

CITY OF WEYAUWEGA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE PROCEEDINGS
MAY 13, 2025

The Committee of the Whole meeting was called to order by Mayor Rich Luedke at the Weyauwega Municipal Building Council Chambers at 6:20 pm. Roll call was taken. Members Present: Chris Gunderson, Shani Appleby, Austin Baehnman, Meta Berg and Pat Gorchals. Also Present: Mayor Rich Luedke, City Clerk Rebecca Loehrke, and Police Chief Brandon Leschke.

Motion Luedke, second Gunderson, to approve the minutes from April 8, 2025 for Police, Fire & Ambulance, Public Works, Finance and Ordinance from February 11, 2025. Motion carried with all "ayes".

Citizen Appearances: None

Public Health & Relief (Ordinance):

- 1) Discussion on dogs in cemetery, Chapter 190-12 & 370-33 and signage at the cemetery: This item was brought up a while ago that the sign at the cemetery and the city ordinances contradict each other. The committee wanted to wait to correct till the cemetery was under city control. The committee would still like to allow pets in the cemetery, but they need to be on a leash. Motion Berg, second Appleby, to eliminate Chapter 190-12 and change wording in 370-33 to allow dog, cat, or other animal shall be allowed in the Cemetery on a leash. Clerk Loehrke will make the necessary corrections to the city ordinances and bring back to Ordinance in June for final approval.

Police, Fire & Ambulance Committee:

- 1) Police Chief Update: The Chief submitted his monthly report in the meeting packet. A Big Thank You to DG Market for their donation to the Easter Egg Hunt. The department is currently working on 3 investigations of internet crimes against children which has the department busy.

Public Works Committee:

- 1) Public Works Supervisor Update: Leschke submitted his monthly report in the meeting packet. The East Street Lift Station had a seal fail. It has been repaired. There was an electrical issue in Well 1 that caused a small electrical fire. Currently the well is offline as Public Works waits for repairs to be made. The department purchased a pipe freezer that was on sale for approximately \$3,000 to aid in the shut off of a residential water line for repair work. The pipe freezer will assist in repair work without the need to call in Faulks Bros and opening the road and replacing curb stops at a much higher cost. Leschke continues to have discussions with Southgate Lease Services on options for possible plow trucks.
- 2) Discussion/Recommendation on hose bibbs in the cemetery: Michael Lee has recommended to eliminate all but one hose bibb in the cemetery to avoid the need to winterize and potential leak issues in the spring. The new bibb will drain by gravity eliminating the need for winterizing. Funds would come out of the cemetery line item

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in the budget. *Motion Baehnman, second Gunderson, to recommend to the council to spend \$875 from the cemetery fund to remove the old hose bibbs and replace with a new one. Motion carried with all "ayes".*

Public Property & Purchasing Committee: Nothing

Finance Committee:

- 1) Discussion/Recommendation on switching to McClone for our Employee Benefits Broker: McClone had reached out to Clerk Loehrke in regards to programs they can offer to the City. Representatives from McClone met with Loehrke, Leschke, Herbst-Gutche and Mayor Luedke to go over what McClone can offer the city. They already cover the City's property insurance. *Motion Appleby, second Berg, to recommend to council on switching to McClone for our Employee Benefits Broker. Motion carried with all "ayes".*
- 2) Discussion/Recommendation on sponsorship for Horse & Buggy Days and Beyond: The committee would like to know what the money would be used for before they decide on anything. Would like to speak to a Horse & Buggy Days committee member if someone comes to the next Council meeting. Clerk Loehrke will have it listed on the agenda.
- 3) Discussion/Recommendation on checks from 04/01/2025 through 04/30/2025 totaling \$1,082,934.92 and the monthly financial reports: Motion Appleby, second Berg, to recommend approval of checks from 04/01/2025 through 04/30/2025 totaling \$1,082,934.92 and the monthly financial reports. A roll call vote was taken with "ayes" from Berg, Gorchals, Appleby, Gunderson and Baehnman, Motion carried.

Next meeting date/time: Common Council meeting will be Monday, May 19th at 6:30 pm and committee meetings will be June 10th at 6 pm.

Motion Luedke, second Appleby, to adjourn at 7:00 pm. Motion carried with all "Ayes".

Recommendations to Council:

1. *Recommend spending \$875 from the cemetery fund to remove the old hose bids and replace with a new one.*
2. *Recommend switching to McClone for our Employee Benefits Broker.*
3. *Recommend approval of checks from 04/01/2025 through 04/30/2025 totaling \$1,082,934.92 and the monthly financial reports.*

Rebecca Loehrke – City Clerk