

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF WEYAUWEGA
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Common Council of the City of Weyauwega was called to order at 7:00 p.m., on Monday, September 21, 2020 by Mayor Jack Spierings in the Weyauwega Municipal Building Council Chambers. Before the meeting began the Mayor presented to the City a beautiful wooden flag that will be hung up in the Council Chambers.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Jack Spierings, Shani Appleby, Jered Wilson, Keith Najdowski, Bruce Goetsch, Rich Luedke and Dewey Stelzner. Also present: City Administrator Jeremy Schroeder, Clerk Rebecca Loehrke, Police Chief Jerry Poltrock, Frank Zabojski, Angie Landsverk, Linda Klenke, Wendy Jones and daughter. The meeting began with the saying of the Pledge of Allegiance led by Jered Wilson.

Motion Najdowski, second Appleby, to approve the agenda. Motion carried with six "ayes", zero "nays".

Motion Najdowski, second Appleby, to approve the minutes of the Regular Common Council Meeting from August 17, 2020. Motion carried with six "ayes", zero "nays".

Citizen Appearances: Frank Zabojski-Library Representative, reported the cement along the street in front of the library has been installed. Has received lots of compliments on it so far. Will make snow removal much easier. The library received a grant thru OWLS to upgrade their WIFI and will be putting a shelter in the back which will have WIFI access. It will be a place for people to be outside while visiting the library. The library is also working on the 2021 budget.

Public Works Committee: *Motion Goetsch, second Najdowski, to approve Change Order #1 in the amount of \$12,654.60 for the extra work needed on the Birdsall Street Project. Motion carried with six "ayes", zero "nays".*

Motion Goetsch, second Stelzner, to approve payment #1 in the amount of \$149,503.74 to Robert J. Immel Excavating for the Birdsall Street Project. Motion carried with six "ayes", zero "nays".

Motion Goetsch, second Najdowski, to approve the air compressor replacement for \$1,400. Motion carried with six "ayes", zero "nays".

Motion Goetsch, second Najdowski, to approve the proposal of 5 lights being installed in Mill Pond Circle at a cost of \$12,220.79. Motion carried with six "ayes", zero "nays".

Motion Najdowski, second Stelzner, to approve the 5 year service agreement with Waupaca County Highway Department at a cost of \$1,900 per year. Motion carried with five "ayes" and one abstain from Goetsch.

Finance Committee: *Motion Najdowski, second Appleby, to include sick time, vacation time, personal days and comp time be considered as paid time off for overtime compensation for 80 hour and 84 hour employees. Motion carried with six "ayes", zero "nays".*

Motion Najdowski, second Appleby, to approve checks dated 08/01/2020 thru 08/31/2020 totaling \$240,710.60 and the monthly financial statements. A roll call vote was taken with "ayes" from Appleby, Najdowski, Goetsch, Luedke, Stelzner and Wilson. Motion carried.

Police, Fire, & Ambulance Committee: Motion for overtime compensation was approved earlier in Finance Committee section.

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Motion Luedke, second Wilson, to approve the purchase of a Chevy Tahoe not to exceed \$58,000. Motion carried with six “ayes”, zero “nays”.

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

Recreation Committee: *Motion Stelzner, second Appleby, to approve Trick or Treat hours for October 31st from 4-7 pm and to follow the Waupaca County Health Department guidelines. Motion carried with six “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

Public Property & Purchasing Committee: No Action for Council

Plan Commission: No Action for Council

New Business: *Motion Goetsch, second Najdowski, to approve Resolution #626 – A Resolution authorizing the City Administrator to act on the behalf of the City of Weyauwega for Recycling Grant program. Motion carried with six “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

Motion Najdowski, second Appleby, to approve operator license applications for Megan Schumacher, Weyauwega Travel Plaza; ill Douglas, The Corner Bar; Paola Patino, Weyauwega Star Dairy and Micayla Kubinski, Wilson’s Brickhouse. Motion carried with five “ayes” and one abstain from Wilson.

The operator license application for Wendy Jones, The Corner Bar, was denied by the Police Department due to an OWI found in her background check. Ms. Jones spoke to the council about the information found in her background check and now having an interlock system on her car. *Motion Stelzner, second Luedke to approve the operator license for Wendy Jones. Motion carried with six “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

Motion Najdowski, second Appleby, to ratify the street use permit application for Thursday Night on Main event for September 17, 2020. Motion carried with six “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Motion Najdowski, second Wilson, to approve the street use permit application for Thursday Night on Main Group for Boo Fest on October 31, 2020. Motion carried with six “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Motion Wilson, second Goetsch, to approve a temporary class “B” retailer’s license application from Fire on Ice for Wega “Rock”toberfest at the Waupaca County Fairgrounds October 3-4, 2020. Motion carried with five “ayes” and one abstain from Stelzner.

Motion Najdowski, second Luedke, to approve a temporary class “B” retailer’s license application from the Taco House for a rodeo at the Waupaca County Fairgrounds for September 26, 2020. Motion carried with six “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Mayor’s Report: Spierings noted that there are several streets and items around town getting fixed and a few new houses being built in Mill Pond Circle. Good to see! He also noted his frustration that the City did not hear anything on the process to apply for the Marilyn Taylor grants. Money was awarded to organizations and businesses in the New London and Fremont areas.

Administrator’s Report: Schroeder reported that he is participating in an Ethics webinar. He is receiving a lot of great information and is willing to share with any council

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members that would be interested in it also. He also reported lots of challenges going on right now with breakdowns at the WWTP, water issue by the library and a boiler down at the WWTP.

Police Chief's Report: Poltrock reported that calls are down but the magnitude of the calls have increased. There is an increase in calls with mental health issues, calls for battery to law enforcement and threats to officers and city staff. Still have a full-time officer out due to a knee injury and a part-time officer who is under quarantine for direct contact to someone that tested positive for Covid.

October Meeting Calendar:

- Finance Committee – October 13th at 3:00 pm
- Recreation Committee – October 13th at 5:30 pm
- Police, Fire & Ambulance Committee – October 13th at 6:30 pm
- Public Works Committee – October 13th at 7:00 pm
- City Council – October 19th at 7:00 pm

Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law: Wilson asked about the grocery store property being condemnable. Schroeder noted that the building is not at the point where it can be condemned. It is owned by the bank and there are still negotiations going on for the sale of the property.

Motion Luedke, second Appleby, to adjourn at 7:38 pm. Motion carried with six "ayes", zero "nays".

Rebecca Loehrke
City Clerk