

CITY OF WEYAUWEGA
RECREATION COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS
JANUARY 14, 2025

The Recreation Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Chris Gunderson at the Weyauwega Municipal Building Council Chambers at 6:00 pm. Roll call was taken. Members Present: Chris Gunderson, Austin Baehnman and Citizen Members Andy Rosenwinkel, and DeAnna Volz. Not Present: Cameron Looker and Citizen Member Tim Potratz. Also Present: Mayor Rich Luedke, Clerk Rebecca Loehrke, Treasurer Trina Herbst-Gutche, Police Chief Brandon Leschke, Meta Berg, Shani Appleby, Pat Gorchals, Dewey Stelzner, Tom Cullen, Dan Nehring, and Matt Dorrow.

Motion Gunderson, second Rosenwinkel, to approve the Recreation Committee minutes from November 12, 2024. Motion carried with all "ayes".

Citizen Appearances: None

Update on Ice Rink: The way the City was going to build the ice rink we needed snow to build up a bank. No snow this year so we were unable to get the sides built up for the rink. The city does not have a ring to install for the base. Will not be doing an ice rink this year but will look into better options for next year.

Update on citizen member open position: Lauren Wisner is interested in the open position. She was not able to attend tonight due to a prior event. Appleby does have the paperwork to give her to complete if she would like to be appointed next month.

Discussion and possible action on added activities for the 4th of July Fireworks Celebration – Dewey Stelzner and discussion on the fireworks show: Stelzner spoke on how last year was a great turnout at the fairgrounds and how he would like to expand and add to the event that will be held again on July 3rd at the fairgrounds. He would like approval to ask for donations to do more towards a better show. He also brought up the idea of a decorative UTV parade. No one else in the area does this. Would limit sign up to the first 25 UTV's. Would have them line up in the back field behind the fairgrounds around 8:45. Would then proceed around the outside of the fairgrounds at 9:15 and then come into the fairgrounds off of Elizabeth Street. Another suggestion was to get Franki Moscato, who performed on American Idol and is from the Oshkosh area to sing the national anthem and maybe another song. She raises money for her youth foundation and typically looks for donations of \$150-\$500 for events. Committee likes all the ideas that Stelzner talked about. Spielbauer will do the fireworks show again. It is nice to have technicians that are local to the area and work so well with the City. Three of the technicians donate their time and do not get paid for the Weyauwega fireworks. Spielbauer will include the DJ and cover the cost of Frankie Moscato with the donations they receive if she is available. Loehrke will work to create a Facebook page for the event. *Motion Gunderson, second Volz, to approve the Spielbauer fireworks quote for 2025 and allow Dewey Stelzner to do before event activities with the approval from council. Motion carried with all "ayes".*

Discussion and possible action on Horse and Buggy Days: Gunderson reported that with the uncertainty of this event and not having a clear plan that the City should not be involved at this

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time. Gunderson will not be able to make the next planning meeting for the event. The committee would like to wait and see what happens in the planning process.

Set next meeting date/time: The next Recreation Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 11, 2025 starting at 6:00 pm.

Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law: None

Motion Gunderson, second Volz, to adjourn at 6:18 pm. Motion carried with all "ayes".

Recommendations to Council:

1. Recommend approving Spielbauer fireworks quote for 2025 and allow Dewey Stelzner to do before event activities with the approval from council.

Rebecca Loehrke
City Clerk