

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF WEYAUWEGA
MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2023

The special meeting of the Common Council of the City of Weyauwega was called to order at 6:30 p.m., on Monday, October 30, 2023 by Mayor Rich Luedke in the Weyauwega Municipal Building Council Chambers.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Rich Luedke, Bruce Goetsch, Chris Gunderson, and Kaley DuCoeur. Not present: Dewey Stelzner, Shani Appleby and Rick Binley. Also present: City Clerk Rebecca Loehrke, Police Chief Brandon Leschke, City Treasurer Trina Herbst-Gutche, Lori Gosz with McMahon, Richard Rupno, Elmer Keberlein, James Card, and Officer Tha Vong Vue and his family. The meeting began with the saying of the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Rich Luedke.

Chief Leschke introduce the City's newest full-time officer Tha Vong Vue to the council. He is currently going thru the FTO process and will be finishing up soon. He will be working the night shift replacing Lydia Walby who left earlier in the year.

2024 Budget Draft Review: Lori Gosz, McMahon Associates, presented the 2024 General Fund Budget. Lori found some errors in reporting from prior years that she corrected in the 2024 Budget. In the past, TIF District Tax was included as a revenue line to balance the general fund budget. The TIF fund should be kept separate from the General Fund. She then also found that the Levy Limit Worksheet was not being filled out completely. On the second page the Debt Service Levy for general obligation debt authorized after July 1, 2005 was not being accounted for. Also, the increase for unused levy carryforward from prior years was not being included. Will need a motion to approve at the November meeting to include the unused levy carryforward from prior years. The City also needs to start growing the Fund Balance back up. A good practice is to have 3 months or 25% of your annual operating budget available in the general fund balance. At the end of 2022 the City's balance was \$193,829 which is approximately 10%. A Fund Balance Policy should be established in 2024. The corrections made to the proposed 2024 budget will help to put the City moving in the right direction. Chief Leschke noted that he made some adjustments in his budget to be able to give his officers a 3% raise with 2 steps. The City has \$155,000 in ARPA funds that need to have a plan in place for usage by the end of 2024. Money towards a splash pad and rifles for the Police Department were taken out of the budget and noted that ARPA funds can be used for these projects. Some additional money was then put into street improvements to start building up a cushion for future street work. The City's assessed value went up around \$40,000,000 due to the full revaluation of the City. Lori is waiting to get the final Statement of Assessment from the State. We should be getting it any day. Currently the proposed tax rate for the City would be around \$8.23913. Still need numbers from the County and the School District. The proposed budget summary will be sent to the paper for publication

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF WEYAUWEGA
MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2023

in the November 2nd and November 9th issues of the Waupaca County Post. The Public Hearing will be held at the November 20th Council meeting. Copies of the budget presentation will be available at City Hall for any citizen that would like to review it.

Motion DuCoeur, second Gunderson, to adjourn at 7:05 pm. Motion carried with all “ayes”.

Rebecca Loehrke
City Clerk