

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF WEYAUWEGA
MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2022

The special meeting of the Common Council of the City of Weyauwega was called to order at 6:30 p.m., on Monday, October 24, 2022 by Mayor Jack Spierings in the Weyauwega Municipal Building Council Chambers.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Jack Spierings, Rich Luedke, Bruce Goetsch, Chris Gunderson, Cameron Looker, Tim Litscher, and Kaley DuCoeur. Also present: City Administrator Jeremy Schroeder, City Clerk Rebecca Loehrke, Chief Brandon Leschke, Frank Zabojski, Jason Baehman and Richard Rupno (arrived at 7:24 pm). The meeting began with the saying of the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Jack Spierings.

2023 Budget Draft Review: Administrator Schroeder presented the draft of the 2023 Budget. In 2022 we continued to deal with labor issues, supply and demand effecting projects, some operations and the overall budget. Most categories should end near budget as planned for 2022. Two capital projects were accomplished with the new playground equipment in Maasch Community Park and the new pavement to the entrance of the park and parking lot. The City for the most part was fully staffed in 2022 with some movement and new hires. The 2022 budget was also effected by two significant storms that caused hail and tree damage and the rise of fuel prices and inflation. In 2023 we will continue to be impacted by fuel prices, increases in contracted services and increases to all areas of insurance. The 2023 budget will include a 2.5% increase to base wages (step 1). A positive and successful evaluation many include a step increase. Total expenditures are projected to be \$2,105,261 which is an increase of 2.51%. There are increases to General Government Expenditures, Public Safety Expenditures, Health & Social Services, and other general expenses. Decreases are in the categories of Public Works, Leisure Activities/Education and Capital Improvements. Total revenues are projected at \$2,105,261 for an increase of 2.51%. There are increases in Tax Revenues, Intergovernmental Revenues, Regulations & Compliance, and Charges for Services. There is a decrease in Other General & Commercial Revenues. Schroeder received \$389,615 in capitol requests by departments. Will only be able to do \$164,000 in projects. Will have to continue to find alternative funding to help with some of the recreational projects such as grants and private donations. With the total re-evaluation being delayed to 2023 due to staffing issues with the Assessor's office it certainly has hurt the City's Total Assessed Value. The City is out of compliance at 76% and at the lowest total assessed value we have seen since 2016. The 2023 re-evaluation should bring the total assessed value back up and bring the City back into compliance which will help the City's Mill Rate. Schroeder presented 4 options to the General Tax Levy ranging from \$809,000 to \$818,943. All four options would have an increase to the Mill Rate. His recommendation is to keep the tax levy the same as last year at \$813,000 which will have an increase of \$.18 to the mill rate bringing it to \$9.19. The 2023 budget summary will be sent to the paper for publication in the November 3rd and November 10th issues of the Waupaca County Post. The Public Hearing

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will be held at the November 21st Council meeting. Schroeder will have copies of the budget presentation available at City Hall for any citizens that would like to review it.

Motion Looker, second DuCoeur, to adjourn at 7:46 pm. Motion carried with all “ayes”.

Rebecca Loehrke
City Clerk