

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Chetek held on Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. held in council chambers, 220 Stout Street, Chetek, WI

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Jeff Martin.

Present: Jeff Martin, Scott Bachowski, Terry Hight, Earl Grover, Mark Edwards

Also present: Town of Chetek board members - Keith Hanson, Dave Lentz, John Postle, Dave Peters, clerk

Council members met with Town of Chetek board members to discuss the existing Articles of Agreement for the Chetek Fire District.

Both boards agreed to proposed changes to the Articles of Agreement including:

1. Article 4 (a) - The Chief of the Chetek Volunteer Fire Department Shall be a non-voting ex officio of such Joint Fire Board; and
2. Article 4 (b) - The members of such Joint Fire Board shall hold office for a term of two (2) years and until their successors shall be appointed and qualified.

It was also expressed that minutes of the Joint Fire Board need to be disbursed after each meeting to both municipality boards.

It was agreed that the Joint Fire Board needs to be re-organized according to the original Articles of Agreement. The board should only consist of two citizens from the Town of Chetek and two citizens from the City of Chetek. Other municipalities receiving fire protection service should have written agreements for fire protection but the Joint Fire Board cannot arbitrarily vote to add members to the board. The Town of Chetek and City of Chetek are the only municipalities that own the equipment and fire hall building. No other municipality has contributed to the cost of the building or equipment. Board members discussed whether it would be advantageous to allow other municipalities to buy-in to the Fire District.

The Joint Fire Board will be meeting on July 29th at which time they will hold an organizational meeting to reestablish the board according to the original articles of agreement. The board can then review the articles of agreement and the sharing of operational costs between the two municipalities and municipalities with agreements for fire protection.

Carmen Newman, clerk/treasurer