

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF WEYAUWEGA
MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 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, August 19, 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 Zabo, Terrie Tews-Liebe, Trisha Robinson and Kyle Bockin. The meeting began with the saying of the Pledge of Allegiance led by Meta Berg.

Motion Appleby, second Gunderson, 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 July 15, 2024 and the Special Council Meeting on August 14, 2024. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Citizen Appearances: Frank Zabo, Library Representative, reported that OWLS presented to the Library Bard how to correctly pay the Head Librarian with new policies that are going into effect. Also, talked about how to handle people that come from out of town that don't like something that may be in the library. 16 Japanese students toured the library. Had a very good time with the students. The board is just waiting on final bills for the expansion.

Terrie Tews-Liebe, Chamber President, reported that work continues on Horse and Buggy Days. Posters are in and will be putting them up. She appreciates the help from the City with the monetary donation and time put in from the Public Works Department.

Mary Jane Baehman, Historical Society Representative, reported that Sunday, August 18th is the last day for the Little Red School House to be open for 2024. Looking at the option to be open on a few Saturdays next summer. They would like to plant a tree by the Little Red School House to replace the ones that have been taken down. The Historical Society has applied for four grants for the painting of the silo project. Mary Jane thanked the council for the opportunity to do a concession stand at the city fireworks and also to use the community room for the spaghetti dinner. The car show got rained out but the Talent for Murder fundraiser at Wega Arts was sold out. She also reported that Ian Teal and Kathy Fehl will be King and Queen for Horse & Buggy Days. Former King & Queens will be in the parade on the “Wega Wagon” (people mover). The Society will also do a pie and ice cream social in City Hall during Horse & Buggy Days and looking into doing historical tours of the City.

Public Works Committee: No Action for Council

Finance Committee: *Motion Appleby, second Berg, to approve a \$250 donation to the Chamber of Commerce along with noting the time that city staff donates to set up. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

Motion Appleby, second Berg, to approve checks dated 07/01/2024 through 07/31/2024 totaling \$283,739.33 and the monthly financial statements. A roll call vote was taken with “ayes” from Berg, Gorchals, Gunderson, Appleby and Baehnman; “nays” none.

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

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

Recreation Committee: *Motion Gunderson, second Baehnman, to approve the quote with Mi T Fence for Dog Park fencing at a cost of \$17,568.43. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

Public Property & Purchasing Committee: No Action for Council

Plan Commission: *Motion Gorchals, second Berg, to approve the Draft City of Weyauwega Comprehensive Plan. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

Motion Gunderson, second Appleby, to approve the sign permit application for Nayarit Market Mexico II located at 129 E Main Street. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Motion Gunderson, second Berg, to approve the sign permit application for Lennon Holdings LLC located at 108 E Ann Street. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.

New Business: *Motion Gunderson, second Appleby, to allow St Peters Lutheran School to use City Hall as their designated evacuation area. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

Motion Gunderson, second Appleby, to approve a Temporary Class “B” Retailers License for the Waupaca County Fair for August 21-25, 2024. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Motion Gunderson, second Gorchals, to approve Operator License’s for Carly Zingler, Christian Behm, and Carrie Beyer for T’s Corner Bar. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Motion Gunderson, second Appleby, to approve the Horse & Buggy Days Parade on September 14, 2024. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Motion Gunderson, second Berg, to approve the Street Use permit for Horse & Buggy Days for September 13-14, 2024. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Motion Gunderson, second Baehnman, to approve a Temporary Class “B” Retailer’s License for the Weyauwega Chamber of Commerce Horse & Buggy Days on September 13-14, 2024. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Motion Gunderson, second Gorchals, to approve a “Class A” Combination Liquor and Malt Beverage Retailers License for SG Petroleum’s LLC located at 706 N Mill Street. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Motion Gunderson, second Berg, to approve a Cigarette, Tobacco and Electronic Vaping Device Retail License for SG Petroleum’s LLC located at 706 N Mill Street. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Motion Gunderson, second Gorchals, to approve a Class “A” Beer License for Nayarit Market Mexico LLC located at 129 E Main Street. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Mayor’s Report: Mayor Luedke reported it is Fair Week! Hopefully have lots of visitors in town and the weather looks good. Thanked everyone for making the City look good.

Police Chief’s Report: Chief Leschke highlighted on the report he gave at the committee meeting. There were 195 calls of service. 36 traffic citations issued, 7 written traffic warnings and zero municipal ordinance citations issued. Officer DeGrand received another \$2,000 grant

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from We Energies to use towards the impaired vision and child safety seat programs. The department is looking for a part-time officer to fill in the schedule. Chief Leschke also reported he has a call to CN Railroad on cleaning up their property along the railroad tracks.

The Meeting Calendar for September was set with Committee Meetings being held on Tuesday, September 10, Joint Review Board, September 10th and City Council on September 16th.

Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law: Clerk Loehrke reported that she needs a citizen member for Joint Review Board yet. Chris Gunderson volunteered her husband Nick to be on the board.

Motion Gunderson, second Appleby, to move into Closed Session at 7:02 pm pursuant to 19.85(1)(e) Wis. Stats., deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. The reason for the closed session is to discuss the sale of land in the Industrial Park West.

Motion Appleby, second Gunderson, to adjourn in closed session at 7:19 pm. Motion carried five “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Rebecca Loehrke
City Clerk