

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF WEYAUWEGA
MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2022

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 17, 2022 in the Weyauwega Municipal Building Council Chambers by Mayor Jack Spierings.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Jack Spierings, Tim Litscher, Cameron Looker, Bruce Goetsch, Rich Luedke, Kaley DuCoeur, and Chris Gunderson. Also present: City Administrator Jeremy Schroeder, Clerk Rebecca Loehrke, Police Chief Brandon Leschke, Frank Zabo, and Doug Behn. The meeting began with the saying of the Pledge of Allegiance led by Rich Luedke.

Motion Goetsch, second Looker, to approve the agenda. Motion carried with six "ayes", zero "nays".

Motion Goetsch, second Luedke, to approve the minutes of the Regular Common Council Meeting from September 19, 2022. Motion carried with six "ayes", zero "nays".

Citizen Appearances: Library Representative, Frank Zabo, reported that the library board meet with an OWLS representative at their meeting today and discussed a brochure on the Freedom to Read Statement. Library staff need to know what to do if they would receive a complaint on some reading material. The brochure helps them determine what is legal or not. At the board meeting they also approved the library budget which will be going to council next week. They will also be meeting with the City Engineers to work on a time schedule for the library expansion project. The library will be receiving a \$100,000 grant from the Marilyn Taylor Foundation. \$50,000 will be dispersed in the first year, \$25,000 in the 2nd year and \$25,000 in the 3rd year.

Public Works Committee: *Motion Goetsch, second Gunderson, to approve the 2023 Annual Regulatory Safety Services by Fehr Graham for \$3,650. Motion carried with six "ayes", zero "nays".*

Motion Goetsch, second Gunderson, to move forward with the Manor Drive maintenance if it works into the budget for \$44,625. Motion carried with six "ayes", zero "nays".

Motion Goetsch, second Luedke, to approve Resolution #652 for Authorized Representative to File Applications for Financial Assistance from State of Wisconsin Environment Improvement Fund. This will allow Schroeder to complete the Intent to Apply for funding to establish a program to help residents replace private lead laterals. Motion carried with six "ayes", zero "nays".

Finance Committee: *Motion DuCoeur, second Luedke, to approve the use of the refrigerator only for the nutrition program and waive the monthly fee with all activities being moved out of the site. Motion carried with six "ayes", zero "nays".*

Motion DuCoeur, second Luedke, to approve the fee changes and corrections as presented. This will come back next month in proper ordinance format for final approval. Gunderson would also like to see an increase in the fee for the Yard Waste Site Tags. Will discuss that item at the November Public Works and Finance Committee Meetings. Motion carried with six "ayes", zero "nays".

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Motion DuCoeur, second Litscher, to approve checks dated 09/01/2022 through 09/30/2022 totaling \$284,578.16 and the monthly financial reports. A roll call vote was taken with “ayes” from Litscher, Looker, Goetsch, Luedke, DuCoeur, and Gunderson. Motion carried.

Police, Fire, & Ambulance Committee: No Action for Council

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: *Motion DuCoeur, second Luedke, to approve the conditional use permit for The Refinery Church at 310 E Main Street with the condition that once the transfer of ownership takes place the church will have 8 months to construct a parking lot. Motion carried with four “ayes” and two “abstains” from Litscher and Gunderson.*

Motion DuCoeur, second Luedke, to approve the sign permit application for The Refinery Church at 310 E Main Street. Motion carried with four “ayes” and two “abstains” from Litscher and Gunderson.

Motion DuCoeur, second Goetsch, to approve the sign permit application for the Weyauwega-Fremont School District Complex at 500 E Ann Street. Motion carried with six “ayes”, zero “nays”.

New Business: Schroeder explained the resolution presented which is sponsored by the League of Wisconsin Municipalities. The resolution is to bring notice to the issue of decrease in funding for critical local services at a time when inflation is at an all-time high. Once approved the resolution will go to our local government representatives and to the State. *Motion Goetsch, second to Looker, to approve Resolution #653 – A Resolution Urging Legislature and Governor to Fix Broken System of Funding Critical Local Services. Motion carried with six “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

Motion Goetsch, second DuCoeur, to approve the Temporary Class B Retailer’s License for United without Borders Foundation for event at fairgrounds on November 12, 2022. Motion carried with six “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Mayor’s Report: Mayor Spierings is thankful to see construction moving along with the expansion of the funeral home and the new duplex out in Mill Pond Circle.

Administrator’s Report: Administrator Schroeder reported on the Grand Opening for Premier Community Bank on Friday, October 21st. The ribbon cutting ceremony is at 10:30 am and everyone is invited to attend. He continues to work on his budget presentation for the Special Council meeting on October 24th.

Police Chief’s Report: Chief Leschke reported on the following items from the department:

- 191 calls of service since last council meeting
- The department wrapped up year-end reviews. Staff were encouraged to set goals for the coming year and great ideas were brought forward on training opportunities.

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- The K9 Therapy Dog Program has been very well received. Currently \$4,434.52 in the account for the program. Theda Care will be making a donation and Premier Community Bank will be matching funds during their Grand Opening Day on October 21st. Bailey will be at Premier to meet residents.

The meeting calendar for November was set.

Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law: None

Motion Goetsch, second Luedke, to adjourn at 7:00 pm. Motion carried with six “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Rebecca Loehrke
City Clerk