

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
CITY OF WEYAUWEGA  
TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Common Council of the City of Weyauwega was called to order at 6:30 p.m., on Tuesday, April 16, 2024 in the Weyauwega Municipal Building Council Chambers by Mayor Rich Luedke.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Rich Luedke, Bruce Goetsch, Chris Gunderson, Shani Appleby, Rick Binley and Meta Berg. Not present: Dewey Stelzner. Also present: Administrator Marcus Rennicke, Clerk Rebecca Loehrke, Police Chief Brandon Leschke, Pat Gorchals, Austin Baehman, Cameron Looker, Frank Zaboj, Mary Jane Baehman, Terrie Tews Liebe, and Jon Jost. The meeting began with the saying of the Pledge of Allegiance led by Chris Gunderson. Shani Appleby.

*Motion Goetsch, second Appleby, to approve the agenda. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

*Motion Goetsch, second Gunderson, to approve the minutes of the Regular Common Council Meeting from March 18, 2024 and the Special Common Council from April 9, 2024. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

**Citizen Appearances:** Library Representative, Frank Zaboj, reported on the issues the library is having with change orders that have been initiated by the contractor. This last one is another \$5,000 for the electrical work that was not looked at in the beginning of the project. The Library was also told by the Fire Marshal that they need a change order to install a sidewalk from the new library addition emergency exit. Zaboj will be meeting with the Fire Department to go over some other changes from the state inspection that need to be corrected to the existing building. Gutters should be going on very soon and hoping to take occupancy of the new room in the near future.

Mary Jane Baehman gave updates on the Chamber of Commerce, Historical Society, and the Waupa-Wega Bike Group. New Chamber President is Terri Tews Liebe. The Board also has some new members are working in a transition period. The Chamber is also looking for office space to occupy in a local business. Events for the coming year will be about the same with Rummage O Rama on May 11<sup>th</sup>, Car Show on August 1<sup>st</sup> and Horse and Buggy Days the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of September. The Chamber is looking for a chairman for Horse & Buggy Days. The Historical Society has been busy working on archiving and cleaning up the basement storage area in City Hall. The sign for the Silo is done and will be installed soon. The group continues to look for grants on the Silo project and digitalization. Exploring options on using a wrap on the silo versus re-painting it which will last much longer. The next edition of their newsletter will focus on the library. The Waupa-Wega Trail Group will be hosting a warmup ride on July 27<sup>th</sup>.

John Jost, a film maker invited here by Wega Arts, introduced himself. He is in the area making a film on Weyauwega. He will be here for another month.

**Public Works Committee:** *Motion Goetsch, second Gunderson, to approve Schroeder Contracting Services to repair the rubber roof on the city garage for \$650. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

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*Motion Goetsch, second Berg, to approve Faulks Bros to do the Wisconsin Street project at a cost of \$6,655 and Do All Concrete to do curb and gutter work on Ann/Mill/Alfred/Pine Streets. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

**Finance Committee:**

*Motion Binley, second Berg, to approve a Firefighters Dance Sponsorship the same as in the past of \$250. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

*Motion Binley, second Berg, to approve the purchase of eight foldable picnic tables from Uline for community events. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

*Motion Binley, second Berg, to approve checks dated 03/01/2024 through 03/31/2024 totaling \$304,995.50 and the monthly financial reports. A roll call vote was taken with “ayes” from Binley, Appleby, Goetsch, Gunderson, and Berg. Motion carried.*

*Motion Binley, second Berg, to hire an on-call zoning consultant per Administrator Rennieke’s recommendation. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

**Police, Fire, & Ambulance Committee:** *Motion Goetsch, second Appleby, to continue with the same process of budgeting for the Fire District and holding onto the funds until requested by the district. Motion carried with five “ayes”, and zero “nays”.*

**Public Health & Relief (Ordinance) Committee:** No Action for Council

**Recreation Committee:** *Motion Gunderson, second Binley, to approve the purchase of the floating water fountain from Amazon with a cost not to exceed \$1,000. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

Discussion and possible action on water activity equipment for swim lake with information from City’s Insurance Company: Administrator Rennieke reported that the City’s insurance company is willing to follow whatever the City is wanting to offer. Rennieke’s recommendation is to require life jackets when on the water activity equipment.

