

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
CITY OF WEYAUWEGA  
MONDAY, JUNE 17, 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, June 17, 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: Administrator Marcus Rennie, Clerk Rebecca Loehrke, Police Chief Brandon Leschke, Treasurer Trina Herbst-Gutche, Frank Zabo, Mary Jane Baehman, Tim Potratz, Trisha Robinson, and Mary Keehn. 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 Gorchals, second Gunderson, to approve the minutes of the Regular Common Council Meeting from May 20, 2024. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

**Citizen Appearances**: Mary Keehn – Candidate for Register of Deeds introduced herself to the Council. She has worked for Register of Deeds in Outagamie County for over 11 years. Have worked for Title companies in Waupaca. She has an extensive background in vital records. Lives in the Village of Fremont. She feels she is a very good fit for Waupaca County.

Frank Zabo, Library Representative, reported that they are wrapping up the library addition project. They are looking to get some backfill brought in and then will finish the rest of the landscaping.

Mary Jane Baehman, Historical Society Representative, reported that Horse & Buggy Days is moving forward. More information will be coming soon. Two big projects for the Historical Society include the repainting of the Silo and digitization of the newspapers. The Wolf River Art League has been chosen to repaint the silo starting some time next summer. The Historical Society is working to raise money for the project thru donations, fundraisers and grants. They will be providing snacks and beverages at the July 3<sup>rd</sup> fireworks. The Spaghetti Dinner at the Weyauwega Car Show will be on August 1<sup>st</sup> and a Talent for Murder dinner show at Wega Arts will be August 9 & 10<sup>th</sup>.

Tim Potratz, Swim Lake Director, reported on how the swim lake is going since it opened on June 5<sup>th</sup>. They have a good crew of lifeguards with 5 new guards this year. There are 78 kids signed up for lessons thru summer school. Evening lessons are way down but mostly due to kids going thru the summer school program. Daily numbers are consistent with past years for June. The inflatables have been a big hit but they have also been a hassle. Constantly having to move them back into position and also have to have more guards on duty due to not being able to see on both sides of the inflatables. The flat splash pad is probably the best addition. Hoping warmer weather will start bringing in more people. Looking to replace one of the pieces of equipment due to being a hazard when someone has a lifejacket on. Berg reported that she would like to see that piece of equipment removed immediately for liability reasons while we work with the

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company to replace it. *Motion Gorchals, second Gunderson, to remove the inflatable that is causing issues immediately. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

**Public Works Committee:** *Motion Baehnman, second Gunderson, to approve Resolution #662 – 2023 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

*Motion Baehnman, second Gunderson, to approve the quote from PJ Kortens for ORP probe project at WWTP for \$8,940.92. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

*Motion Baehnman, second Gunderson, to approve quote from Altronex for Industrial Park West Lift Station for \$4,454. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

*Motion Baehnman, second Gunderson, to approve quote from Master Electrical Services to finish project at the Industrial Park East Lift Station. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

*Motion Baehnman, second Gunderson, to spend \$1,381.75 to purchase barricades and cones with an additional \$500 coming from safety grant. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

*Motion Baehnman, second Gunderson, to add Superintendent titles to Public Works Staff. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

**Finance Committee:** *Motion Appleby, second Berg, to approve a \$500 sponsorship to the Waupaca County Fair and donate the use of the cemetery parking lot for 2024. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

*Motion Appleby, second Berg, to approve checks dated 05/01/2024 through 05/31/2024 totaling \$173,579.71 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:** No Action for Council

**Recreation Committee:** *Motion Gunderson, second Baehnman, to move forward with the allocation of AARP funds to establish a dog park. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

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

**Plan Commission:** No Action for Council

**New Business:** Council reviewed the options brought forward from Attorney Kalny on the transfer of Oakwood Cemetery. The City needs to make sure we follow all the procedures to do the transfer correctly. Option #2 of accepting the transfer documents upon receipt of certification that the Cemetery Association is valid, operating in compliance with the law and legally able to transfer the documents is the option that Council would like to follow. *Motion Gorchals, second Appleby, to approve option #2 as presented in the packet from Attorney Kalny. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.* The City has assumed responsibility to pay the cemetery bills so that it will continue to operate while the transfer to the City is taking place.

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*Motion Gunderson, second Gorchals, to approve the street use permit application for Picklebellies Pub for Wednesday, July 24, 2024. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

*Motion Gunderson, second Gorchals, to approve a “Class A” Combination Liquor and Malt Beverage Retailer’s License for Weyauwega Cheese Store LLC dba Weyauwega Star Dairy; Outagamie Co-op Services Inc dba Weyauwega Travel Plaza-Citgo; US Limited Liability Company dba Weyauwega BP. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

*Motion Gunderson, second Gorchals, to approve a “Class B” Combination Liquor and Malt Beverage Retailer’s License for Haufschildt & Haufschildt dba Haufschildts Brew Haus; Picklebellies Pub & Grill LLC; Weyauwega Arts Organization Inc dba Wega Arts; JS Entertainment LLC dba Wilson’s Brickhouse; JD’s Café and T’s Corner Bar LLC. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

