

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF WEYAUWEGA
TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Common Council of the City of Weyauwega was called to order at 6:30 p.m., on Tuesday, April 15, 2025 in the Weyauwega Municipal Building Council Chambers by Mayor Rich Luedke.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Rich Luedke, Chris Gunderson, Austin Baehnman, Meta Berg, Pat Gorchals and Shani Appleby. Also present: Clerk Rebecca Loehrke, Police Chief Brandon Leschke, SRO Pat McClone, Sue Mueller, Kurt Duppler, Joe Harrison from Baumann Associates and Cathy Spiegelberg. The meeting began with the saying of the Pledge of Allegiance led by Chris Gunderson.

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

Motion Gunderson, second Gorchals, to approve the minutes of the Regular Common Council Meeting from March 17, 2025. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Citizen Appearances: Appleby reported no update from the library. Their meeting will be on Monday, April 21st.

Cathy Spiegelberg, Chamber Representative, gave an update from their last meeting. They received a quote for \$7,000 to update the speaker system on Main Street. The wires are bad and need to be redone. Also looking at a wireless system, but it would cost significantly more. The Chamber would like to get the speaker system moved into City Hall but not sure if that is possible if they keep the wired system. Mayor Luedke will check with the sound man that put the system in and see what he thinks as options. Spiegelberg asked if the City would contribute to the speaker system. Spiegelberg also asked if the City was still interested in getting someone to write grants and how they would get paid. She knows someone that is very interested and is looking to take a course to get certified. Mayor Luedke will check with Waupaca and see how they pay their grant writers.

Public Works Committee: *Motion Baehnman, second Gunderson, to approve the UV upgrade at the WWTP at a cost of \$1,025.22. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

Leschke spoke on the information he submitted on the replacement of the remote computer screen out by the tanks at the WWTP that allows staff to make adjustments on site instead of running into the building to check computers. The cost would be \$8,500.96 and additional service charges of travel time and time on site. Total would not be more than \$11,145.96. *Motion Gorchals, second Gunderson, to approve the HMI update at the WWTP with the cost of \$11,145.96 to come out of the Wastewater Maintenance Budget line item. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

Finance Committee: *Motion Appleby, second Berg, to approve the Municipal Clerks Institute Alumni Track for the Clerk at a cost of \$499. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

Joe Harrison with Bauman Associates gave a brief background of Bauman. They originated in Eau Claire and also opened up an office in Green Bay. They have been around for

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over 78 years. They do audits for about 25 municipalities and help another 10 with reporting items. They employ approximately 50 employees. *Motion Appleby, second Gunderson, to approve hiring Bauman Associates, Ltd for Audit Services starting in 2025. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

Motion Appleby, second Berg, to approve checks dated 03/01/2025 through 03/31/2025 totaling \$314,649.16 and the monthly financial statements. A roll call vote was taken with “ayes” from Berg, Gorchals, Gunderson, Appleby and Baehnman; “nays” none. Motion carried.

Police, Fire, & Ambulance Committee: Patrick McClone, the School Resource Officer, introduced himself to the Council. He is enjoying working at the Weyauwega–Fremont School District and the Weyauwega Police Department. Gorchals had lots of praise for McClone.

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

Recreation Committee: *Motion Gunderson, second Baehnman, to approve using Barco benches as Memorial benches around the city and have Carson Faulkner provide an order form with purchasing details that will be kept at City Hall. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

Public Property & Purchasing Committee: No Action for Council

Plan Commission: No Action for Council

New Business: 3rd Ave Vacant Land: Sue Mueller and Kurt Duppler spoke on their desire to purchase the 9.86 acres at the end of 3rd Ave and build a single family home. They are looking for council approval to install a private well and septic if they are unable to hook into the City system or if the cost becomes astronomical. Attorney Kalny has said that this does not require a variance and is at the discretion of the Council to approve. Mueller and Duppler are working with Faulks Bros Construction to find the best option for hooking into the City system off of 3rd Avenue. They may also investigate coming off 2nd Ave if it's a shorter distance. *Motion Gunderson, second Appleby, to approve a private well & septic if needed for the 3rd Ave property. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

Motion Gunderson, Second Appleby, to approve the Parade Permit Application for the American Legion Post #176 Memorial Day Parade on May 26, 2025 and waive the permit fee. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Motion Gunderson, second Appleby, to approve a 6-month Class “B” Beer License to WF Youth Baseball & Softball Inc for the concession stand in Maasch Community Park. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Motion Gunderson, second Appleby, to approve a street use permit application for the Weyauwega Area Fire Department Chicken BBQ on June 1, 2025. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Motion Gunderson, second Appleby, to approve a temporary Class “B” Retailer License for the Weyauwega Area Fire Department Chicken BBQ on June 1, 2025. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.

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Motion Gunderson, second Appleby, to approve operator license applications for Karissa Pellerino, Mark Haire and Rafael Parra, Dollar General Market. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Mayor’s Report: Mayor Luedke thanked the Police Department for a job well done with the Easter Egg Hunt.

Police Chief’s Report: Chief Leschke reported that the Public Works staff is getting equipment ready and gearing up for cleaning up of parks and mowing to begin. He also thanked the Police Department Staff for their work on property clean-ups and ordinance violation letters.

Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law: None

Motion Appleby, second Berg, to adjourn to the Re-Organizational meeting at 7:02 pm. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Rebecca Loehrke
City Clerk