

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF WEYAUWEGA
MONDAY, MAY 20, 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, May 20, 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: Administrator Marcus Rennie, Clerk Rebecca Loehrke, Police Chief Brandon Leschke, Treasurer Trina Herbst-Gutche, Terri Tews-Liebe, Dan Domrzalski, Frank Zabojski and Cathy Spiegelberg. The meeting began with the saying of the Pledge of Allegiance led by Chris Gunderson.

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

Motion Baehnman, second Appleby, to approve the minutes of the Regular Common Council Meeting and the Re-Organizational Meeting from April 16, 2024. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Citizen Appearances: Library Representative, Frank Zabojski, stated that June 3rd will be an open house at the Library. The gutters are on the building and working on a few checklist items to finish. McMahon will work with the library somehow on the additional work order changes that were done but not submitted to the library board for approval.

Chamber President, Terri Tews-Liebe, gave a brief update on the last chamber meeting. They have finalized the Chamber events for 2024 which included the Spring Rummage O’ Rama, Car Show August 1st, Horse & Buggy Days Sept 13th & 14th, Soups on Main in October and the Christmas Parade in December. They are also working on a 100 things to do in Weyauwega booklet. They will continue to hold a Business after 5 event but will cut back to only a few times a year.

Cathy Spiegelberg passed out a survey on the community that was put together by former Chamber President Kim. It has a lot of information she thought the Council would like to see.

Public Works Committee: *Motion Baehnman, second Gunderson, to approve making immediate repairs to the Lake Street Pier and look at options of replacing in the future. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

Motion Baehnman, second Gunderson, to approve the quote from Master Electric for the electrical work needed for the ORP Probe at the WTP. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Motion Baehnman, second Gorchals, to move forward with the W. South Street overlay. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Motion Baehnman, second Gunderson, to rescind doing 10 properties now for the Lead Service Replacement Program and survey the entire city to find all lead lateral properties to get a better bid to replace them all at once. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.

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Finance Committee: *Motion Appleby, second Berg, to approve following Attorney Kalny to his new law firm. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

Motion Appleby, second Gorchals, to approve a \$1.00 an hour increase to the base pay for the Public Works summer position. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Administrator Rennieke asked to have the discussion on a Grant Writer go back to Finance Committee next month because of some budgeting issues that need to be talked through. It will be added to the June agenda.

Motion Appleby, second Berg, to approve checks dated 04/01/2024 through 04/30/2024 totaling \$1,072,919.65 and the monthly financial statements. A roll call vote was taken with “ayes” from Appleby, Baehnman, Gunderson, Gorchals and Berg; “nays” none.

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

Public Health & Relief (Ordinance) Committee: *Motion Berg, second Gorchals, to approve Ordinance 2024-2 establishing Golf Cart Operation on Designated Public Ways. Motion carried with four “ayes” and one “nay”.*

Recreation Committee: *Motion Gunderson, second Baehnman, to raise the starting pay scale by \$1.00 an hour for the lifeguards. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

Public Property & Purchasing Committee: No Action for Council

Plan Commission: *Motion Berg, second Gorchals, to approve the Certified Survey Map to combine parcels at 109 and 111 E Sumner Street. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

Old Business: Discussion and possible action on new City Logo: Administrator Rennieke determined that Logo #1 (the colorful circle image) was the unanimous choice for the new City Logo. *Motion Gunderson, second Appleby to approve option #1(the colorful circle image) as the new city logo. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

New Business: Discussion and possible action on quotes for dog park fencing: Administrator Rennieke had three quotes for fencing in the meeting packet. Gorchals would like to see this tabled until the rules and regulations are worked on and then can move ahead with the fence. Will take the Dog Park discussion back to Recreation Committee in June.

Motion Gunderson, second Baehnman, to approve operator license applications for Robert Struck and Christine Nieves with the WF Youth Baseball & Softball League. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Motion Gunderson, second Appleby, to approve the Street Use Permit Application for the Classic Car show on Main Street, S. Mill Street, E. Alfred Street and parking lot on August 1, 2024. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.

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Mayor's Report: Mayor Luedke thanked everyone new that is on the Council. It will be a learning curve for everyone. There is a lot going on in the City and summer is coming fast. Hoping to get all park stuff installed and done by the Community Event in June.

Administrator's Report: Administrator Rennie went over the budget sheets that are included in Finance and noted to make sure everyone reviews it each month. He has been working on some private property sales that hopefully will be closing soon. Some rental opportunities he has will be going to committee next month. Rennie reported that the Cemetery Board received papers back in September on how to turn the cemetery over to the City but had not done anything with them yet. The Board will now be following the information given to them to disband and transfer the cemetery over to the City. Lastly, the City Facebook page is getting lots of attention. The City has more followers than the City of Oshkosh which shows Facebook can be a powerful tool to promote the City.

Police Chief's Report: Chief Leschke highlighted on the report he gave at the committee meeting. There were 296 calls for service in April, 49 traffic citations issued, 16 written traffic warnings and 16 municipal ordinance citations issued. Grants were applied for from TC Energy and Canadian National Railroad. Local Cub Scouts were given a tour of the Police Department. Drug Take Back collect 68 lbs of medication. Finally, ordinance enforcement continues.

Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law: Herbst-Gutche reported that the Recycling Grant was submitted to the State.

Motion Gorchals, second Appleby, to adjourn at 7:05 pm. Motion carried with five "ayes", zero "nays".

Rebecca Loehrke
City Clerk