

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF WEYAUWEGA
MONDAY, MARCH 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, March 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, Pat Gorchals and Shani Appleby. Also present: Clerk Rebecca Loehrke, Police Chief Brandon Leschke, John Mueller, Bruce Goetsch, Mary Jane Baehman, Kathy Peterson, Julia Wohlt, Trisha Doherty, Cathy Spiegelberg, Jaime Perez, Rebecca Fields and George Fields. The meeting began with the saying of the Pledge of Allegiance led by Shani Appleby.

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

Motion Gunderson, second Appleby, to approve the minutes of the Regular Common Council Meeting from February 17, 2025. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Citizen Appearances: Appleby gave a report on the library. They have started a Play & Learn program. They are also overhauling the books to get ready for the book sale in May and September. The library put together goody bags for the 4K students. Appleby encouraged residents to stop out and enjoy the library and see the new addition.

Cathy Spiegelberg, Chamber Representative, gave an update from their last meeting. The Chamber would like to work on beautifying Main Street with planters and benches. They are also looking into fundraisers for a new sound system on Main Street and to put Christmas lights up again. They are planning to start a Business after 5 and any interested businesses are asked to contact the chamber.

Mary Jane Baehman, Historical Society Representative, spoke on both the Historical Society and “Horse & Buggy Days & Beyond” committee. She reported on the event coming up commemorating the ride of Paul Revere called Two Lights for Tomorrow. It will be held April 18 & 19th. The Historical Society is looking for someone to dress as Paul Revere and ride down Main Street. Baehman reported the Wolf River Art League is to start repainting the Silo in June. The Historical Society will be hosting 3rd grade History Day. For Horse & Buggy Days, the committee is wanting to get all businesses in the city involved. The focus will be on the cheese industry. A lot of the events will be held inside the Opera House. She asked about the City taking out the liability policy for some events being held on Main Street. The consensus of Council is that the organization that is running the event should have the liability policy. It is not the responsibility of the City.

Public Works Committee: *Motion Baehnman, second Gorchals, to approve the quote for \$47,000 from Waupaca County Highway Department for the East Street Road Project. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

Motion Baehnman, second Gorchals, to approve the quote with Green Boyz for spraying of 16 acres in two applications at a cost of \$4,400. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Discussion and possible action on tree grate repairs on Main and Mill Streets: Further discussion was needed from the committee meeting on where the funds would be coming from.

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Luedke said it would come out of the sidewalk budget and also use capital funds. *Motion Baehnman, second Gunderson, to approve the tree grate repairs on Main and Mill Street for \$5,192. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

Discussion and possible action on concrete work by ballpark concession stand: Further discussion was needed from the committee meeting on where the funds would be coming from also. Leschke gave a history update to the audience in attendance on the work needed up at the ballfield yet to fix the drainage issues and washouts. John Mueller, with Advanced Exteriorscapes, gave his presentation on the drain and concrete project he has proposed. Leschke also noted that the bleachers are in rough shape and will not be replaced at this time. The concrete tiered system will allow people to bring in their lawn chairs and future picnic tables can be added. The quote from Advanced Exteriorscapes does not include the railing as shown in the presentation. Leschke is planning to reach out to Warrior Welding who the city has worked with in the past to see if they would be able to install about 140’ of railing. Leschke noted his conversations with Brian Doherty of the Youth Ball League. Doherty originally thought of maybe being able to donate \$5,000 to the project this year and maybe do a commitment over the next few years. Or the league could start fundraising for the new concession stand with the city paying for the concrete work. Nothing final at this time from the ball league. Mayor Luedke reported if the project would move forward the funds would come out of the capital budget for now. The future Bobcat purchase for Public Works would be put on hold. *Motion Baehnman, second Gunderson, to approve the quote with Advanced Exteriorscapes for \$59,972.22 for drainage and concrete work at the ballfield. Motion carried with all “ayes”.*

Finance Committee: *Motion Appleby, second Berg, to approve the allocation of funds for the lawn mower purchase from the 2024 Capital Fund Balance. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

Motion Appleby, second Berg, to approve changing the annual Mobile Food Business License application fee to \$50 and the background check fee to \$7 per Ordinance 2025-2. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Motion Appleby, second Berg, to approve checks dated 02/01/2025 through 02/28/2025 totaling \$126,218.27 and the monthly financial statements. A roll call vote was taken with “ayes” from Berg, Gorchals, Gunderson, Appleby and Baehnman; “nays” none. Motion carried.

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

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

Recreation Committee: *Motion Gunderson, second Baehnman, to approve increasing the group rate from \$2.50 to \$3.00 per person with all other fees at the swim lake remaining the same as last year. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

Public Property & Purchasing Committee: No Action for Council

Plan Commission: No Action for Council

New Business: *Motion Gunderson, second Appleby, to approve the operator license applications for Gina VanMaastrict, Lisa Wilson & Taeya Romenesko, Dollar General Market. Motion carried with five “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

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Motion Gunderson, second Appleby, to approve a new Class "A" Beer and "Class A" Liquor Retailer's License for El Mariachi Mexican, at 116 E Main Street. It will be a new convenience store with Mexican products. Motion carried with five "ayes", zero "nays".

The Mayor's appointment to Plan Commission will be held till next month. There were two applications submitted.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Luedke is hopeful spring is here. Getting plans ready for the summer.

Police Chief's Report: Chief Leschke gave a brief review of February to the audience in attendance. 324 calls for service in February, 50 traffic citations issued, 20 written traffic warning issues, and 7 municipal ordinance citations issued. Had an arrest on Harlon Street that resulted in criminal charges. Part-time officer Minehan submitted her Letter of Resignation. She is full-time at the Sheriff's department. There is another part-time applicant that is in the interview and background process. DeGrand attended training on property room and evidence management and Rode attended supervisor training.

The Meeting Calendar for April was set with committee meetings on April 8th and City Council on Tuesday, April 15th.

Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law: None

Motion Appleby, second Gunderson, to adjourn at 7:18 pm. Motion carried with five "ayes", zero "nays".

Rebecca Loehrke
City Clerk