

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF WEYAUWEGA
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Common Council of the City of Weyauwega was called to order at 6:30 p.m., on Monday, February 17, 2025 in the Weyauwega Municipal Building Council Chambers by Mayor Rich Luedke.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Rich Luedke, Chris Gunderson, Austin Baehnman, Meta Berg, and Pat Gorchals. Not present: Shani Appleby. Also present: Clerk Rebecca Loehrke, Police Chief Brandon Leschke, Nick Gunderson, and Cathy Spiegelberg. The meeting began with the saying of the Pledge of Allegiance led by Meta Berg.

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

Motion Gunderson, second Gorchals, to approve the minutes of the Regular Common Council Meeting from January 20, 2025. Motion carried with four “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Citizen Appearances: Nick Gunderson, new Library Representative, gave an update from the Library Board. Circulation is down 14% from this time last year. They had a get-together for the retirement of Frank Zaboj last month. Anndi Loken has resigned. The library will not be hiring anyone at this time. Library staff feel they can cover the time that Anndi was putting in.

Cathy Spiegelberg, Chamber Representative, gave an update from their last meeting. They are getting things set up for what events the Chamber will do in 2025 and also what events will need to be insured. The Chamber is looking for the City to possibly carry the liability insurance for Boo Fest and Horse & Buggy Days. The Chamber is also looking to fundraise for a new PA system for Main Street and to move the location from the Brew Haus to possibly City Hall.

Public Works Committee: *Motion Baehnman, second Gunderson, to approve the Capital Improvement Expenditure Request for hydrant piping at the WWTP. Motion carried with four “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

Motion Baehnman, second Gunderson, to approve the Capital Improvement Expenditure Request for a lawn mower purchase. Motion carried with four “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Finance Committee: *Motion Berg, second Gorchals, to approve the Wisconsin Election Commission Clerk Conference for Clerk Loehrke. Motion carried with four “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

Motion Berg, second Gorchals, to approve the RFP for Auditing & Non-Auditing Services. Motion carried with four “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Motion Berg, second Gorchals, to approve the promotion of Patrick McClone from part-time to full-time School Resource Officer effective February 24, 2025. Motion carried with four “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Motion Berg, second Gorchals, to approve checks dated 01/01/2025 through 01/31/2025 totaling \$373,561.30 and the monthly financial statements. A roll call vote was taken with “ayes” from Berg, Gorchals, Gunderson, and Baehnman; “nays” none. Motion carried.

Motion Berg, second Gorchals, to approve the mayor’s salary at \$500 per month, meetings included, effective the new term in April. Motion carried with four “ayes”, zero “nays”.

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Police, Fire, & Ambulance Committee: Discussion and possible action on quote for a light on the City Hall flag pole. A quote for \$685 was submitted from Master Electrical Services. *Motion Gorchals, second Baehnman, to approve the \$685 quote for the installation of a light on the flag pole. Motion carried with four “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

Public Health & Relief (Ordinance) Committee: Discussion and possible action on Ordinance 2025-1 to amend Chapter 95-11: Corrections were made to the ordinance to clarify the paying for meetings and the increase to the mayor’s salary being paid monthly. *Motion Berg, second Gorchals, to approve Ordinance 2025-1 to amend Chapter 95-11 Salaries. Motion carried with four “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

Recreation Committee: No Action for Council

Public Property & Purchasing Committee: No Action for Council

Plan Commission: No Action for Council

New Business: *Motion Gunderson, second Gorchals, to approve an operator license for Wendy McMullen, T’s Corner Bar. Motion carried with four “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

Motion Gunderson, second Gorchals, to approve the appointment of Lauren Wisner to Recreation Committee. Motion carried with four “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Motion Gunderson, second Gorchals, to approve a Class “A” Beer and “Class A” Liquor Retailer’s License for Dolgencorp, LLC dba Dollar General, 108 E Ann Street. Motion carried with four “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Motion Gunderson, second Gorchals, to approve a Cigarette, Tobacco and Electronic Vaping Device Retailer’s License for Dolgencorp, LLC dba Dollar General, 108 E Ann Street. Motion carried with four “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Mayor’s Report: Mayor Luedke thanked the Public Works department for all of their hard work with the recent snowfalls. They are doing an awesome job with snow removal and clean up.

Police Chief’s Report: Chief Leschke gave a brief review of his monthly report since he was not at the Police Committee meeting. There were 288 calls for service, 46 traffic citations issued, 14 written traffic warnings issued and 6 municipal ordinance citations issued. The rifles are ordered. Sergeant Strobusch celebrated his 3-year anniversary and Officer Wagner celebrated his 1-year anniversary. Letters have been sent to two non-compliant properties for 2025. The Flock camera will be temporarily installed on N. Mill Street by John Reindl’s lot. In the summer the camera will be moved closer to the railroad tracks. Leschke also reported that things are going well in the Public Works Department. With the recent snowfall there has been some minor issues but working through things. Have received lots of positive comments from residents. Will be having a staff meeting on Tuesday. Eric Feil is doing research at the treatment plant. He is not happy with some of the test results received so he is looking into what can be changed. Leschke is also looking to set up areas of responsibility for staff for spring and summer, so everyone has certain areas they are responsible for. Will be scheduling with Faulks Bros to remove the snow piles from the city parking lots.

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The Meeting Calendar for March was set with committee meetings on March 11th and City Council on March 17th.

Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law: None

Motion Gunderson, second Baehnman, to adjourn at 6:52 pm. Motion carried with four “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Rebecca Loehrke
City Clerk