*Motion Gunderson, second Gorchals, to approve a Class “A” Fermented Malt Beverage Retailer’s License to Depot Street Stations LLC dba Weyauwega Amoco. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

*Motion Gunderson, second Gorchals, to approve Cigarette and Tobacco Products Retail Licenses to Depot Street Station LLC dba Weyauwega Amoco; The Healing Haus LLC dba Nature’s CannaBliss; JS Entertainment LLC dba Wilson’s Brickhouse; US Limited Liability Company dba Weyauwega BP; Outagamie Co-op Services Inc dba Weyauwega Travel Plaza-Citgo; T’s Corner Bar. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

*Motion Gunderson, second Baehman, to approve the following Operator Licenses: Gerard Knaus, Julia Wohlt, Heather Pribbernow, DeAnna Volz for local organizations; Colleen Seng, Yvonne Clemins, Sarah Baxter, Sandra Samp, Cammie Haire, Aaron Fassbender, Rachael Walker and Donald Manke Jr for T’s Corner Bar; Casey Krueger, Rory Koch, Mikyla Reeck and Kristen Gehring for Picklebellies; Danyelle Domrzalski, Daniel Domrzalski and Donnie Donrzalski for JD’s Café; Logan Haufschildt, Kelly Loehrke, Rosanna Lanting, Kristopher Prah, Linnea Ingalls, Kandace Prah, Alicia Paeth, Heather Gilbertson, Amanda Haufschildt, Jean Loehrke, Jeff Loehrke, Samuel Baumgart, Holly Wasrud, Kenneth Bentzler III, JanaLee Bodoh for Haufschildt’s Brew Haus; Shannon Prinsen, Carrie Bentle, Nick Schneiderwendt, Jered Wilson, Brett Oehlke for Wilson’s Brickhouse; Samantha Warren, Andrew Amundson, Anna Brazil, Rita Andersen for Weyauwega Amoco; Mary VanCuyk, Ashley Lind, Michael Blanchette, Kaylee Gray, Megan Schumacher, Cammie Haire, Rose Haertl, Eli AuBuchon, Shirlie Kempf for Weyauwega Travel Plaza-Citgo; Ian Teal, Katharine Fehl for Weyauwega Arts Organization; Nancy Robbert, Angelica Patino Luna, Lisa Ramsey, Julie Fronczak, Karla Reetz, Carinne Chase, Brenda Chase, Paola Patino, Vicki Steege, Ashlynn Voelker for Weyauwega Cheese Store LLC; and Iris Gehrke, Marianne Konertz and Rajan Panthi for Weyauwega BP. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

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**Mayor's Report:** Mayor Luedke reminded Council to direct people to City Hall if they have something to report or talk about. Do not wait till the next council meeting to bring it up. He is also always open to talk to people.

**Administrator's Report:** Administrator Rennie is looking forward to the upcoming community event in the park. It is a great time to show off the additions that have been made to Maasch Park. Rennie will be attending a conference this coming Wednesday thru Friday and will be out of the office. He also commented on the statement from the Mayor to direct people to City Hall that need assistance or have questions. City Hall staff will be able to help them a lot faster than waiting to bring it up at the next council meeting.

**Police Chief's Report:** Chief Leschke highlighted on the report he gave at the committee meeting. There were 317 calls for service in May, 42 traffic citations issued, 25 written traffic warnings and 1 municipal ordinance citation issued. Had one OWI arrest from someone operating a lawnmower. No new major cases. The department participated in FCCLA Movie night at the school. SRO DeGrand is now a certified instructor for car seat training. Assisted with escort for the WF Track Team for the State Track Meet. Will be interviewing a part time officer candidate this week. All staff attended Emergency Vehicle Operations and Vehicle Contacts training. The department has issued 24 ordinance citations so far for 2024. 15 of them have gained compliance, 2 are in progress and 7 properties have deadlines approaching.

**Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law:** Appleby noted that she had a very interesting conversation with the Wild Rose Fire Chief and will be bringing some information forward to Gorchals for discussion at the Fire District Meetings.

The advertising boards on Hwy 10 are usable. They were fixed last fall. The City needs someone to put events on the boards. Will discuss more at committee meetings.

*Motion Gunderson, second Gorchals to move into Closed Session at 7:24 pm pursuant to 19.85(1)(c) Wis. Stats., in consideration of employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any city employee who is subject to the jurisdiction or authority of the council. The reason for the closed session is Administrator goals and Public Works wages. Motion carried with five "ayes", zero "nays".*

*Motion Appleby, second Baehnman, to move back into open session at 8:40 pm. Motion carried with five "ayes", zero "nays".*

*Motion Gunderson, second Appleby, to approve a pay raise to \$24.25 for Carson Faulkner and add the title of Street Superintendent to Carson Faulkner and Water Superintendent to Michael Lee. Motion carried with five "ayes", zero "nays".*

*Motion Appleby, second Baehnman, to adjourn at 8:47 pm. Motion carried with five "ayes", zero "nays".*

Rebecca Loehrke – City Clerk City Clerk