

**CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING**

7:00 P.M.

Monday, April 15, 2024

Present: Mayor Wade LeBlanc
Richard DeRosier
Ben Bautch
Dustin Goutermont

Absent: Shane Hoff

Lana Fralich, City Administrator
Tim Costley, City Attorney
Cole Ernest, Chief of Silver Bay Police via ZOOM
David Drown, Economic Development Director
Joe Rhein, City Engineer, Bolton & Menk via ZOOM
Nathan Stadler, Lake County Sheriff
Rick Evans, Northshore Journal
Kitty Mayo, Lake County Press via ZOOM
Matthew Johnson, Lake County HRA via ZOOM
Scott Whittemore, Nor-Son Construction via ZOOM
Carolyn Hudyma
Chuckie Knudson
Marcia Oates

Mayor LeBlanc called the public hearing to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor LeBlanc described the purpose for the hearing which is to receive public comments on the Lenslock Body Worn Cameras for the Silver Bay Police Department.

Mayor LeBlanc explained that the Council will open the hearing up for public comments, take comments, and then adjourn the Public Hearing. The Regular meeting will immediately follow the Public Hearings at which time the City Council will accept, deny, or table the adoption of the Lenslock Body Worn Cameras.

The Mayor called for comments.

Chief Ernest stated there were no public comments received prior to public hearing.

Lenslock Body Worn Cameras- Silver Bay Police Chief is recommending implementing body worn cameras and updating dash cameras in squads, similar to Lake County. The initial cost from Lenslock is \$9000 to be paid with allocated public safety funds received. There is a five-year annual subscription cost of the same amount for the cameras for a total of \$37,795.

Chief Ernest stated the existing squad cameras would be replaced, with addition of body worn cameras. The new policy mirrors the Lake County policy and has been reviewed by the Lake County Attorney.

Marcia Oates asked if money was already budgeted for cameras. City Administrator Fralich explained the first payment is paid by allocated public safety funds the city has received and remaining four years would need to be a budgeted item in the levy.

Marcia Oates expressed that she is in full support of the city supporting the police department and their safety.

Sheriff Stadler stated Lake County meets next week for approval and the sheriff's department will be implementing Lenslock which will be a big move but the right one. Two Harbors Police Department are also using Lenslock, but not body worn cameras.

Chief Ernest stated that he had looked into other systems but they are more expensive and Lenslock is cost effective for the department by providing services such as redacting, saving administrative time.

Mayor LeBlanc asked if there were any other written or verbal comments received. It was confirmed no additional verbal or written comments had been received.

Mayor LeBlanc called for any additional public comments. There were no further comments.

Mayor LeBlanc called again for any public comments. There were no further comments.

Mayor LeBlanc called for a final time any other comments. Hearing none he requested a motion to close the Public Hearing.

Motion by DeRosier, second Goutermont to adjourn the public hearing at 7:05 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes taken by Lisa Christenson

Attest:

Wade LeBlanc, Mayor

Lana Fralich, City Administrator