

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF WEYAUWEGA
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 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, November 18, 2024 in the Weyauwega Municipal Building Council Chambers by Mayor Rich Luedke.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Rich Luedke, Chris Gunderson, Shani Appleby, Austin Baehman, Meta Berg, and Pat Gorchals. Not present: Cameron Looker. Also present: Clerk Rebecca Loehrke, Treasurer Trina Herbst-Gutche, Police Chief Brandon Leschke, Frank Zabo, Mary Jane Baehman, Cathy Spiegelberg, Dan Domrzalski, Chris and Breanna Bennett, Adam and Melissa Iverson. The meeting began with the saying of the Pledge of Allegiance led by Pat Gorchals.

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

Motion Gunderson, second Appleby, to approve the minutes of the Regular Common Council Meeting from October 21, 2024 and the Special Common Council from October 28, 2024. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Citizen Appearances: Frank Zabo, Library Representative, reported on the number of checkouts at the library for 2023. The report shows where everyone lives that received items from our library. It was a very interesting report. Zabo thanked Mayor Luedke for attending the library board meeting. Discussed more on the library budget. Also received word that the Waupaca County Board approved an increase to funding for the library.

Cathy Spiegelberg, Chamber Representative, reported that the Christmas Parade and events on Saturday December 7th are coming along well. The Chamber is not putting lights out on the trees this year but the City’s Public Works department will. Did received an insurance claim from Boo Fest due to a slip and fall on the school bus that was decorated.

Mary Jane Baehman, Historical Society Representative, reported that they are happy to be collaborating with everyone in the City. The Christmas tree at City Hall is up. The oak tree in the park has been planted. Premier Bank assisted with organization in the basement on Columbus Day. The Historical Society enjoyed participating in BooFest. They hosted a Veteran’s Program at City Hall on November 6th. It was a very nice program but wished for more in attendance. The next edition of their newsletter is going out soon. Thanked the City for selling tickets to the Historical Holiday Tour on December 7th. They continue to work on fundraising for the Silo repainting project. 2026 will be the Nation’s 250th Birthday.

Melissa and Adam Iverson spoke to the Council in regards to purchasing a lot next to them in the hopes of building a secondary garage. City staff and the Mayor will have to check with Attorney Kalny and see what options would be available with the Mill Pond Circle Covenants.

Chris & Breanna Bennett spoke to the Council in regards to purchasing the small parcel next to their property. Currently there is an easement for a potential road to connect to Linden Point Road. City Staff and the Mayor will check into this also with Attorney Kalny.

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Public Works Committee: *Motion Baehnman, second Gunderson, to approve the renewal agreement with Jeff Waldvogel Trucking for 2025. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

Motion Baehnman, second Gorchals, to approve the Alarm Notification Software Renewal for the WWTP. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Motion Baehnman, second Gunderson, to approve the renewal of the Cathodic Protection Corrosion Control System. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Motion Baehnman, second Gunderson, to approve \$20 an hour for part-time Public Works employees. Motion carried with four “ayes”, and one “nay”.

Motion Baehnman, second Gorchals, to approve the 2025 Water and Sewer Utility Budgets. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Finance Committee: *Motion Appleby, second Gorchals, to approve the 2024 Vacation Rollover requests as submitted. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

Motion Appleby, second Gorchals, to approve City Hall hours open to the public from 8 am to 3 pm starting January 2, 2025. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Motion Appleby, second Gorchals, to approve checks dated 10/01/2024 through 10/31/2024 totaling \$310,789.31 and the monthly financial statements. A roll call vote was taken with “ayes” from Baehnman, Appleby, Gunderson, Gorchals, and Berg; “nays” none. Motion carried.

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

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

Recreation Committee: *Motion Gunderson, second Baehnman, to move ahead with building an ice rink in Maasch Park dependent on the weather. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

Public Property & Purchasing Committee: No Action for Council

Plan Commission: *Motion Gunderson, second Appleby, to approve the Certified Survey Map for 206 Lake Street. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

New Business: *Motion Gorchals, second Berg, to approve the Street Use Permit application for the Weyauwega Fire Department for Saturday, December 14, 2024. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

Motion Gorchals, second Appleby, to open the public hearing for the 2025 General Budget. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.

There was no comments or questions from the public in attendance.

Motion Gorchals, second Baehnman, to close the public hearing on the 2025 General Budget. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Motion Gunderson, second Berg, to approve the Resolution #668 – Adoption of the 2025 General City Budget. Lori Gosz said that the total Mill Rate is approximately 30 cents less than last year. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”. The 2025 Budget with General Fund, Capital Fund, Debt Service Fund, Library Fund, and Cemetery Fund expenditures total

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\$2,288,486 requiring a general property tax levy of \$1,027,075. The City's Mill rate is projected at \$7.89.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Luedke thanked Loehrke, Herbst-Gutche and Heather DeGrand for their work in making the General Election run smooth. Also, thanked Lori Gosz, for her help again with the budget and training with Herbst-Gutche. Thanked the council for their work on the budget this year.

Police Chief's Report: Chief Leschke highlighted on the report he gave at the committee meeting. There were 274 calls for service. 31 traffic citations issued, 10 written traffic warnings, and 6 municipal ordinance citations issued. Leschke also reported that the individual responsible for tire marks on E Alfred Street has been cited. He did receive resignation papers from one part-time officer. Deer damage to squad has been repaired by Tags Automotive out of Clintonville. They were very fast to get the squad repaired but waiting for the new push bar to come in yet. Officers have gone through 85 hours of training recently. Received response back from CN Railroad. They do not seem to be in favor of working with the City. Leschke will continue being persistent and request to have a meeting on site.

The Meeting Calendar for December was set with committee meetings on December 10th starting at 6 pm. City Council will be December 16th at 6:30 pm.

Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law: None

Motion Appleby, second Gunderson, to adjourn at 7:03 pm. Motion carried five "ayes", zero "nays".

Rebecca Loehrke
City Clerk