

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF WEYAUWEGA
MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 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, January 15, 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 Clerk Rebecca Loehrke, Police Chief Brandon Leschke, James Card, Frank Zabojski, Richard Rupno, Pat Gorchals, Steve Oehlke, Nick Gunderson, Clint Price, Bob Anibas and Kathy Peterson. The meeting began with the saying of the Pledge of Allegiance led by Rick Binley.

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

Motion Goetsch, second Appleby, to approve the minutes of the Regular Common Council Meeting from December 18, 2023. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Citizen Appearances: Library Representative, Frank Zabojski, thanked the Public Works Department for their help in snow removal at the Library. They are currently waiting for several inspections on the expansion project before crews are able to proceed.

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

Nick Gunderson asked for the Ordinance Committee to take up the subject of Homeless Shelters. Will put on the February Ordinance Committee for discussion.

Public Works Committee: No Action for Council

Finance Committee:

Discussion and possible action on vacation rollover requests for Chief Leschke and Officer DeGrand: Due to the automobile accident on Hwy 10 in mid-December that took the lives of a local family and the Police Departments obligations Officer DeGrand and Chief Leschke were not able to use their vacation time by the end of the year. They are requesting to carryover 56.25 hours for Officer DeGrand and 98.25 hours for Chief Leschke which will be used by the end of March. *Motion Stelzner, second Binley to approve the vacation rollover requests for Chief Leschke and Officer DeGrand. Motion carried with all “ayes”.*

Discussion and possible action on posting of Aldermanic District 3 Vacancy due to the resignation of Council Member Kaley DuCoeur: The posting that was included in the packet is the same posting used last year. It will be put on the City’s website and Facebook page. Clerk Loehrke has also included information in the water bill newsletter that went out last week. *Motion Gunderson, second Stelzner, to accept the resignation of Kaley DuCoeur as District 3 Alderperson. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

Discussion and possible action on Waupaca County Economic Development Corporation Renewal Agreement: The 2024 renewal for the Waupaca County Economic Development Corporation is due. *Motion Stelzner, second Appleby, to approve the invoice for the Waupaca County Economic Development Corporation Renewal Agreement. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

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Discussion and possible action on American Rescue Plan Funds (ARPA): As previously discussed during 2024 Budget preparation, \$15,000 for Patrol Rifle Replacement and \$50,000 towards a Splash Pad were to be pulled from the 2024 Budget and instead use ARPA funds. This will leave \$30,356.84 remaining to be allocated by 12/31/2024 and spent by 12/31/2026. Motion Stelzner, second Binley, to approve the allocation of \$15,000 for Patrol Rifle Replacement and \$50,000 for a Splash Pad from ARPA funds. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Discussion and possible action on checks dated 12/01/2023 through 12/31/2023 totaling \$247,893.57 and the monthly financial reports. *Motion Stelzner, second Gunderson, to approve checks from 12/01/2023 through 12/31/2023 totaling \$247,893.57 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: 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: *Motion Goetsch, second Binley, to approve the sign permit for Presto Products Inc at 204 E 3rd Ave. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

New Business: No Action for Council

Mayor’s Report: Mayor Luedke thanked the Public Works Department for all their work with the last two snow storms. Worked through some minor issues but overall snow removal went well. Will need to contact Agropur about their snow plow driver not pushing snow across the road and causing a blind spot. Also, cold weather snap is helping to get ice made on the ice rink up at the ball field. Will need to hold a special council meeting next week Monday, January 22nd to interview one more potential candidate for City Administrator.

Interim Administrator’s Report: Not available.

Police Chief’s Report: Chief Leschke updated the Council on the calls for December and gave his monthly update. There were 333 calls for service, 79 traffic citations issues, 38 traffic warnings issued and 15 municipal ordinance citations issued.

- Participated in the Christmas Parade on December 2nd
- Involved and assisted with events from the motor vehicle accident on Hwy 10 from Dec 16th to Dec 29th.
- Delivered gifts to a local adopt a family
- Entered into an agreement for department wide Mental Wellness Support Services
- On December 15th Colton Wegener graduated from Fox Valley Technical College Law Enforcement Academy. Colton is currently in our hiring process for part-time employment. He will also be working in Iola.
- Officer Brandon Rode was promoted to Corporal beginning January 1, 2024.

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- The 2023 Dodge Charger went into service December 1st.
- Officer Bachaus attended Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement Training.

The February 2024 Meeting Calendar was set.

Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law: Stelzner wanted to remind people to spread the word and help remove snow around the fire hydrants. Kathy Peterson spoke to council in regards to a couple of issues with snow plowing by her house on N. Pine Street and by her property on N. Mill Street.

Motion Gunderson, second Stelzner, to move into Closed Session at 7:12 pm pursuant to §19.85(1)(e) Wis. Stats., deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. The reason for the closed session is to deliberate and negotiate the purchasing and sale of public properties. Also, §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 the City Administrator Hiring Process. If the council adjourns into closed session it may choose to reconvene into open session at the completion of the closed session pursuant to §19.85(2)Wis. Stats. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Motion Stelzner, second Gunderson, to adjourn in closed session at 7:30 pm. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Rebecca Loehrke
City Clerk