

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF WEYAUWEGA
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 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, February 19, 2024 in the Weyauwega Municipal Building Council Chambers by Mayor Rich Luedke.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Rich Luedke, Bruce Goetsch, Chris Gunderson, Shani Appleby, Dewey Stelzner and Rick Binley. Also present: City Administrator Marcus Rennie, City Clerk Rebecca Loehrke, Police Chief Brandon Leschke, City Treasurer Trina Herbst-Gutche, James Card, Frank Zabo, Pat Gorchals, Mary Jane Baehman, Meta Berg, Andy Schmidt, Colton Wegener and Family. The meeting began with the saying of the Pledge of Allegiance led by Bruce Goetsch. (Bob Anibas arrived at 6:53 pm).

Motion Goetsch, second Appleby, to approve the agenda with the change of moving up Police agenda items first. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”. (Listed in agenda order in the proceedings.)

Motion Gunderson, second Appleby, to approve the minutes of the Regular Common Council Meeting from January 15, 2024, Special Common Council on January 22, 2024 and Special Common Council on February 13, 2024. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Citizen Appearances: Library Representative, Frank Zabo, reported that the new addition is moving right along. The crew is getting ready to put the siding on and interior painting is all done. The Library Board was notified that the library passed all of their annual reporting.

Weyauwega Chamber President, Kim Rogers, was not present for a Chamber update.

Mary Jane Baehman, Weyauwega Historical Society, gave an update to the Council. She thanked the Council for providing all of the storage for the Historical Society in the basement of City Hall. The Historical Society enjoys working as a team with the City and organizations in the Community. Also, thank you to the Public Works department for their help with maintaining the Little Red School House. The Historical Society has three big goals to work on. 1) New sign at the Silo. 2) Repainting of the Silo. 3) Digitalization of the Weyauwega newspapers. Have papers dated back to 1855 on microfilm but microfilm is very hard to get access too. Baehman also invited the community to the Cemetery Walk video presentation they are hosting in the Community Room of City Hall on February 22nd.

Public Works Committee: Discussion and possible action on Municipal Well & Pump Quote for inspection to Well #4. After getting more information from the Public Works Department since the committee meeting that this company does all of the well work for the City it was agreed to approve the quote. *Motion Gunderson, second Goetsch, to approve the Municipal Well & Pump quote for inspection to Well #4. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

Discussion and possible action on quote for brick work repair on city garage. Received a quote for \$685 from Duane Westpahl to repair the brick on the city garage before painting.

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Motion Gunderson, second Goetsch, to approve the quote for \$685 for brickwork on city garage. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Motion Gunderson, second Goetsch, to approve having Rich Tomaszewski paint the city garage. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Motion Goetsch, second Gunderson, to approve the renewal agreement with HydroCorp for the Cross Connection Inspections for a 2-year agreement at \$10,272. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Finance Committee:

Motion Stelzner, second Binley, to collect separate checks for the Community Room rent and security deposit and hold the security deposit until after the event. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Motion Stelzner, second Binley to approve checks dated 01/01/2024 through 01/31/2024 totaling \$459,336.74 and the monthly financial reports. A roll call vote was taken with “ayes” from Stelzner, Binley, Gunderson, Goetsch, and Appleby; “nays” none. Motion carried.

Police, Fire, & Ambulance Committee: Police Chief Leschke introduced new part-time officer Colton Wegener. He was sworn in by Clerk Loehrke.

Motion Stelzner, second Gunderson, to move forward with Veronica Isherwood as the City’s Prosecuting Attorney for Municipal Court matters. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.

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

Recreation Committee: Discussion and possible action on Community Picnic in Maasch Park. Was discussed at the Committee Meeting on having a community picnic to acknowledge and thank our Fire, Police and EMS services. Needed to check on availability of shelters up at the park. *Motion Gunderson, second Appleby, to approve June 23rd as Community Picnic day in Maasch Park. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.* It will be potluck style with free swimming and possible baseball games.

Motion Gunderson, second Binley, to approve the \$7,000 quote from Spielbauer for fireworks on July 3rd. Motion carried with four “ayes” and one abstain from Stelzner. Spielbauer will also provide a DJ to play music at the fairgrounds before the fireworks show.

Public Property & Purchasing Committee: No Action for Council

Plan Commission: No Action for Council

Old Business: *Motion Goetsch, second Appleby, to approve the offer to purchase for parcel #35-04-81-22 and parcel #35-04-81-29 between the City of Weyauwega and Lennon Holdings, LLC. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.* Lennon Holdings LLC is an investment group that operates Dollar General. The property owner of 108 E Ann Street is selling the property to Lennon Holdings LLC.

New Business: Discuss the procedure for appointment of District 3 Alderperson to fill the remaining term of Kaley DuCoeur. Two applicants submitted paperwork that are interested

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in serving on Council. The Mayor will meet with them both and bring his recommendation forward for council approval.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Luedke thanked everyone that has helped keep things running smoothly the last 5 months without an administrator. Goetsch thanked Mayor Luedke for the extra responsibilities he took on with the absence of an administrator.

Administrator's Report: Administrator Rennie thanked the council for the new opportunity. He plans to hit the road running.

Police Chief's Report: No report available. Chief Leschke had to leave early.

The March 2024 Meeting Calendar was set.

Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law: Andy Schmidt notified Council that Michael Lee in the Public Works has 10 properties to move forward with this year for the lead lateral line replacement program.

Motion Stelzner, second Gunderson, to adjourn at 7:13 pm. Motion carried with five "ayes", zero "nays".

Rebecca Loehrke
City Clerk