

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF WEYAUWEGA
MONDAY, MAY 18, 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, May 18, 2020 by Mayor Jack Spierings in the Weyauwega Municipal Building Council Chambers.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Jack Spierings, Jered Wilson, Keith Najdowski, Bruce Goetsch, Rich Luedke and Dewey Stelzner. Not present: Shani Appleby. Also present: City Administrator Jeremy Schroeder, Clerk Rebecca Loehrke, Police Chief Jerry Poltrock, Sergeant Brandon Leschke, Angie Landsverk, Jon Cameron, Tim Potratz, Stephanie Wilson, Ernie Tesch, Audrey Patoka and Rudy Beyer. The meeting began with the saying of the Pledge of Allegiance led by Dewey Stelzner.

Motion Najdowski, second Goetsch, to approve the agenda. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Motion Najdowski, second Luedke, to approve the minutes of the Regular Common Council Meeting from April 21, 2020 and the Re-Organizational Meeting from April 21, 2020. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Citizen Appearances: Frank Zabo, Library Representative, was not present but Administrator Schroeder reported on their board meeting held earlier today. The library will slowly start to reopen on June 1st. They will have a limit of 10 people in the library office with in person appointments made. They are following guidelines set by other libraries in the OWLS system, DPI and WEDC.

Ernie Tesch, Audrey Patoka and Ruby Beyer spoke to the council in regards to the house on E. Wisconsin that has the problem with a large amount of cans. They are thankful that most of the cans were removed but there is still a trailer full. They want to know what will be done going forward with the cans that are collected. This is an issue that has been going on for years and they are tired of it. They want all of the cans removed and no longer stored on the property. If the resident would have a collection of cans they want them stored inside the garage. There is a problem with bees and rodents in the neighborhood and people cannot go out and enjoy their yards. Poltrock had spoken with Alter Recycling and had a trailer dropped off at their house for them to fill. Getting the trailer was delayed because of the pandemic and the office at Alter being closed. Schroeder and Poltrock both spoke about working with the County Health Department and will bring them in if necessary. Schroeder would like some guidance from the Council on how to proceed. Mayor stated the issue is at the top of the list. Schroeder and Poltrock will continue to work with the homeowner and look at ways for the bags of cans to be held somewhere else.

Public Works Committee: *Motion Goetsch, second Najdowski, to mimic the color of water tower #2 with white, grey, and red colors and lettering facing Hwy 10 for the new water tower. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

Motion Goetsch, second Najdowski, to go with Robert J. Immel Excavating Inc. in the amount of \$202,754.50 for the Birdsall Street Reconstruction Project. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.

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Motion Goetsch, second Najdowski, to approve McMahon to be the on-site representative for the Birdsell Street project. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Motion Goetsch, second Najdowski, to approve the rental lease with Miller-Bradford & Risberg for the 2020 Case 621G. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Finance Committee: Jon Cameron with Ehlers spoke on the refinancing of the 2011 Water Revenue Bond debt. The bond is being callable which give the City the opportunity to refinance at lower interest rates. The City will save approximately \$156,000 over the life of the debt by taking advantage of the lower rates. The terms will continue to be the same. It will be done as a parameter sale which will give the Mayor and City Administrator authority to sign off to lock in the rates instead of waiting for City Council to meet. *Motion Najdowski, second Luedke to approve Resolution 622 Authorizing the Issuance and Establishing Parameters for the Sale of Not to Exceed \$1,435,000 Water System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2020A of the City of Weyauwega, Waupaca County, Wisconsin and Providing for the Payment of the Bonds and other details with respect to the Bond. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

Motion Najdowski, second Luedke, to approve Quarles and Brady for Bond and Disclosure Counsel Services. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Motion Najdowski, second Luedke, to approve lowering the liquor license renewal fee to \$50 and waive the beer license fee for Class B license holders for the 2020-2021 license year. (Ordinance 2020-7 Amending §A600-1 Referencing Section 300-5B and 300-5G). Motion carried with four “ayes”, zero “nays”, and one abstain from Wilson.

Motion Najdowski, second Luedke to have both the Administrator and Treasurer sign off on tax payment submissions to make sure all numbers are correct before submitting. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Motion Najdowski, second Goetsch, to approve a sponsorship of \$250 for the Weyauwega Firefighters Dance pending confirmation that the dance will still take place. Motion carried with four “ayes”, zero “nays” and one abstain from Stelzner.

