

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL COMMON COUNCIL  
CITY OF WEYAUWEGA  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2021

jThe special meeting of the Common Council of the City of Weyauwega was called to order at 6:30 p.m., on Monday, October 25, 2021 by Mayor Jack Spierings in the Weyauwega Municipal Building Council Chambers.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Jack Spierings, Rich Luedke, Bruce Goetsch, Chris Gunderson, Cameron Looker, Shani Appleby, and Kaley DuCoeur. Also present: City Administrator Jeremy Schroeder, Clerk Rebecca Loehrke, Sergeant Brandon Leschke and Richard Rupno (arrived at 6:58 pm). The meeting began with the saying of the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Jack Spierings.

Consider Operator License for Kate Rolfs, Wilson's Brickhouse: *Motion Goetsch, second Looker, to approve the operator license for Kate Rolfs, Wilson's Brickhouse. Motion carried with six "ayes", zero "nays".*

Recommendation to hire Bryan Strobusch as Patrol Sergeant beginning January 2, 2022 starting at Step 9 of the Police Department Wage Scale (Sergeant) with 192 hours of vacation: Appleby asked about his background check. Leschke stated he checked everything out and feels confident in hiring Strobusch. *Motion Goetsch, second Luedke, to approve the hiring of Bryan Strobusch as Patrol Sergeant beginning January 2, 2022 starting at Step 9 of the Police Department Wage Scale (Sergeant) with 192 hours of vacation. Motion carried with six "ayes", zero "nays".*

2022 Budget Draft Review: Administrator Schroeder presented the draft of the 2022 Budget. The 2021 review included the continuation of the COVID pandemic. It also saw significant capital projects accomplished with the new water tower, booster station & water main; upgrade to the WWTP sludge processing system; installation of the canoe/kayak launch; and skim coating of 5 blocks. The City was even able to maintain services with some staffing shortages at times. The 2022 budget will include a 2% increase plus a step for employees upon successful evaluations. Total expenditures are projected to be \$2,057,040 which is an increase of 1.67% from 2021. There are slight increases to General Government Expenditures, Public Safety Expenditures, Public Works, and Leisure Activities/Educations Expenditures. Decreases are in the categories of Health & Social Services and Capital Improvements. Total revenues are projected at \$2,057,040 for an increase of 1.67%. There are slight decreases of revenue in Total Intergovernmental Revenue, Regulation and Compliance Revenue and Other General & Commercial Revenues. An increase was projected in Charges for Services which will included the rental income from the DNR renting the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor office space. The City will need to do a total re-evaluation in 2022 to bring the ratio of assessed value to equalized value in compliance. The City has not done a total re-evaluation since 2008 and is overdue. Schroeder presented 4 options to the General Tax Levy ranging from \$800,500 to \$816,261. After much discussion from the Council, they decided to publish in the public notice a General Tax Levy of \$813,000 which will be a \$.13 increase on the mill rate to \$9.01. The 2022 budget summary will then be sent to the paper for publication and the Public Hearing will be held at the November 15<sup>th</sup>

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Council meeting. Schroeder will have copies of the budget presentation available at City Hall for any citizens that would like to review it.

*Motion Goetsch, second Luedke, to move into closed session pursuant to §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 for Administrator Evaluation. 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 six “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

*Motion Goetsch, second Appleby, to adjourn at 8:09 pm. Motion carried with four “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

Rebecca Loehrke  
City Clerk