

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE WAUSAU COMMON COUNCIL**  
held on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, in Council Chambers, beginning at 6:31 p.m.,  
Mayor Katie Rosenberg presiding.

**Roll Call**

**03/12/2024**

Roll Call indicated 11 members present.

<u>District</u>	<u>Aldersperson</u>	<u>Vote</u>
1	Lukens, Carol	YES
2	Martens, Michael	YES
3	Kilian, Tom	YES
4	Diny, Doug	YES
5	Gisselman, Gary	YES
6	McElhaney, Becky	YES
7	Rasmussen, Lisa	YES
8	Watson, Sarah	YES
9	Herbst, Dawn	YES
10	Larson, Lou	YES
11	Henke, Chad	YES

**Public Comment: Pre-registered citizens for matters appearing on the agenda and other public comment**

**03/12/2024**

- 1) Jonathan Smith, 1114 Prospect Avenue – spoke in support of River Edge Trail Extension.
- 2) Maggie Cronin, 311 Summit Drive – spoke on The Joseph Project.

**Consent Agenda**

**03/12/2024**

Motion by Herbst, seconded by Larson, to adopt all the items on the Consent Agenda as follows:

**24-0301** Minutes of a previous meeting (02/27/2024).

**24-0303** Resolution from the Capital Improvements and Street Maintenance Committee Approving planter easements with Wausau Opportunity Zone, Inc. - N. 2nd Street north of Forest Street and on Jackson Street east of N. 3rd Street.

**24-0305** Resolution from the Human Resources Committee to Approve certification pay for utilities workers.

**24-0306** Resolution from the Finance Committee Approving a Supplemental Site Investigation-PFAS Assessment for the 1300 Cleveland Avenue property, WDNR BRRTS#02-37-587081.

**82-0526** Joint Resolution from the Parks and Recreation Committee and the Airport Committee Authorizing execution of lease for Radkte Point Park and Grace Park with the City of Schofield.

**24-0309** Resolution from the Economic Development Committee Authorizing sale of 102 Short Street.

**24-0313** Joint Resolution from the Capital Improvements and Street Maintenance Committee and Plan Commission Approving Green Tree Meadows Preliminary Plat.

Yes Votes: 11

No Votes: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

Result: PASSED

**24-0310 Amendment**

**03/12/2024**

Motion by Gisselman, seconded by Diny, to amend 24-0310 to strike the last sentence of the 4<sup>th</sup> whereas clause.

Gisselman stated that funding for these awaiting projects should come from other sources and not solely from the sale of in-fill homes.

Rasmussen questioned the necessity of this amendment as the spend-down requirement for funding makes it necessary to move forward on ready housing projects while other projects that require environmental testing and possible remediation are not ready at this time. It was stated that the city should use funding available now on ready housing projects and use those sales to fund the other projects.

Kilian stated that the amendment should not hinder the ability of ready projects to move forward. It was stated that it was not wise to pigeon-hole a sequence of sales to occur to fund housing projects and stated support for the amendment.

Larson questioned as to why housing projects on property that require environmental testing and possible remediation did not have this testing conducted sooner with the knowledge of these projects moving forward. It was stated that neighborhood residents were not happy with previous iterations of the housing projects and that the project had been delayed to accommodate those concerns. It was further stated that due to the complicated nature of the application for environmental testing the application has taken a long time to process.

Diny stated this amendment would allow housing projects to not have to rely on a revolving credit to support future projects.

Watson questioned if the purpose of the language proposed to be stricken in this amendment was to earmark that funding for future housing. It was stated that the funding from the sale of in-fill housing projects could still be used towards other funding projects with the passage of the amendment and that it was the intent of the language to earmark the funding solely for housing.

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1	Lukens, Carol	NO
2	Martens, Michael	YES
3	Kilian, Tom	YES
4	Diny, Doug	YES
5	Gisselman, Gary	YES
6	McElhaney, Becky	YES
7	Rasmussen, Lisa	NO
8	Watson, Sarah	NO
9	Herbst, Dawn	NO
10	Larson, Lou	YES
11	Henke, Chad	NO

Yes Votes: 6

No Votes: 5

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

Result: PASSED

**24-0310**

**03/12/2024**

Motion by Watson, seconded by Henke, to adopt the Resolution from the Economic Development Committee Authorization of a Request for Bids for the purchase and installation of modular/manufactured single family homes on city-owned lots as amended.

Gisselman requested that whenever in-fill housing comes in, it would be constructed in a way that respects the compatibility of the neighborhood that they reflect.

Lukens stated opposition of the previously passed amendment with the intention to instead support amending the language to allow funding of future housing projects from other sources and the sale of in-fill housing.

Yes Votes: 11

No Votes: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

Result: PASSED

*Diny is excused from the rest of the meeting.*

**24-0312**

**03/12/2024**

Motion by Watson, seconded by Lukens, to adopt the Ordinance from the Plan Commission to Rezone 1327, 1331, 1333, 1337, 1341, 1355, 1361, 1363, 1371 S 8th Ave and 706 Flieth St from an SR-3, Single Family Residential – 3, TF-10, Two-Flat Residential-10, and NMU, Neighborhood Mixed Use, to a PUD, Planned Unit Development and approve the general development plan, GDP, to allow a multi-family development.

