

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF WEYAUWEGA
TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Common Council of the City of Weyauwega was called to order at 6:30 p.m., on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 in the Weyauwega Municipal Building Council Chambers by Mayor Jack Spierings.

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

Motion Luedke, second Goetsch, to approve the agenda. Motion carried with five “ayes”, and one “nay” from Gunderson who opposed Item #3 under the Recreation Committee.

Motion Goetsch, second Looker, to approve the minutes of the Regular Common Council Meeting from March 21, 2022. Motion carried with six “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Citizen Appearances: Library Representative, Frank Zabo, reported on the work McMahan has done so far on the future expansion of the library. Zabo stated they have done a super job and very happy with their work. He shared a conceptual drawing of what the addition to the library will look like. McMahan will be working on taking boring samples to make sure the ground is stable enough. Zabo also reported that the library has switched over to LED lights.

Public Works Committee: *Motion Goetsch, second Luedke, to approve the quote with Sunbow for the painting of approximately 90 fire hydrants at a cost of \$6,750. This will be for the hydrants from Main Street to the south. Motion carried with six “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

Motion Goetsch, second Luedke, to approve a 5 year annual service agreement with Total Energy Systems with a \$500 repair limit. The annual service agreement will be for two generators. Motion carried with six “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Motion Goetsch, second Gunderson, to approve the residential waste and recycling increase to \$16.00 a month and a .77 cent fuel surcharge adjustment with a temporary two month increase of \$4.06 to make up for the \$8.12 loss so fair in 2022. Unfortunately the cost of doing business is increasing and we have to increase the charge for garbage/recycling pickup to avoid a loss. The fuel surcharge will be removed when diesel drops below \$4.00 a gallon. Motion carried with six “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Motion Goetsch, second Looker, to approve the write off of \$4,643.36 in past due utility balances from Lamplighter Village. Motion carried with six “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Finance Committee: *Motion DuCoeur, second Appleby, to approve checks dated 03/01/2022 thru 03/31/2022 totaling \$263,513.42 and the monthly financial reports. A roll call vote was taken with “ayes” from Appleby, Looker, Goetsch, Luedke, DuCoeur and Gunderson; zero “nays”. Motion carried.*

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

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

Recreation Committee: *Motion Gunderson, second Appleby, to approve the starting lifeguard wage to \$9.00 an hour. Gunderson explained that we need to stay competitive with the*

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surrounding area to make sure we have enough guards on staff. *Motion carried with six “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

Motion Gunderson, second Appleby, to hold the renaming ceremony and dedication of Maasch Community Park on June 18th. The new playground equipment will also be acknowledged along with a celebration with the Little Red School House. Motion carried with six “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Motion Looker, second Gunderson to move the July 3rd fireworks back to the fairgrounds contingent on availability. Gunderson explained that at the Recreation Committee meeting Dewey Stelzner with Spielbauer Fireworks explained that the City would get more bang for the buck on land vs water and that it was harder to shoot on the water and clean up afterwards. Committee felt it could be done at either location. Pros and Cons to both locations. Gunderson explained that the committee didn’t follow proper procedures because the changing of the location was not listed on the agenda. The council had already made the motion in March to hold the event over the water. The committee should have only discussed the price of the fireworks show. Motion then failed by a vote of zero “ayes”, and six “nays”.

Public Property & Purchasing Committee: No Action for Council

Plan Commission: *Motion Goetsch, second Luedke, to approve the sign permit application for the Brew Haus as presented. Mayor Spierings spoke on the discussion at Plan Commission about the size of the sign which will exceed the wall sign size listed in the ordinances. The sign is a legal non-conforming sign which was put on the building before the current ordinances went into effect. The owners of the Brew Haus would like to cover the old sign to preserve it and when they do work on the front of the building in a few years then move the original sign and put on display on the side of the building. Schroeder spoke that the Council can put a time limit on the sign knowing that work on the building will be taking place and the owners will put a new sign up at that time. Also with potential revisions to the sign ordinance being reviewed they could potentially put up a projecting sign in the future. Goetsch amended his motion to approve the sign permit application for the Brew Haus with a 5 year time limit on the sign. Luedke seconded. Motion carried with six “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

New Business: *Motion Goetsch, second Appleby, to approve the 6-month Class “B” Beer License to W-F Youth Baseball Inc for the concession stand in the park. Motion carried with six “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

Motion Goetsch, second Appleby, to approve the temporary Class “B” Retailer’s License to Weyauwega Area Fire Department for June 5, 2022 Chicken BBQ. Motion carried with six “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Motion Goetsch, second Appleby, to approve the Street Use Permit for the Weyauwega Area Fire Department for June 5, 2022 Chicken BBQ. Motion carried with six “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Motion Goetsch, second Appleby, to approve the temporary Class “B” Retailer’s License to Weyauwega Area Fire Department for August 20, 2022. Motion carried with six “ayes”, zero “nays”.

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Motion Goetsch, second Appleby, to approve the Street Use Permit for the Weyauwega Area Dire Department for August 20, 2022 Motion carried with six “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Motion Goetsch, second Looker, to approve the Street Use Permit applications from the Weyauwega Area Chamber of Commerce for June 11th, July 21st, August 4th, September 9-11th, September 29th, October 31st and December 3rd. Motion carried with six “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Motion Goetsch, second Appleby, to approve the temporary Class “B” Retailer’s Licenses for the Weyauwega Area Chamber of Commerce for June 11th, July 21st, August 4th, September 9-11th and September 29th. Motion carried with six “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Motion Goetsch, second Looker, to approve the Arbor Day Proclamation for April 29, 2022. Motion carried with six “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Mayor’s Report: Mayor Spierings had nothing more to report.

Administrator’s Report: Administrator Schroeder reported that he and Clerk Loehrke are working with AIT on the technology issues and possible upgrades in the Council Chambers. They will be meeting with Arrow AV next week to fix some programming in the room.

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

- The Easter Egg hunt had 110 participants and the weather cooperated.
- He was very dissatisfied with the amount of dog feces in the park. There are two dog waste stations in the park that people are not using. The department will be putting a notice out on Facebook. If he doesn’t see an improvement with people picking up after their dogs he will look into not allowing dogs in the park.
- A checking account at Premier Bank was opened for the department.
- He will be attending the Spillman Conference at the end of the month.
- The Bi-Annual CIB audit is wrapping up.
- The summer schedule is looking good. Meet with Amanda Haufschildt with the Chamber and went over the special events the Chamber is doing over the summer and fall.
- Hopeful to have Walby back working mid-May and have hired Avigail Carvajal as a new part-time officer.
- Will be holding legal update in the Council Chambers on May 18th.

Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law: None

Motion Appleby, second Goetsch, to adjourn to the re-organizational meeting at 7:20 pm. Motion carried with six “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Rebecca Loehrke
City Clerk