

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF WEYAUWEGA
MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Common Council of the City of Weyauwega was called to order at 6:30 p.m., on Monday, March 15, 2021 by Mayor Jack Spierings in the Weyauwega Municipal Building Council Chambers.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Jack Spierings, Keith Najdowski, Bruce Goetsch, Rich Luedke, Shani Appleby and Dewey Stelzner. Not present: Jered Wilson. Also present: City Administrator Jeremy Schroeder, Clerk Rebecca Loehrke, Police Chief Jerry Poltrock, Sergeant Brandon Leschke, Frank Zabojs, Angie Landsverk, Austin Goetsch, Ben Ebert, Richard Rupno and Matt Shane. The meeting began with the saying of the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Spierings.

Motion Najdowski, second Appleby, to approve the agenda. Motion carried with five "ayes", zero "nays".

Motion Najdowski, second Appleby, to approve the minutes of the Regular Common Council meeting from February 15, 2021. Motion carried with five "ayes", zero "nays".

Citizen Appearances: Library Representative, Frank Zabojs, passed out information to the Council on what the library was doing during the pandemic. They were able to provide access to 257,623 materials for everyone in the community. He is also glad to have the library at full staff. There are several libraries in the area that are dealing with staffing changes and few libraries seen to be functioning well during this time. Our library seems to be handling everything very well. Also people are looking forward to having the outdoor shelter to use behind the library.

Public Works Committee: *Motion Goetsch, second Najdowski, to approve Pay Request #6 for Tank A20 for \$73,625 contingent on receipt of wage rate verification and lien waivers. Motion carried with five "ayes", zero "nays".*

Motion Goetsch, second Najdowski, to approve Change Order #2 for a decrease of \$15,000 from Work Change Directive No. 3 and No. 4. Motion carried with five "ayes", zero "nays".

Motion Goetsch, second Najdowski, to approve furnace unit for garage at WWTP from Hoffman Heating & Cooling for \$10,995 and freight of \$450 for a total of \$11,445. Motion carried with five "ayes", zero "nays".

Motion Goetsch, second Najdowski, to approve the quote from Sunbow Painters for \$6,300 to paint the fire hydrants. Motion carried with five "ayes", zero "nays".

Motion Goetsch, second Najdowski, to authorize Cedar Corp to perform Engineering/Consulting Services and administer and apply for the Safe Drinking Water Fund loan. Motion carried with five "ayes", zero "nays".

Finance Committee: *Motion Najdowski, second Appleby, to approve a silver sponsorship of \$250 for the 2021 Weyauwega Firefighters Dance. Motion carried with three "ayes" and two "abstains" from Luedke and Stelzner.*

Motion Najdowski, second Appleby, to approve a silver sponsorship of \$750 for the 2021 Waupaca County Fair. Motion carried with four "ayes" and one "abstain" from Luedke.

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Motion Najdowski, second Appleby, to approve the High Performance Leadership Academy Course for the City Administrator for \$1,995. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Motion Najdowski, second Appleby, to approve checks dated 02/01/2021 thru 02/28/2021 totaling \$393,459.46 and the monthly financial statements. A roll call vote was taken with “ayes” from Appleby, Najdowski, Goetsch, Luedke and Stelzner; zero “nays”. Motion carried.

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

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

Recreation Committee: *Motion Stelzner, second Appleby, to approve renaming Weyauwega Community Park to Maasch Community Park. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

Motion Stelzner, second Appleby, to approve Lee Recreation Company for the playground equipment upgrade and fundraising campaign project at the Community Park. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Public Property & Purchasing Committee: No Action for Council

Plan Commission: *Motion Najdowski, second Stelzner, to approve the plans for a house and 4 car garage at 1019 Mill Pond Circle as presented. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “ayes”.*

Recommendation from the Plan Commission meeting held prior to the Council Meeting is to recommend that Council makes the necessary adjustments to the ordinance code and covenants to allow for the zero lot line duplexes in Mill Pond Circle. *Motion Najdowski, second Stelzner, to approve the request from Sweetwood Builders to build zero lot line duplexes on lots 1, 2, 3 and 27 in Mill Pond Circle and move forward on changing the ordinance code and covenants to allow for the zero lot line duplexes. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

New Business: Motion Najdowski, second Stelzner, to approve an Operator License for Ashley Salzmen, Weyauwega Citgo. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Motion Najdowski, second Appleby, to approve the “Class B” Combination Liquor and Malt Beverage Retailer’s License for Michael Knaus, JK’s Lounge at 128 E Main Street. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Motion Najdowski, second Appleby, to approve the street use permit application for the Weyauwega Blacktop Tractor Pull on May 15, 2021. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Mayor’s Report: Mayor Spierings reported he is glad to see more development coming up in Mill Pond Circle. It is definitely a need for our community. The Mayor then read a letter from Chief Poltrock announcing his retirement at the end of the year.

Administrator’s Report: Administrator Schroeder reported on the recognition the City received from the Census Bureau for having a high self-response rate of 69.8%. The amount of funding and aid the City receives is based off of our population so it is critical that the census be as accurate as possible. He also reported that the American Rescue Act was recently approved

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which will distribute millions of dollars to municipalities across the country. At this time we do not know how much the City will be receiving or what exactly the money can be used for. Potential areas are revenue replacement due to COVID-19, pay for essential workers, and investments in water, sewer and broadband infrastructure. Administrator Schroeder also reported that he looked into the process with the County on changing the speed limit on Cty Rd AA and there are several steps that the City, the Township and the County would need to follow. It's not a fast process.

Police Chief's Report: Chief Poltrock reported on a mental health case of an individual that the department has been dealing with for several months. This individual wanted to "die by suicide" by a Cop. He was assisted by the Waupaca County Sheriff's department and Gold Cross Ambulance. The Chief also thanked Frank and Eddie Zabo for their donation of a desk and filing cabinet for the School Resource Officer. An update was given on the 81 ordinance violation letters sent out last fall. 6 properties were not in compliance yet. 2 citations have been issued. 1 property is not cooperating at all. Will continue to work with the other properties or more citations will be issued.

Set Meeting Calendar:

- Finance Committee – April 13th at 3 pm
- Recreation Committee – April 13th at 5:15 pm
- Police, Fire & Ambulance Committee – April 13th at 6:00 pm
- Public Works Committee – April 13th at 6:30 pm
- City Council – April 20th at 6:30 pm with the re-organizational meeting of Council to immediately follow

Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law: None

Motion Najdowski, second Goetsch, to adjourn at 6:58 pm. Motion carried with five "ayes", zero "nays".

Rebecca Loehrke
City Clerk