*Motion Gunderson, second Appleby, to approve the purchase of the water activity equipment for the swim lake not to exceed \$20,000 from ARPA funds. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

*Motion Gunderson, second Appleby, to have individuals playing on the water activity equipment to wear life vests. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

*Motion Gunderson, second Appleby, to purchase a bike pump station for \$150. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

*Motion Gunderson, second Binley, to approve Master Electrical to replace the light pole in Maasch Park and add LED lights for the basketball court and parking lot. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

*Motion Gunderson, second Binley, to approve the quote with PC & Cell Solutions for \$4,345 for cameras in the park with an added camera for the yard waste site not to exceed \$5,000 using ARPA funds. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

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*Motion Gunderson, second Appleby, to approve Master Electric quote for installation of the cameras in the park for \$3,160. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

**Public Property & Purchasing Committee:** No Action for Council

**Plan Commission:** *Motion Goetsch, second Appleby, to approve the sign permit application for 102 E Main Street. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

**Old Business:** Discussion and possible action on Class “B” Beer License for Dean and Kari Hinske, 129 E Main Street: The Council again reviewed the recommendation letter from Chief Leschke to deny the license that he reported on at the committee meeting. *Motion Binley, second Appleby, to deny the Class “B” Beer License for Dean and Kari Hinske for 129 E Main Street. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

Discussion and possible action on City Logo Updates: Council reviewed the updated logos Administrator Rennie presented. The council would like the hawk removed and look at adding back in a kayak. The previous #3 drawing they like more and the new #4 with the hawk removed for a simpler look. Rennie will get the logo updated and will put them out in a survey to local residents and businesses.

**New Business:** *Motion Gunderson, second Goetsch, to approve the parade permit application for American Legion Post #176 for Memorial Day Parade on May 27, 2024. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

*Motion Goetsch, second Appleby, to approve a 6-month Class “B” Beer License to W-F Youth Baseball & Softball Inc for the concession stand in Maasch Community Park. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

*Motion Gunderson, second Berg, to approve operator licenses for Trisha Doherty, Stephanie Haase and Samantha Perez. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

*Motion Goetsch, second Appleby, to approve the street use permit application for the Weyauwega Area Fire Department Chicken BBQ on June 2, 2024. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

*Motion Goetsch, second Appleby, to approve the Temporary Class “B” Retailer License for the Weyauwega Area Fire Department Chicken BBQ on June 2, 2024. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

**Mayor’s Report:** Mayor Luedke thanked Bruce Goetsch for his eight years of service on the City Council. Thanked Rick Binley and Dewey Stelzner for coming back last year when the council had vacancies.

**Administrator’s Report:** Administrator Rennie reported lots of exciting things happening. He has been meeting with developers on potential housing developments. He is starting to get more familiar with the area and people. Planning to have “Meet the Administrator” a time to sit down with people and discuss things. He is still working on a grant writer. The school is not able to help with funding for the grant writer so Rennie is going to meet with

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more private businesses. Hope to have more solid numbers of what it would cost the city next month.

**Police Chief's Report:** Chief Leschke highlighted on his committee report for the community in attendance. There was 327 calls for service, 57 traffic citations issued, 20 traffic warning issued and 11 municipal ordinance citations issues for the month of March. SRO DeGrand will be doing a presentation on proper car seat installation. The County wide letter from all Chief's on gambling machines in gas stations went out on Tuesday. The Chief hand delivered the letters to the gas stations in the City. The Flock Camera location finally received DOT approval and will be installed by the City of Weyauwega sign on W. Main Street. Sent out the Golf Cart Ordinance to council members and did not hear any comments back. Clerk Loehrke will get it typed up in our ordinance format and send it over to Attorney Kalny for his review.

**Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law:** None

*Motion Goetsch, second Appleby, to adjourn to the re-organizational meeting at 7:20 pm.  
Motion carried with five "ayes", zero "nays".*

Rebecca Loehrke  
City Clerk