

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

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Rich Luedke, Chris Gunderson, Austin Baehnman, Meta Berg, and Pat Gorchals. Not present: Shani Appleby and Cameron Looker. Also present: Clerk Rebecca Loehrke, Treasurer Trina Herbst-Gutche, Frank Zabojs, Jim Tolfa, Holly Martin, Bob Anibas and Cathy Spiegelberg. The meeting began with the saying of the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Luedke.

*Motion Gunderson, second Gorchals, to approve the agenda. Motion carried with four "ayes", zero "nays".*

*Motion Gunderson, second Gorchals, to approve the minutes of the Regular Common Council Meeting from November 18, 2024. Motion carried with four "ayes", zero "nays".*

**Citizen Appearances**: Frank Zabojs, Library Representative, reported that it was his last library board meeting this afternoon. He thanked the Council for all the years of working together. Nick Gunderson has agreed to join the board so will need council approval at the next meeting. May possibly have a second person also to fill the vacant position of Jerry Poltrock.

Cathy Spiegelberg, Chamber Representative, reported that the Christmas Parade went well. She stated that the Chamber will not be doing Horse & Buggy Days next year but will help with whatever is needed if another group is interested in taking it over. There was no meeting for December.

Jim Tolfa, Weyauwega Lake Restoration Group reported on what the group is working on. They have received 501C(3) status and have set up a Go Fund Me Account to help with fundraising efforts on lake clean up. They are working closely with DNR Representative Scott Koehnke. Will be dredging areas and taking sediment samples. Will sell the sediment samples as fertilizer for fundraising. Areas of concern are where the two channels come in. Asked the Council for someone to help with grant writing.

**Public Works Committee**: No Action for Council

**Finance Committee**: *Motion Berg, second Gorchals, to approve the proposal from Community Planning & Consulting, LLC to update the zoning and subdivision ordinances. Motion carried with four "ayes", zero "nays".*

*Motion Berg, second Gorchals, to approve the purchase of a new squad car to replace the 2011 Expedition. Motion carried with two "ayes", two "nays" and a "aye" from Mayor Luedke to break the tie vote.*

*Motion Berg, second Gorchals, to approve taking \$75,000 from the Capital Fund Balance to use for the purchase of the squad car. Motion carried with two "ayes", two "nays" and a "aye" from Mayor Luedke to break the tie vote.*

*Motion Berg, second Gorchals, to approve designating the remaining ARPA funds of \$4,347.10 for the dugouts and \$9,340 for phone system upgrade. Motion carried with four "ayes", zero "nays".*

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*Motion Berg, second Gorchals, to approve Public Works and City Office Staff to have one fifteen-minute break and one thirty-minute paid lunch for the 8-hour workday. Motion carried with four “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

*Motion Berg, second Gorchals, to approve checks dated 11/01/2024 through 11/30/2024 totaling \$216,797.22 and the monthly financial statements. A roll call vote was taken with “ayes” from Berg, Gorchals, Gunderson and Baehman; “nays” none. Motion carried.*

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

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

**Recreation Committee:** No Action for Council

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

**Plan Commission:** No Action for Council

**New Business:** *Motion Gorchals, second Berg, to approve operator license applications for Michelle Vujaklya, T’s Corner Bar and Lisa Howard, Weyauwega Star Dairy. Motion carried with four “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

**Mayor’s Report:** Mayor Luedke said it is an exciting time with the new DG Market finally opened. There are a couple businesses looking to expand in 2025. Also, thanked Frank Zabojski for everything he has done for the community over the years.

**Police Chief’s Report:** No Report Available

The Meeting Calendar for January was set with committee meetings on January 14<sup>th</sup> starting at 6 pm. City Council will be January 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

**Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law:** Clerk Loehrke asked which doors to City Hall should be locked with the new hours starting on January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Council would like her to check with Chief Leschke but the interior wooden door to the offices should be locked at 3 and possibly leave the north and south entrance doors to lock at 4:00pm.

Tolfa asked about the cost of metal detectors for school and city hall.

Zabojski and Anibas asked about the lead lateral project update.

*Motion Baehman, second Gorchals, to adjourn at 7:01 pm. Motion carried with four “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

Rebecca Loehrke  
City Clerk