Motion Najdowski, second Luedke, to approve checks dated 04/01/2020 thru 04/30/2020 totaling \$897,642.28 and the monthly financial statements. A roll call vote was taken with “ayes” from Najdowski, Wilson, Goetsch, Stelzner and Luedke. Motion carried.

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

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

Recreation Committee:

Discussion and possible action on 2020 Swim Lake Season, Playground Equipment, Restrooms, Ballfield, Shelter Rentals and Little Red Schoolhouse. Stelzner would like to see the City wait till June 15th to open anything up at the City Parks. The Waupaca County Health Department has an order of mass gatherings of under 50 people and how would the City be able to police that and try to keep everything sanitized on the weekends. The City is going to need time to put procedures in place on sanitizing which will need to be done several times throughout the day

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with a log kept. Najdowski and Wilson both were concerned about the potential liability to the City if someone would get sick and it could be traced back to the park. The Mayor would like to see the pool filled and continue as normal in the park. Much discussion took place between Council members on either waiting till the 15th or open the park now. Najdowski said we have to make sure procedures are in place for sanitation. Luedke and Wilson would like the pool/park to open as normal. Tim Potratz, Pool Director, had talked with Iola and Waupaca pools. Iola is not opening because they are tied with the school district. Waupaca is planning to wait till mid-June and see what happens. The pool normally wouldn't open till around June 8th if properly staffed so waiting till the 15th won't affect it much. If the pool opens, Potratz said they would follow all procedures also set in place by the Red Cross. Question was asked if the City would be able to get enough supplies and equipment to sanitize properly. To start yes, but for how long not sure. *Motion Wilson, second Luedke, to open the parks, playground equipment, restrooms, ballfield, shelter rentals and Little Red Schoolhouse by June 1st and the pool to open normally. Motion carried with five "ayes", zero "nays".*

Discussion and possible action on July 3rd Fireworks: Stelzner would like to see the fireworks continue but with some changes. There will be no concessions, no bounce houses and no bleachers out. People will be asked to stay by their cars and follow proper social distancing. Music will still be played before the fireworks start. *Motion Najdowski, second Wilson, to follow the recommendation for changes to July 3rd fireworks as outlined by Stelzner. Motion carried with five "ayes", zero "nays".*

Public Property & Purchasing Committee: No Action for Council

Plan Commission: No Action for Council

Old Business: Schroeder gave an update on the Waupaca County numbers. There have been 18 positive cases with 3 active cases. He has been busy giving information to local businesses since the Supreme Court overturned the Safer at Home Orders on May 13th. Waupaca County Health Department then issued their own orders on May 14, 2020 allowing businesses to open but to follow reopening guidelines developed by the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) and the Center for Disease Control (CDC). Mass gatherings shall be limited to 50 people. The order is to remain in effect until June 15, 2020. A tentative date of May 28th has been set for COVID-19 testing to take place at the Waupaca County Fairgrounds. Anyone can be tested.

New Business: *Motion Luedke, second Wilson, to approve the Cigarette and Tobacco Products Retail License for The Healing Hauz, LLC located at 122 E Main Street, Suite A. Motion carried with five "ayes", zero "nays".*

Motion Luedke, second Stelzner, to approve the rescheduled date of August 8, 2020 for the Weyauwega Blacktop Tractor Pull. Motion carried with five "ayes", zero "nays".

Mayor's Report: Spierings stated it is a difficult time with so much confusion going on as to what you can and cannot do but we will get through it. He thanked the Clerk for the great job she

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did during the April election and thanked the City Administrator and Police Chief for their work during this time.

Administrator's Report: Schroeder had nothing more to report.

Police Chief's Report: Chief Poltrock noted that there were 90 calls for service in April which is less than half of the calls from April last year. Currently calls are at 512 compared to 673 last year. There were no complaints this past weekend of people not following social distancing policies.

June Meeting Calendar:

- Finance Committee – June 8th at 3:00 pm
- Ordinance Committee – June 8th at 3:30 pm or immediately following Finance
- Recreation Committee – June 9th at 6:30 pm
- Public Works Committee – June 9th at 7:00 pm or immediately following Recreation
- Police, Fire & Ambulance Committee – June 9th at 7:30 pm or immediately following Public Works
- City Council – June 15th at 7:00 pm

Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law: Spierings noted that Ken Van Dyke is running for State Senate District 14. Schroeder forwarded to all council members an email he received from Mr. Van Dyke.

Motion Stelzner, second Goetsch, to adjourn at 8:15 pm. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Rebecca Loehrke
City Clerk