

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF WEYAUWEGA
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 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, November 20, 2023 in the Weyauwega Municipal Building Council Chambers by Mayor Rich Luedke.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Rich Luedke, Bruce Goetsch, Chris Gunderson, Shani Appleby, and Rick Binley. Not Present: Dewey Stelzner and Kaley DuCoeur. Also present: City Clerk Rebecca Loehrke, City Treasurer Trina Herbst-Gutche, Police Chief Brandon Leschke, Lori Gosz, Frank Zabojski, Kim Rogers, Wayne Simenson and Mike Sabel. The meeting began with the saying of the Pledge of Allegiance led by Shani Appleby.

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

Motion Goetsch, second Appleby, to approve the minutes of the Regular Common Council Meeting from October 16, 2023 and the Special Council from October 30, 2023. Motion carried with four “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Citizen Appearances: Library Representative, Frank Zabojski, reported that the cement work is done. Construction is on hold right now with Thanksgiving and hunting. The crew has one project to finish up at another location. Will be back at the end of next week or 1st week in December. The library front door is back in service.

Weyauwega Chamber President, Kim Rogers, updated Council on the Christmas Parade, December 2nd at 5:30 pm. Line up and registration will take place in the High School parking lot from 4:00-5:15pm. She will be meeting with Chief Leschke yet to go over details on the parade route. They will be closing the two ends of the 100 block of E. Main Street at 4:30 pm. The Rustic Java truck will be parked near the Gerold Theater. There will be hot chocolate, water, little toys of kids and coloring activities in the Community Room. Tree lighting will take place at the corner of Pine/Mill. Santa will be at the Gerold Theater. Kim is hoping to get the local ATV/UTV club to help with security along the parade route and block intersections. Tri County 4H club will be poop scoopers at the end of the parade.

Wayne Simenson spoke to the Council about a tractor pull he is putting together to have at the fairgrounds the weekend of May 17-19, 2024. He is looking for groups to help with food stands. His foundation is the Wayne Simenson Foundation for the Handicap. They do hold a 501C3 and has a foundation board. He will be working with the Police Department on security for the event and traffic control. He is anticipating a big crowd. He will be advertising it as the “Weyauwega Blast”.

Public Works Committee: *Motion Goetsch, second Gunderson, to patch South Street between Mill and Mary as best as can be and look at patching in the spring. Motion carried with four “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

Motion Goetsch, second Gunderson, to approve the quote with Bucklin’s for brush grinding at the Yard Site. Motion carried with four “ayes”, zero “nays”.

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Motion Goetsch, second Gunderson, to approve the quote to remove the concrete at the water tower on Slough Road from Faulks Bros. Motion carried with four “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Motion Goetsch, second Gunderson, to approve the use of the grader at \$168 per hour and as needed for plowing from Faulks Bros. Motion carried with four “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Motion Goetsch, second Gunderson, to approve the Cathodic Protection Systems for \$1,850 for two water towers. Motion carried with four “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Motion Goetsch, second Gunderson, to approve the Alarm Notification Software for the WWTP from Altronex. Motion carried with four “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Motion Goetsch, second Gunderson, to approve the Jim’s Plumbing quote for updates to the restrooms at the swim lake. Motion carried with four “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Motion Goetsch, second Gunderson, to approve the 2024 Water-Sewer Utility Budgets with the changes made. Motion carried with four “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Finance Committee: *Motion Binley, second Gunderson, to approve the 2023 Vacation Rollover Requests as presented in the packet. Motion carried with four “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

Motion Binley, second Gunderson, to approve a day and a half floating holiday for Clerk Loehrke. Motion carried with four “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Motion Binley, second Gunderson, to approve checks from 10/01/2023 through 10/31/2023 totaling \$336,613.31 and the monthly financial reports. A roll call vote was taken with “ayes” from Binley, Appleby, Goetsch, and Gunderson; “nays” none.

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

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

Recreation Committee: No Action for Council

Public Property & Purchasing Committee: No Action for Council

Plan Commission: No Action for Council

New Business: *Motion Goetsch, second Binley, to approve Operator License applications for Linnea Ingalls, Haufschildt’s Brew Haus and Margaret Cierzan, Wilson’s Brickhouse. Motion carried with four “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

Public Hearing on Proposed 2024 General City Budget:

Motion Goetsch, second Appleby, to open the Public Hearing for the 2024 General City Budget. Motion carried with four “ayes”, zero “nays”. Lori Gosz, with McMahon, went over a few highlights on the proposed budget. The 2024 General Fund Budget was proposed with expenditures of \$2,175,402. The 2024 Levy Apportionment is \$1,043,681.00 with a projected tax rate of \$7.8973. Projected total mill rate for 2024 is \$21.40 versus \$28.93 from 2023. No other questions were asked from the Public or Council.

Motion Goetsch, second Binley, to close the Public Hearing for the 2024 General City Budget. Motion carried with four “ayes”, zero “nays”.

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Motion Goetsch, second Appleby, to approve Resolution #659 – Adoption of the 2024 General City Budget with a 2024 Levy Apportionment of \$1,043,681. Motion carried with four “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Mayor’s Report: Mayor Luedke thanked Lori for all of her hard work on putting the budget together and getting the City heading in the right direction with proper reporting. Also, thanked Clerk Loehrke, Treasurer Herbst-Gutche and Chief Leschke for keeping things running smoothly. The Mayor said his phone is always on him if anyone needs help or has a question. He also gave an update on the Administrator search. Four applicants have now been submitted. He and Lori will be doing phone interviews with the applications to see how qualified and interested in the position before interviewing with Council.

Police Chief’s Report: Chief Leschke highlighted his report from the committee meeting. There were 279 calls of service for the month of October. The City is receiving an AED from UW-Oshkosh Nursing Students and Gold Cross. The students did a study of where AED’s in rural areas were located and the Weyauwega area was lacking. It will be located in the front vestibule of City Hall which has access 24/7. The new Charger should be in service next week.

The December Meeting Calendar was set.

Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law: Mayor Luedke reported that over 60 surveys were completed on the land survey for the Comprehensive Plan update. Appleby noted that her residents at St. Joe’s in New London will be having a bake sale tomorrow.

Motion Appleby, second Goetsch, to adjourn at 7:17 pm. Motion carried with four “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Rebecca Loehrke
City Clerk