

CITY OF WEYAUWEGA
PUBLIC HEALTH AND RELIEF (ORDINANCE) COMMITTEE MEETING PROCEEDINGS
FEBRUARY 6, 2023

The Public Health and Relief (Ordinance) Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Tim Litscher at the Weyauwega Municipal Building Council Chambers at 5:00 pm. Roll call was taken. Members Present: Tim Litscher, and Chris Gunderson. Not Present: Kaley DuCoeur. Also Present: Mayor Jack Spierings, City Administrator Jeremy Schroeder, Clerk Rebecca Loehrke and Rich Luedke.

Motion Litscher, second Gunderson, to approve the minutes from September 13, 2022. Motion carried with all "ayes".

Citizen Appearances: None

Ordinance Violations Update: Schroeder reported that several letters were mailed out and tags put on properties informing residents to clean off their sidewalks. No fines have been issued yet.

Chapter 412-22 Single collection location for multiple addresses discussion: Litscher asked about charges for garbage collection for properties with multiple addresses especially in the General Business District of Main Street. He feels charges should be based on usage. He feels multiple residential properties that are above a business in the Business District should get some type of discount. Loehrke explained that the City is charged by the garbage collection hauler per residential household not by volume. So if there are two apartments above a business, both apartments are charged for garbage as they are two residential households. There is no way to calculate usage per property. Every residential property is charged the same whether there is one bag in the cart or the cart is overflowing. No action for council.

Chapter 95-8 (B) General Powers of City Council discussion: Litscher asked for discussion on this chapter. He is starting to read thru the ordinances and thinking of ways to get more businesses into the City. One of the prime locations for a new business would be along Hwy 10 and Litscher brought up the idea of relocating Maasch Park to a property that is currently for sale along Weyauwega Lake. Lots of discussion from the committee on whether that is even something that could be considered. The park was built for the City with many donations and manpower. The cost to move the park and develop it at another location would be extremely high. Gunderson and Spierings both felt it would be very unpopular by citizens to look into moving the park to a different location. No action for council.

Chapter 95 Mayor & City Council Discussion: Litscher would like to look at getting something that outlines expectations for council members. Something like a job description stating what is expected of them. Loehrke stated that the League of Wisconsin Municipalities does put out a manual for Council members. She will look into getting a copy. Schroeder also talked about some things in the chapter he would like to expand on. First was the term for Mayor which needs to be corrected. It is listed as elected in even-numbered years but somehow it got off that rotation and is on odd-numbered years now. Second was rules for the six standing committees. Personnel and Finance; Recreation; Police, Fire and Ambulance; Public Works; Public Property and Purchasing; and Public Health, Welfare and Ordinances. Schroeder would like to come up with a description of roles and purpose for each committee. He has received an example from New London. The committee likes the idea and would like Schroeder to continue to gather information. Third was the discussion on Committee of the Whole. In Chapter 95-7 (B) it states the Mayor may declare the entire Council a committee of the whole for informal discussion at any meeting. Is it time to consider moving away from multiple committee meetings and going to one Committee of the Whole? It would certainly help at times when getting a quorum is challenging. Lastly, discussion was held on Chapter 95-11 Salaries for Mayor and Council Members. Luedke noted that the

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City of Marion pays monthly and if you don't attend a meeting you don't get your monthly pay. Committee would like to see the possibility of going away from a yearly check to a monthly check and if you don't attend meetings you don't get paid. There are council members not attending meetings and will still collect their yearly salary. Schroeder will get information from Marion and see what other municipalities in the area do. Will also check with Attorney Jim Kalny.

Comprehensive Plan Discussion: Litscher would like to see the Comprehensive Plan reviewed more frequently. It has not been reviewed for years. It is a very large document with lots of information. Schroeder also brought up the suggestion of creating a smaller version called a Strategic Plan, which is then updated annually. Litscher would like to see Plan Commission begin reviewing the Comprehensive Plan. *Motion Litscher, second Gunderson, to have the Plan Commission meet and develop goals in regards to updating the Comprehensive Plan. Motion carried with all "ayes".*

Administrator's Report: Nothing further

Set next meeting date and time: The next committee meeting will be held March 13, 2023 at 5:00 pm.

Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law: None

Motion Litscher, second Gunderson, to adjourn at 6:22 pm. Motion carried with all "ayes".

Recommendations to the Council: None

Rebecca Loehrke
City Clerk