

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF WEYAUWEGA
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Common Council of the City of Weyauwega was called to order at 6:30 p.m., on Monday, September 18, 2023 in the Weyauwega Municipal Building Council Chambers by Mayor Rich Luedke.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Rich Luedke, Dewey Stelzner, Bruce Goetsch, Chris Gunderson, Shani Appleby and Kaley DuCoeur. Also present: City Clerk Rebecca Loehrke, City Treasurer Trina Herbst-Gutche, James Card, Rick Binley, Andy Schmidt, Kim Rodgers, Mary Jane Baehman, John Hanke, Frank Zaboj, Brad Leonhardt, Margie Leonhardt, Sam Berry, Cathy Spiegelberg, Barb Raschke, and Richard Rupno. The meeting began with the saying of the Pledge of Allegiance led by Dewey Stelzner.

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

Motion Goetsch, second Gunderson, to approve the minutes of the Regular Common Council Meeting from August 21, 2023. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Citizen Appearances: Library Representative, Frank Zaboj, thanked the council for the use of a tent during Horse & Buggy Days. Looking at starting some work on the building in mid-October. Will need to fix sidewalk due to some hazards. Had a lengthy library board meeting earlier today and discussed payroll and finances. The library is in good shape financially.

Weyauwega Chamber President, Kim Rogers, passed out an update on the upcoming events in September which included the Fall Rummage-O-Rama on September 23rd; a Business after 5 at Premier Community Bank on September 26th; Soup’s on! On September 28th; Open House & Ribbon-Cutting at “The Bar” at Willow Pond on September 29th and Boo Fest on October 31st.

Public Works Committee: No Action for Council.

Finance Committee: *Motion DuCoeur, second Stelzner, to approve following auditor recommendations on rolling over the fines account at end of year and having the library properly budget for capital expenditures. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

Motion DuCoeur, second Stelzner, to approve the agreements with McMahon for Executive Selection and Management Counsel. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Motion DuCoeur, second Stelzner, to approve the purchase of the camera recording system proposed by AIT. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Motion DuCoeur, second Stelzner, to approve checks from 08/01/2023 through 08/31/2023 totaling \$253,295.87 and the monthly financial reports. A roll call vote was taken with “ayes” from Appleby, Goetsch, Gunderson, DuCoeur, Stelzner; “nays” none.

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Police, Fire, & Ambulance Committee: *Motion Stelzner, second Goetsch, to approve to pay all three Police/Fire/Ambulance Committee members to attend the Fire District Meetings effective as of the September Council Meeting. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

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

Recreation Committee: *Motion Gunderson, second Appleby, to approve the donation purchase of the “Little Digger” playground equipment and move forward with installation. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

Public Property & Purchasing Committee: No Action for Council.

Plan Commission: No Action for Council.

Old Business: **118 E Main Street Update:** Brad Leonhardt updated the Council on his discussions with the current owner of 118 E Main Street. Both parties have reached an agreement and he is hoping to take ownership of the property in the next couple of days. He will be fixing the façade immediately to make safe and remove the barriers. Then will work on cleaning out the building. He has no certain plans for the building at this time.

New Business: *Motion Goetsch, second Gunderson, to approve the appointment of Gerald Poltrock to the Library Board to fill an open vacancy. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

Motion Gunderson, second Appleby, to approve the appointment of Richard Binley as the new District 2 Alderman. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”. City Clerk Rebecca Loehrke then administrated the Oath of Office to Binley.

The application for an Operator’s License for James Balfe was denied by the Police Department due to his background check. Mr. Balfe will be notified of the denial and can attend the next council meeting to discuss his request for a license if he chooses to.

Mayor’s Report: Mayor Luedke has been busy fielding emails and talking to people due to the vacancy of the City Administrator. He reiterated that the City has great staff and to let them do their jobs. If anyone has questions to keep in touch with him.

Police Chief’s Report: No report given.

The October Meeting Calendar was set.

Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law: None

Motion Gunderson, second DuCoeur, to move into Closed Session at 6:54 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 final payout. If the Council convenes in such closed session, the Council may, pursuant to §19.85(2), reconvene into open session to act upon or report action, if any, on the reason for the closed session and to consider any additional items on the agenda. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.

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Motion Gunderson, second Stelzner, to move back into open session at 7:07 pm. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Motion Stelzner, second DuCoeur, to pay Jeremy Schroeder 168 hours of vacation time on his final pay statement. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Motion Appleby, second Goetsch, to adjourn at 7:06 pm. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Rebecca Loehrke
City Clerk