

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF WEYAUWEGA
MONDAY, JULY 15, 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, July 15, 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, Pat Gorchals and Cameron Looker. Also present: Clerk Rebecca Loehrke, Police Chief Brandon Leschke, Treasurer Trina Herbst-Gutche, Frank Zabojs, Terrie Tews Liebe, Chris Martinson and Ellen Martinson. The meeting began with the saying of the Pledge of Allegiance led by Austin Baehnman.

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

Motion Gorchals, second Appleby, to approve the minutes of the Regular Common Council Meeting from June 17, 2024 and the Special Council Meetings on June 24, 2024 and July 8, 2024. Motion carried with six “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Citizen Appearances: Frank Zabojs, Library Representative, reported that they are pretty well done with the addition. Just have landscaping to do yet. The board is looking to take down the large tree in the front of the library as long as council has no issues with it.

Terri Tews Liebe, Chamber President, reported that work continues For Horse and Buggy Days on September 13th and 14th. Bands are booked for Main Street. Will have vendors, bag toss tournament, kiddie parade and regular parade. She wants to meet with Chief Leschke to go over any safety and traffic concerns. King and Queen this year are Ian Teal and Kathy Fehl. The Chamber is looking for a donation from the City to help. Will have on the agenda for next month. The Chamber is also investing in updating their website. Hoping to have the new website up and running by September 1st. Will be advertising businesses in the area and have information on what to do to open a business. Will still have an events page. They are also going to be updating their logo to be similar to the City’s new logo. Other Chamber events coming up include the Main Street Car Show on August 1st; Soups on Main on October 3rd; Fall Rummage-O-Rama on September 21st and the Christmas Parade and hopefully a light show on December 7th.

Christ Martinson spoke on behalf of Duane Wilson who is running for District Assembly 57. Mr. Wilson is from the Waupaca Area and running against Kevin Peterson. Asking for everyone to get out and vote in the Primary on August 13th.

Public Works Committee: No Action for Council

Finance Committee: *Motion Appleby, second Gorchals, to approve the new three year agreement with Associated Appraisal Consultants. Motion carried with six “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

Motion Appleby, second Berg, to approve checks dated 06/01/2024 through 06/30/2024 totaling \$391,403.55 and the monthly financial statements. A roll call vote was taken with “ayes” from Berg, Gorchals, Gunderson, Appleby, Baehnman, and Looker; “nays” none.

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

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

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Recreation Committee: *Motion Gunderson, second Gorchals, to approve the quote from Mi T Fence for the replacement to the batting cages paid for by the City's insurance claim. Motion carried with six "ayes", zero "nays".*

Motion Gunderson, second Baehnman, to approve the purchase of a 2nd Little Digger with the donation from Becky Jensen. Motion carried with six "ayes", zero "nays".

Public Property & Purchasing Committee: No Action for Council

Plan Commission: No Action for Council

New Business: *Motion Looker, second Gunderson, to approve the parade permit for the Weyauwega-Fremont High School Homecoming Parade on Thursday, September 26, 2024. Motion carried with six "ayes", zero "nays".*

Motion Gunderson, second Appleby, to approve Operator License's for Mahesh Panthi and Prabin MC for Weyauwega BP. Motion carried with six "ayes", zero "nays".

Motion Gunderson, second Appleby, to approve a street use permit for the High Street Block Party on July 20, 2024. Motion carried with six "ayes", zero "nays".

Council discussed the offer to purchase that was presented to Clerk Loehrke for a lot in the Industrial Park West. It is a much lower offer than the City has sold other lots for in either Industrial Park. The Council would like to meet with the person in closed session at the next council meeting on August 19th.

Mayor's Report: Nothing to report.

Police Chief's Report: Chief Leschke highlighted on the report he gave at the committee meeting. There were 42 traffic citations issued, 15 written traffic warnings and 5 municipal ordinance citations issued. Officer Keberlein assisted the Waupaca PD with a weapons disturbance of shots being fired. Officer Vue observed and called out a wrong way driver on Hwy 10. Officer Vue is also investigating a sex offense case on E Sumner Street. All items from the CN Railroad grant has been received, The Chief is going through the interview process for a new part time candidate.

The Meeting Calendar for August was set with Committee Meetings being held on Wednesday, August 14th due to the Primary Election on Tuesday, August 13th. The August Council Meeting will be held on Monday, August 19th.

Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law: None

Motion Gunderson, second Gorchals to move into Closed Session at 7:03 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 to discuss employment options for the City Administrator position. Motion carried with six "ayes", zero "nays".

Motion Appleby, second Gunderson, to adjourn at 7:16 pm. Motion carried with six "ayes", zero "nays".