Review Thank You Letters:

- i. Sauk Prairie Schools – Grand Avenue
- ii. Kevin Diehl

12. Committee Reports: None.

13. Future Agenda Items:

- a. Community Service Officer 2nd Position

14. Adjourn: Motion by Bare, 2nd by Schmidt to adjourn meeting at 7:33pm. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Evert