

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
CITY OF WEYAUWEGA  
MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2024

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 18, 2024 in the Weyauwega Municipal Building Council Chambers by Mayor Rich Luedke.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Rich Luedke, Bruce Goetsch, Chris Gunderson, Shani Appleby, Dewey Stelzner, Rick Binley and Meta Berg. Also present: City Administrator Marcus Rennieke, City Clerk Rebecca Loehrke, Police Chief Brandon Leschke, Pat Gorchals, Frank Zabojs, Mary Jane Baehman, and John Hanke. The meeting began with the saying of the Pledge of Allegiance led by Shani Appleby.

*Motion Goetsch, second Gunderson, to approve the agenda. Motion carried with six “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

*Motion Gunderson, second Appleby, to approve the minutes of the Regular Common Council Meeting from February 19, 2024 and Special Common Council on March 6, 2024. Motion carried with six “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

**Citizen Appearances**: Library Representative, Frank Zabojs, shared with the Council a History of the Weyauwega Public Library that was written by Judy Wiesman. It gives a little background on how the library was created. Zabojs also reported that there are some area on the outside of the Library that need to be finished up yet. The Library will be holding an open house early summer. The Library Board is not happy with a change order they received for \$5,000 for the electrical issues of not being able to hook up to the electrical box. This was something that should have been found early in the project not at the end. They are contacting McMahon to see about covering the change order.

No reports given for the Chamber of Commerce or Historical Society.

**Public Works Committee**: *Motion Goetsch, second Gunderson, to approve doing the street sweeping with Precision for the spring of 2024 and a leaf pickup in the fall. Motion carried with six “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

*Motion Goetsch, second Gunderson, to approve the quote from Valley Sealcoat for sealcoating on E. Alfred Street and E. Wisconsin Street parking lots including stripping. Motion carried with six “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

**Finance Committee**:

*Motion Stelzner, second Berg, to start the procedures to close out TID #5. Motion carried with six “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

*Motion Stelzner, second Binley to approve a 3 year extension to TID #4. Motion carried with six “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

*Motion Stelzner, second Binley, to keep TID #7 open at this time. Motion carried with six “ayes”, zero “Nays”.*

*Motion Stelzner, second Berg, to approve the renewal of the TruGreen Lawn Service treatment. Motion carried with six “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

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*Motion Stelzner, second Binley, to approve using \$30,000 from ARPA funds to resurface the tennis and basketball courts at Maasch Community Park. Motion carried with six “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

*Motion Stelzner, second Berg, to approve checks dated 02/01/2024 through 02/29/2024 totaling \$268,532.09 and the monthly financial reports. A roll call vote was taken with “ayes” from Binley, Appleby, Goetsch, Gunderson, Stelzner, and Berg. Motion carried.*

**Police, Fire, & Ambulance Committee:** *Motion Stelzner, second Goetsch, to change the warning siren to once a day at noon on Saturdays. Motion carried with five “ayes”, and one “nay”.*

**Public Health & Relief (Ordinance) Committee:** *Motion Binley, second Gunderson, to approve Ordinance 2024-1 amending Chapter 95-11 Salaries for Elected Officials. Motion carried with six “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

**Recreation Committee:** *Motion Gunderson, second Appleby, to allow the Historical Society to move forward with the sign at the silo at a cost of \$1,000. Motion carried with six “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

**Public Property & Purchasing Committee:** No Action for Council

**Plan Commission:** No Action for Council

**New Business:** *Motion Goetsch, second Binley, to approve the street use permit for the Weyauwega Blacktop Tractor Pull on May 18, 2024. Motion carried with six “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

Discussion and possible action on Class “B” Beer License for Dean and Kari Hinske, 129 E Main Street: The Hinske’s would like to open a beer bar at the 129 E Main Street location and have video gambling machines. The Police Chief advised the council to hold off on a discussion till he got more information on the laws with video gambling machines. The State of Wisconsin has changed some of the laws and all of the Chiefs in Waupaca County will be meeting to discuss enforcement so the new laws are enforced equally thru out the county. *Motion Goetsch, second Binley, to table the decision on the beer license for Dean and Kari Hinske up to 60 days to allow for more information. Motion carried with six “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

Discussion and possible action on the Chamber using the former Nutrition Site Office: Administrator Rennie spoke on the conversation he had with the new Chamber President. The Chamber is looking for an area for a small office and asked about the old nutrition site office. The City is planning to use that space for storage of extra tables and chairs when not needed in the Community Room. The Council would like the Administrator to ask the Chamber if they would be ok having the room also used for storage and having the door open so people renting the Community Room would have access to the tables and chairs. Will bring the item back next month for more discussion.

Discussion on potential amendment to Zoning Code for I-1 Industrial/Commercial District: Item will be discussed in closed session.

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**Mayor's Report:** Mayor Luedke encouraged citizens to reach out to Administrator Rennieke if they would like to talk to him. He stated that we need to get rid of the negativity in the City.

**Administrator's Report:** Administrator Rennieke presented four ideas to the Council on a new logo he has been working on. Suggestions were made to take the image from #1 and put into the layout of #3 and use the word opportunity instead of convenience. Rennieke will come back with an updated image at the next meeting. Rennieke reported that the Rustic Java Coffee Truck will be moving to Farmer John's lot on Mill Street. He also met with the leaders at Presto Products. They are interested in the program that Rennieke has experience in with getting employees from other countries and also interested in being a part of the shared grant writer. The City portion of the grant writer could be between \$20,000-\$25,000.

**Police Chief's Report:** Chief Leschke highlighted on his committee report for the community in attendance. There was 286 calls for service, 59 traffic citations issued, 45 traffic warning issues and 3 municipal ordinance citations issues. The department is working on an elder abuse investigation with Grand Chute Police Department. Officer Wegener is done with his Field Training Program and is working solo shifts. The department attended biannual CPR recertification and attended Active Threat/Tactical Response Training.

The April 2024 Meeting Calendar was set.

**Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law:** None

*Motion Gunderson, second Stelzner, to move into Closed Session at 7:17 pm pursuant to §19.85(1)(e) Wis. Stats., deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. The reason for the closed session is potential sale of Industrial Park West land. Motion carried with six "ayes", zero "nays".*

*Motion Stelzner, second Gunderson, to adjourn in closed session at 7:39 pm. Motion carried with six "ayes", zero "nays".*

Rebecca Loehrke  
City Clerk