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Police and Fire Departments

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, October 14, 2025
5:30 PM
South Conference Room

Agenda

1) Call to Order and Roll Call

2) Approve Meeting Minutes

Action requested: review and approve

a. Public Safety Committee - Regular Meeting - Sep 9, 2025 5:45 PM

3) Resolutions

Action requested: review and recommend approval

a. **RESOLUTION 4236** A Resolution Approving the Annual Budget and Authorizing an Exception to the Levy Limit for Charges for the Southern Ozaukee Fire & Emergency Medical Services Department, Pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 66.0602(3)(h) for Fiscal Year 2026

4) Adjourn

Dated: October 14, 2025

/s/ Gregg Bach, Chair

Notice is hereby given that a quorum of other governmental bodies may be present at this meeting to present, discuss and/or gather information about a subject over which they have decision-making responsibility, although they will not take formal action thereto at this meeting.

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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, September 9, 2025
5:45 PM
North Conference Room

Minutes

1) Call to Order and Roll Call

Present:

Chair Gregg Bach

Alderman Dale Mayr

Alderman Kelly Tolocko

Also Present: Police Chief Riley, Administrative Captain Heinen, Administrative Coordinator Bowen

2) Approve Meeting Minutes

- a. Public Safety Committee - Regular Meeting - Jun 10, 2025 5:00 PM

RESULT: Accepted [Unanimous]

MOVED BY: Alderman Tolocko

SECONDED BY: Alderman Mayr

AYES: Bach, Mayr, Tolocko

3) Resolutions

Action requested: review and recommend approval

- a. **RESOLUTION 4232** A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Police Squad Car Rifles from American Defense Manufacturing of New Berlin, Wisconsin, as well as Associated Equipment from Brownells of Grinnell, Iowa and Primary Arms, LLC of Houston, Texas for a Total Not-to-Exceed Cost of \$45,413

Chief Riley and Captain Heinen discussed the proposed purchase of new rifles for the squad cars.

RESULT: Approved by Voice Acclamation [Unanimous]

MOVED BY: Alderman Mayr

SECONDED BY: Alderman Tolocko

AYES: Bach, Mayr, Tolocko

4) Information Items

- a. Crisis Response Unit

Minutes Acceptance: Minutes of Sep 9, 2025 5:45 PM (Approve Meeting Minutes)

Chief Riley explained the purpose and benefits of the Crisis Response Unit and Officer Larson's position within the CRU.

b. Updated Patrol Shift Hours

Chief Riley explained the change to patrol hours starting in January, 2026.

5) Adjourn

a. Motion to Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made at 6:17 PM.

RESULT: Approved by Voice Acclamation [Unanimous]

MOVED BY: Alderman Tolocko

SECONDED BY: Alderman Mayr

AYES: Bach, Mayr, Tolocko

Respectfully Submitted,

Melina Bowen
Administrative Coordinator

Minutes Acceptance: Minutes of Sep 9, 2025 5:45 PM (Approve Meeting Minutes)



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Office of Fire/Ambulance

TO: Public Safety Committee
FROM: David Bialk, Fire Chief
DATE: October 14, 2025
SUBJECT: RESOLUTION 4236 A Resolution Approving the Annual Budget and Authorizing an Exception to the Levy Limit for Charges for the Southern Ozaukee Fire & Emergency Medical Services Department, Pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 66.0602(3)(h) for Fiscal Year 2026

Background

When the City of Mequon and the Village of Thiensville considered merging their fire departments, the goal was not only to improve operational efficiency but also to take advantage of an opportunity to exceed the State of Wisconsin's current levy limit. Under Wisconsin Statute 66.0602, a merged fire department is allowed to increase its levy beyond the typical limit-tied to a municipality's annual growth in net new construction by up to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) plus 2% for the levy-funded portion of its budget.

Analysis

To utilize the CPI + 2% levy increase permitted by statute, both communities must pass resolutions authorizing the merged department to do so. Based on the current formula, the Southern Ozaukee Fire & EMS Department is eligible for a 4.5% increase in its 2026 levy-funded budget. The proposed 2026 budget reflects this full allowable increase.

Fiscal Impact

A 4.5% budget adjustment results in a combined increase of \$84,682 for both municipalities. The increase is as follows:

- City of Mequon: \$71,497
- Village of Thiensville: \$13,185
- Total Increase: \$84,682

Recommendation

On September 10, the Board of Directors of the Southern Ozaukee Fire & EMS Department voted 6-0 to recommend adoption of the 2026 budget, including the 4.5% levy increase. A formal recommendation from the Public Safety Committee is forthcoming on October 14, 2025.

COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE
CITY OF MEQUON

RESOLUTION 4236

A Resolution Approving the Annual Budget and Authorizing an Exception to the Levy Limit for Charges for the Southern Ozaukee Fire & Emergency Medical Services Department, Pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 66.0602(3)(h) for Fiscal Year 2026

RECITALS

A. The Wisconsin Legislature has established certain levy limits applicable to municipal taxing authorities under Wis. Stat. § 66.0602.

B. The City of Mequon is a participating member of the Southern Ozaukee Fire & Emergency Medical Services Agreement (the “Agreement”).

C. Pursuant to the Agreement, the Board of the Southern Ozaukee Fire & Emergency Medical Services Department (“SOFD”) has adopted a budget for the Department’s 2026 fiscal year.

D. Based upon the approved budget, and pursuant to the Agreement, Thiensville’s expected contribution will require it to exceed the levy limit applicable to the Village.

E. Wis. Stat. § 66.0602(3)(h) provides that levy limits otherwise applicable do not apply to the amount that a city or village may levy in that year to pay for charges assessed by a joint fire department, to the extent that the amount levied to pay for such charges would cause the city or village to exceed the applicable levy limit.

F. This exception to the levy limit applies only if the total charges assessed by the joint fire department for the current year increase, relative to the total charges assessed for the previous year, by a percentage that is less than or equal to the percentage change in the US Consumer Price Index for all urban customers, US city average, as determined by the US Department of Labor for the 12 months ending on August 31st of the year of the levy, plus 2%.

G. This exception to the levy limit further only applies if the governing body of each city and village served by the Southern Ozaukee Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department adopts a resolution in favor of exceeding such levy limit, as may be applicable.

BASED UPON THE FOREGOING RECITALS, IT IS RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Mequon, Wisconsin, that:

1. SOFD's FY2026 budget is approved.
2. The City is in favor of exceeding the levy limit described and imposed by Wis.

Stat. § 66.0602 for charges assessed by the joint fire department, but only to the extent as authorized by Wis. Stat. § 66.0602(3)(h)2.a.

Approved by: Andrew Nerbun, Mayor

Date Approved: October 14, 2025

I certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Common Council of the City of Mequon, Wisconsin, at a meeting held on October 14, 2025.

Caroline Fochs, City Clerk