

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
CITY OF WEYAUWEGA  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 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, October 21, 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, Frank Zabojski, Terrie Tews-Liebe, Kyle Bockin, and Dan Domrzalski. The meeting began with the saying of the Pledge of Allegiance led by Chris Gunderson.

*Motion Appleby, second Gorchals, to approve the agenda. Motion carried with six "ayes", zero "nays".*

*Motion Gunderson, second Appleby, to approve the minutes of the Regular Common Council Meeting from September 16, 2024. Motion carried with six "ayes", zero "nays".*

**Citizen Appearances:** Frank Zabojski, Library Representative, reported that the board has been working on the 2025 budget and finalizing the building project. Will have one door to look at yet. Gave the Mayor a copy of the library budget and a close-out booklet on the addition project.

Terri Tews-Liebe, Chamber Representative, reported that the Chamber is hoping to have a new Logo to share next month. They have gone over the events for next year and have decided not to continue with Horse and Buggy Days. The cost has increased too much for the Chamber to support the event. Any other group can take over and have the event if they would like. The Chamber will be going back to hosting Thursday Night on Main Events. They plan to work more with local businesses. Tews-Liebe attended a County Wide Chamber meeting. Goal is how to get the local Chambers to work together. The website is still a work in process. The Chamber will not be hiring a company to install lights on Main Street due to the cost but will be encouraging the local businesses to decorate their building. City staff will be helping with lights on the trees.

**Public Works Committee:** *Motion Baehnman, second Gorchals, to have the Public Works Department paint the curb yellow going eastbound on Wisconsin from the corner of Pine Street to four feet past Janelle Wieters driveway and westbound going four feet east of the stop sign and include at least 2 "no parking signs" on the eastbound side of the street. Motion carried with six "ayes", zero "nays".*

*Motion Baehnman, second Gunderson, to approve the new lease for the 821G model pay loader for \$45,000 a year with a 3 year lease. Motion carried with six "ayes", zero "nays".*

*Motion Baehnman, second Gunderson, to approve the purchase of the Hanke plow and wing combo for \$27,000 with the money coming from Capital. Motion carried with six "ayes", zero "nays".*

*Motion Baehnman, second Gunderson, to approve the snowplow quote from Faulks Bros for the 2024-2025 winter season. Motion carried with six "ayes", zero "nays".*

*Motion Baehnman, second Gorchals, to approve the renewal of the Fehr Graham Regulatory Safety Services Program for \$4,250. Motion carried with six "ayes", zero "nays".*

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*Motion Gorchals, second Baehnman, to approve the quote reported from acting Public Works Supervisor Leschke to repair the sidewalk in the 100 block of E Main Street. Motion carried with six “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

**Finance Committee:** *Motion Appleby, second Berg, to approve reimbursing the Clerk and Treasurer \$50.00 per month for cell phone expense. Motion carried with six “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

*Motion Appleby, second Berg, to approve checks dated 09/01/2024 through 09/30/2024 totaling \$220,015.46 and the monthly financial statements. A roll call vote was taken with “ayes” from Looker, Baehnman, Appleby, Gunderson, Gorchals, and Berg; “nays” none. Motion carried.*

Consider compensation for additional job duties for City Staff: The Mayor, Appleby and Herbst-Gutche, meet with Lori Gosz to look at budget numbers to see what could be offered to the Clerk and Treasurer for doing the work of the administrator. It was previously discussed to give the Clerk and Treasurer an increase to \$30.00 an hour. They will now get back pay to July 1<sup>st</sup>. Leschke will receive \$1,500 starting from October 1<sup>st</sup> to the end of the year for his additional job duties as acting Public Works Supervisor. *Motion Appleby, second Gorchals, to approve back pay at \$30.00 an hour for Loehrke and Herbst-Gutche starting from July 1 2024 and approve Leschke getting \$1,500 starting from October 1<sup>st</sup> to end of year. Motion carried with six “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

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

**Public Health & Relief (Ordinance) Committee:** *Motion Berg, second Appleby, to approve Ordinance 2024-4 updates to Chapter 454, Article VI-All Terrain Vehicles. Motion carried with six “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

**Recreation Committee:** No Action for Council

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

**Plan Commission:** No Action for Council

**New Business:** *Motion Gunderson, second Appleby, to approve the offer to purchase for lot #35-32-33-3 in Industrial Park West. Motion carried with six “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

*Motion Gunderson, second Appleby, to approve the offer to purchase for lot #35-04-81-29 next to JD’s Café. Motion carried with six “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

Mayor Luedke explained that Gold Cross Ambulance Service has added the Village of Greenville and Town of Ellington to the Consortium. The increase per capita for 2025 went up slightly from \$13.17 in 2024 to \$13.46 in 2025. Gold Cross will be adding a 5<sup>th</sup> ambulance. *Motion Gunderson, second Gorchals, to approve the \$13.46 per capita for Gold Cross Ambulance Service Agreement for 2025. Motion carried with six “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

Gold Cross is also asking for the consortium to pass a resolution in support of levy increase to meet needs of Gold Cross EMS Services. This would allow a municipality in the consortium to then increase their levy if needed. *Motion Gunderson, second Gorchals, to approve Resolution #667 – A Resolution in support of levy increase to meet the needs of the Gold Cross EMS Services Consortium. Motion carried with six “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

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*Motion Gunderson, second Appleby, to approve the Christmas Parade Application for the Weyauwega Area Chamber of Commerce for December 7<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried with six “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

*Motion Gunderson, second Baehnman, to approve the Street Use Permit Application for Weyauwega Area Chamber of Commerce Boo Fest on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried with six “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

**Mayor’s Report:** Mayor Luedke reported that the budget is close to being done. Everyone had been working as a team on it with no Administrator. Herbst-Gutche had been working with Gosz so she can do more of it next year.

**Police Chief’s Report:** Chief Leschke highlighted on the report he gave at the committee meeting. There were 274 calls for service. 51 traffic citations issued, 8 written traffic warnings, and 6 municipal ordinance citations issued, 2 motor vehicle accidents and 2 driver condition reports. Had two mental health calls and a traffic stop that resulted in a quantity of drugs being located. Leschke has received word that the railroad did acknowledge receiving the letter in regards to cleaning up their yard and will be working to get it into compliance.

The Meeting Calendar for November was set with Committee Meetings on November 12<sup>th</sup> starting at 6 pm. Council and the Public Hearing on the 2025 General Budget will be November 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. A Special Council Meeting to review the draft of the budget will be October 28<sup>th</sup> starting at 4:00 pm.

**Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law:** Dan Domrzalski spoke on the addition he is looking to do to JD’s café and the new electronic signage he would like to add. He could possible advertise community events and other businesses if possible. Looking to do it in the spring.

*Motion Appleby, second Gunderson, to adjourn at 7:07 pm. Motion carried six “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

Rebecca Loehrke  
City Clerk