

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF WEYAUWEGA
MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2021

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 18, 2021 in the Weyauwega Municipal Building Council Chambers.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Jack Spierings, Shani Appleby, Rich Luedke, Kaley DuCoeur, Chris Gunderson, Cameron Looker and Bruce Goetsch. Also present: City Administrator Jeremy Schroeder, Clerk Rebecca Loehrke, Sergeant Brandon Leschke, Frank Zabojs, Richard Rupno and Mary Beisner. The meeting began with the saying of the Pledge of Allegiance led by Cameron Looker.

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

Motion Luedke, second Appleby, to approve the minutes of the Regular Common Council Meeting from September 20, 2021. Motion carried with six “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Motion Goetsch, second Appleby, to open the public hearing on the establishment of wards and redistricting of boundaries of the City’s Aldermanic Districts based on the 2020 Federal Census. Motion carried with six “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Citizen Appearances: Library Representative, Frank Zabojs, reported that the Library is losing its Children’s Librarian at the end of the month. They have received an application from an individual that is very interested in the position. She is currently taking classes to be a librarian.

Public Works Committee: *Motion Goetsch, second Luedke, to approve Water Tank A20 Pay Request #11 for \$31,825. Motion carried with six “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

Motion Goetsch, second Gunderson, to approve Water Main B20 Pay Request #4 for \$16,159.02 contingent on lien waivers. Motion carried with six “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Motion Goetsch, second Luedke, to approve Booster C20 Pay Request #7 for \$215,215.68 contingent on lien waivers. Motion carried with six “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Motion Goetsch, second Gunderson, to approve WWTP D20 Change Order #4 for an increase of \$4,679.69. Motion carried with six “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Motion Goetsch, second Looker, to approve WWTP D20 Pay Request #7 for \$45,393.64 contingent on lien waivers. Motion carried with six “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Motion Goetsch, second Luedke, to approve the invoice for \$25,850 for work completed on the Mary Street Storm Sewer thus far. Motion carried with six “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Motion Goetsch, second Luedke, to approve sending out an RFP for garbage and recycling collection. Motion carried with six “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Motion Goetsch, second Luedke, to approve Bucklin Tree Service LLC for tub grinder service. Motion carried with six “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Motion Goetsch, second Gunderson, to approve the proposal from Faulks Brothers for 2021-2022 snow removal. Motion carried with six “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Finance Committee: Approval for sending out the RFP for garbage and recycling collection was made under Public Works.

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Motion Appleby, second Luedke, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the State of Wisconsin, Department of Administration. Schroeder explained that the DNR would like to rent office space in City Hall because the two local wardens are working out of their homes. The office space will be located in the 2nd floor office where the Council mail box is currently located. Motion carried with six “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Motion DuCoeur, second Appleby, to approve an increase to \$11.00/hour for election inspectors and \$11.50/hour for chief inspectors. Motion carried with six “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Motion DuCoeur, second Appleby, to approve checks dated 09/01/2021 thru 09/30/2021 totaling \$643,032.51 and the monthly financial statements. A roll call vote was taken with “ayes” from Appleby, DuCoeur, Goetsch, Looker, Gunderson and Luedke; zero “nays”. Motion carried.

Police, Fire, & Ambulance Committee: *Motion Luedke, second Goetsch, to allow the Chief to keep his sidearm upon retirement. Motion carried with six “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

Motion Luedke, second Goetsch, to allow the expenditure for a shelf gun at the time when it is needed. Motion carried with six “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Motion Luedke, second Goetsch, to approve the 2022 Gold Cross Ambulance Service Agreement. Motion carried with six “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Fire District Update: Goetsch explained that the Fire District is going to try offering auxiliary memberships which would be someone that would assist the department someday. The auxiliary membership would be at $\frac{3}{4}$'s of the pay for a regular firefighter. The district is hoping this may be a chance to expand its membership. Currently the district has 28 firefighters.

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 Luedke, to approve the Street Use Permit for Weyauwega Chamber of Commerce on October 31st from 2-7 pm. Motion carried with six “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

Motion Goetsch, second Gunderson, to approve the Operator Licenses for Kristen Gehring and Mikyla Reeck, Picklebellies Pub & Grill. Motion carried with six “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Notice of Disallowance: Schroeder explained the fall that happened at the pool in 2020. The City's insurance did pay medical bills that maxed out the No-fault Premise Medpay coverage on December 30, 2020. The individual is looking for an additional \$50,000. The City's insurance company thru their investigation did not find any negligent or liability on the City and has asked for the City to disallow the most recent claim. The statute of limitations period is also past the six month timeframe. *Motion Appleby, second Luedke, to approve the Notice of Disallowance of Claims for insurance claim from Patricia Hansen. Motion carried with six “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

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2022 Budget Update: Schroeder reported that the 2022 Budget is coming along very well. He is still waiting for the State's Final Assessment figures to finish everything up. They should be coming out any day now. Presentation and review of the budget will take place at the Special Council on Monday, October 25th with the Public Hearing and adoption of the budget at the November 15th Regular Council Meeting.

Motion Goetsch, second DuCoeur, to close the Public Hearing on the establishment of wards and redistricting of boundaries of the City's Aldermanic District based on the 2020 Federal Census. Motion carried with six "ayes", zero "nays".

Motion Goetsch, second Appleby, to approve Ordinance 2021-4 to amend Chapter 39 of the Weyauwega Municipal Code by altering ward boundaries and aldermanic districts. Motion carried with six "ayes", zero "nays".

Mayor's Report: Nothing more to report on.

Administrator's Report: Administrator Schroeder went over two presentations he prepared for the Council. First was the highlights of the First Impressions Workshop that was held at City Hall in September. A lot of great feedback on what new people see coming into the City or look for searching the internet and also areas that could be improved or expanded upon. The second presentation was a "Day in the Life of a City Administrator". This was asked by a council member to describe his duties and daily activities he does.

Police Chief's Report: Sergeant Leschke reported on the following:

- Calls of Service from September – October were 198. Year to date calls are at 1,484.
- Working on speed complaints on W. Main Street. They have a temporary speed board installed to slow traffic down.
- Still working to promote part time officer positions and encouraging people to apply.
- Working on the final details for the hiring of the new Patrol Sergeant.
- The 2021 Chevy Tahoe is built and has the chip in. It is being transported to Plach Automotive.
- Have received 4 of the 5 AED's. The 5th AED was donated by the WF High School Volleyball Team. It will be coming shortly. Gold Gross Ambulance provided training to the department.
- Staff continues to pull together to make the coverage schedule work.
- Transition is in full swing for Leschke to take over as new Police Chief.
- All employee reviews have taken place and the department has good goals set.

The meeting calendar for November set.

Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law: None

Motion Luedke, second Appleby, to adjourn at 7:33 pm. Motion carried with six "ayes", zero "nays".

Rebecca Loehrke – City Clerk