

CITY OF WEYAUWEGA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE PROCEEDINGS
JULY 15, 2025

The Committee of the Whole meeting was called to order by Mayor Rich Luedke at the Weyauwega Municipal Building Council Chambers at 6:31 pm. Roll call was taken. Members Present: Chris Gunderson, Shani Appleby, Austin Baehnman, Meta Berg, Pat Gorchals and Kesha Butzin. Also Present: Mayor Rich Luedke, City Clerk Rebecca Loehrke, and Police Chief/Public Works Supervisor Brandon Leschke.

Motion Gunderson, second Appleby, to approve the Committee of the Whole minutes from June 10, 2025. Motion carried with all "ayes".

Citizen Appearances: None

Public Health & Relief (Ordinance): Nothing to report

Police, Fire & Ambulance Committee:

- 1) Police Chief Update: Leschke gave an update on the report that was in the packet. 297 calls for service, 44 traffic citations issued, 15 written traffic warnings issues and 7 municipal ordinance citations issued for the month of June. Three reportable motor vehicle crashes and a significant dog bite that resulted in two people needing medical attention. The committee would like to have the City's ordinance on Leash Laws be published on Facebook. Leschke also reported that the Department is participating in the County Wide Peer Support Team. Heather DeGrand is the City's representative for the PD. Also, the new Tahoe should be here soon.

Public Works Committee:

- 1) Public Works Supervisor Update: Leschke reported that no news is good news. Everything is running well at the treatment plant. Amber, our summer employee, is doing well. Staff will be working on weed trimming, spraying and branch cutting to make the streets look nice for the upcoming fair. Currently waiting on the hired contractor to repair the tree planters with the broken grates on Mill and Main Street.
- 2) Discussion/Recommendation on purchase of additional barricades: With the incident that happened at Thursday Night on Main, Chief Leschke researched different types of barricades that can be purchased. Examples were a jersey style that can be filled with water and then a crowd control barricade that can be hooked together and spanned from building to building with no gap. Committee discussed the different options and if different ones are needed with the number of barricades the City already has which are DOT approved. They would like to see City Staff put out the barricades for events and have them spanned from building to building including the sidewalk. No action taken.

Public Property & Purchasing Committee: Nothing to report

Finance Committee:

- 1) Discussion/Recommendation on City Signage along Highway 10: Leschke reported that when Public Works staff tried to use the signs to advertise fireworks they found

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out that the signs need work. The tracking system is not straight again and the city lettering on the top of the signs is falling off. Committee would like to see options for a new face on the signs with the City's new logo. Leschke will look into options for the Welcome Signs on Hwy 10 with the City logo.

- 2) Discussion/Recommendation on AC Unit for City Hall: The AC unit was installed today. Will have to prepare for replacing the other units in the future as they go out because they can not be repaired. *Motion Gorchals, second Appleby, to pay for the AC unit replacement for City Hall out of capital funds. Motion carried with all "ayes".*
- 3) Discussion on financing vs leasing vs paying upfront options when considering City purchases: Leschke had spoken with Premier Community Bank. They do offer municipal financing with seasonal, monthly and annual payment options. He was not able to get current interest rates. Will get more information.
- 4) Discussion/Recommendation on checks from 06/01/2025 through 06/30/2025 totaling \$250,419.66 and the monthly financial reports: *Motion Appleby, second Berg, to recommend approving checks from 06/01/2025 through 06/30/2025 totaling \$250,419.66 and the monthly financial reports. A roll call vote was taken with "aye" from Butzin, Baehnman, Appleby, Gunderson, Gorchals and Berg. Motion carried.*

Next meeting date/time: City Council meeting will be Monday, July 21st at 6:30 pm and committee meetings will be August 12th at 6:00 pm.

Such other matters as authorized by law: Mayor Luedke reported that the new Building Inspector, Brian Bending, is on board. Clerk Loehrke reported that she is in the process of updating the Building Permit application and Mr. Bending has requested we look at increasing our Building Permit fees to cover his cost otherwise the City will be working at a loss.

Motion Appleby, second Gunderson, to adjourn at 7:27 pm. Motion carried with all "Ayes".

Recommendations to Council:

1. Recommend paying for replacement AC unit at City Hall from Capital Funds.
2. Recommend approval of *checks from 06/01/2025 through 06/30/2025 totaling \$250,419.66 and the monthly financial reports.*

Rebecca Loehrke
City Clerk