

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
CITY OF WEYAUWEGA  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 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 Monday, September 16, 2024 in the Weyauwega Municipal Building Council Chambers by Mayor Rich Luedke.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Rich Luedke, Chris Gunderson, Shani Appleby, Austin Baehnman, Meta Berg, and Pat Gorchals. Not Present: Cameron Looker. Also present: Clerk Rebecca Loehrke, Police Chief Brandon Leschke, Treasurer Trina Herbst-Gutche, Frank Zaboj, James Card and Cathy Spiegelberg. The meeting began with the saying of the Pledge of Allegiance led by Shani Appleby.

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

*Motion Gorchals, second Appleby, to approve the minutes of the Regular Common Council Meeting from August 19, 2024 and the Council Budget Workshop from August 29, 2024. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

**Citizen Appearances**: Frank Zaboj, Library Representative, reported that the board is working on Material Selection/Collection Development Policy. It explains how items are chosen for purchase and added to the collection we have in our library. Zaboj also reported he will be retiring from the Library Board in three months.

Cathy Spiegelberg gave a report on Horse & Buggy Days. The Chamber will be deciding at their next meeting if they want to continue with Horse & Buggy Days next year. The issue is the lack of volunteers. It takes a number of people to put on the event and the help is just not there. Did receive compliments on both nights of music.

**Public Works Committee**: *Motion Baehnman, second Gunderson, to approve the listing of the dump truck on Wisconsin Surplus Auction Site. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

**Finance Committee**: Joy Palmer, with CliftonLarsonAllen, went over the City’s 2023 Audit Review. Discussed the City’s Debt Service, CDBG, ARPA and Capital Project funds. Talked about old receivables and what to do to get them off the books.

*Motion Appleby, second Gorchals, to approve not hiring a City Administrator. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

*Motion Appleby, second Gorchals to approve having Chief Leschke act in a dual role as Police Chief and Interim Public Works Director to be revisited in 9 month. Discussion on the 9 month timeline. There could be new council members by that time. Appleby would like to change it to 3 months or by the start of the new year. Appleby amended her motion to approve having Leschke act in a dual role as Police Chief and Interim Public Work Director to be revisited at the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Berg. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

*Motion Appleby, second Gorchals, to approve the offer to purchase for lot#35-32-33-2 in Industrial Park West pending Attorney Kalny’s approval. Attorney Kalny noted no issues with the City. Just stated that the City would be paying for the closing costs also. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

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*Motion Appleby, second Gorchals, to move forward with the network upgrades for this year with the final totals to come before City Council. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

*Motion Appleby, second Gorchals, to approve checks dated 08/01/2024 through 08/31/2024 totaling \$299,403.39 and the monthly financial statements. A roll call vote was taken with “ayes” from Berg, Gorchals, Gunderson, Appleby and Baehnman; “nays” none. Motion carried.*

**Police, Fire, & Ambulance Committee:** No Action for Council

**Public Health & Relief (Ordinance) Committee:** *Motion Berg, second Appleby, to approve Ordinance 2024-3 Regulations of Mobile Food Establishments. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

**Recreation Committee:** The recommendation to allow Christmas Lights in Peterson Park and the bridge area will not move forward. Found out there is not enough power for the lights and the organizer does not want to use generators.

*Motion Gunderson, second Berg, to approve holding Trick or Treating on the Sunday, before Halloween (October 27<sup>th</sup>) from 3-6 pm moving forward. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

*Motion Gunderson, second Baehnman, to allow the Historical Society to plant an oak tree by the Little Red School House. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

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

**Plan Commission:** No Action for Council

**New Business:** *Motion Gunderson, second Berg, to approve the resubmitted Homecoming Parade Permit for Friday, September 27, 2024. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

*Motion Gunderson, second Berg, to allow the library to remove the large pine tree in front of the library. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

*Motion Gunderson, second Appleby, to approve a temporary Class “B” Retailer’s License for the Weyauwega Fremont FFA Alumni and Supporters for October 12, 2024. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

*Motion Gunderson, second Appleby, to approve Resolution #665 – A Resolution Accepting the Transfer of the Assets of the Oakwood Cemetery Association and Authorizing the Agreement Therefore. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

*Motion Gunderson, second Appleby, to approve resolution #666 – A Resolution Authorizing the City Treasurer to file the 2024 Recycling Grant Application on behalf of the City of Weyauwega. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

*Motion Gunderson, second Appleby, to approve address changes on County Highway AA to stay at 4 numbers. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

**Mayor’s Report:** Mayor Luedke thanked the Council for all their work. Currently a month and a half into the budgeting process with another month and a half to go. Learning lots in the process.

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**Police Chief's Report:** Chief Leschke highlighted on the report he gave at the committee meeting. There were 274 calls of service. 45 traffic citations issued, 25 written traffic warnings, 11 municipal ordinance citations issued, 1 motor vehicle crash and a financial fraud investigation. Juvenile on roof of school will be charged for restitution for services provided. Child porn case resolved with both brothers found guilty and serving time. Chief is working on getting trained for a program that involves the monitoring of train traffic.

The Meeting Calendar for October was set with Committee Meetings and a Budget Workshop being held on Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> and City Council on October 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law:** Gunderson asked Cathy Spiegelberg if the Chamber would be doing anything for Boo Fest. Berg and Gunderson have people that would like to volunteer and do something on Main Street. Can look at closing the 100 block of E Main Street. Possible Trunk or Treat also on Main Street, with Fire Department and Police on the end of the block. Will have hot dogs to give away to children. Will put on the next Recreation Agenda for further discussion.

*Motion Appleby, second Baehnman, to adjourn at 7:17 pm. Motion carried five "ayes", zero "nays".*

Rebecca Loehrke  
City Clerk