Larson stated support and wanted to publicly thank the stakeholders involved in moving this project forward.

Yes Votes: 10

No Votes: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 1

Result: PASSED

**24-0108 Amendment**

**03/12/2024**

Motion by Henke, seconded by Kilian, to amend 24-0108 to remove Kenneth Lasiuk's recommendation for denial and send back to the Public Health & Safety Committee for review.

<u>District</u>	<u>Aldersperson</u>	<u>Vote</u>
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1	Lukens, Carol	YES
2	Martens, Michael	YES
3	Kilian, Tom	YES
4	Diny, Doug	EXCUSED
5	Gisselman, Gary	YES
6	McElhaney, Becky	YES
7	Rasmussen, Lisa	YES
8	Watson, Sarah	YES
9	Herbst, Dawn	NO
10	Larson, Lou	YES
11	Henke, Chad	YES

Yes Votes: 9      No Votes: 1      Abstain: 0      Not Voting: 1      Result: PASSED

#### **24-0108**

**03/12/2024**

Motion by Rasmussen, seconded by Larson, to adopt the Resolution from the Public Health & Safety Committee Approving or Denying Various Licenses as Indicated as amended. Adopted 10-0.

Rasmussen stated that the committee making the denial recommendation for Kenneth Lasiuk had not heard from the individual during the committee's consideration. Rasmussen further stated that if further consideration was wanted, that license application could be referred back to the committee.

Yes Votes: 10      No Votes: 0      Abstain: 0      Not Voting: 1      Result: PASSED

#### **24-0307**

**03/12/2024**

Motion by Herbst, seconded by Lukens, to adopt the Resolution from the Parks and Recreation Committee Approving Athletic Park Use Agreement – Wausau College Softball, LLC.

<u>District</u>	<u>Aldersperson</u>	<u>Vote</u>
1	Lukens, Carol	YES
2	Martens, Michael	YES
3	Kilian, Tom	NO
4	Diny, Doug	EXCUSED
5	Gisselman, Gary	YES
6	McElhaney, Becky	YES
7	Rasmussen, Lisa	YES
8	Watson, Sarah	YES
9	Herbst, Dawn	YES
10	Larson, Lou	YES
11	Henke, Chad	YES

Yes Votes: 9      No Votes: 1      Abstain: 0      Not Voting: 1      Result: PASSED

#### **23-1109C**

**03/12/2024**

Motion by Lukens, seconded by Watson, to adopt the Resolution from the Finance Committee Approving and Adopting the Budget for American Rescue Plan Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Funded Projects – River Edge Trail Extension – Thomas Street.

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1	Lukens, Carol	YES
2	Martens, Michael	YES
3	Kilian, Tom	NO
4	Diny, Doug	EXCUSED
5	Gisselman, Gary	YES
6	McElhaney, Becky	YES
7	Rasmussen, Lisa	YES
8	Watson, Sarah	YES
9	Herbst, Dawn	YES
10	Larson, Lou	YES

11 Henke, Chad YES

Yes Votes: 9 No Votes: 1 Abstain: 0 Not Voting: 1 Result: PASSED

**23-1109D** **03/12/2024**

Motion by Lukens, seconded by Watson to adopt the Resolution from the Finance Committee Approving and Adopting a Budget Modification for American Rescue Plan Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Funded Projects to Supplement Existing Storm, Water and Sewer Utility Projects.

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1	Lukens, Carol	YES
2	Martens, Michael	YES
3	Kilian, Tom	NO
4	Diny, Doug	EXCUSED
5	Gisselman, Gary	YES
6	McElhaney, Becky	YES
7	Rasmussen, Lisa	YES
8	Watson, Sarah	YES
9	Herbst, Dawn	YES
10	Larson, Lou	YES
11	Henke, Chad	YES

Yes Votes: 9 No Votes: 1 Abstain: 0 Not Voting: 1 Result: PASSED

**23-1109E** **03/12/2024**

Motion by Lukens, seconded by Watson to adopt the Resolution from the Finance Committee Approving and Adopting a Budget Modification for American Rescue Plan Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (ARPA)– Catholic Charities Warming Center and Day Center and related contract modification.

Yes Votes: 10 No Votes: 0 Abstain: 0 Not Voting: 1 Result: PASSED

**23-1109F** **03/12/2024**

Motion by Henke, seconded by Lukens, to adopt the Resolution from the Finance Committee Approving 2024 Budget Modification – City Hall Hardware and software door lock systems and related security improvements.

Yes Votes: 10 No Votes: 0 Abstain: 0 Not Voting: 1 Result: PASSED

**23-1109G** **03/12/2024**

Motion by Herbst, seconded by Rasmussen, to adopt the Resolution from the Finance Committee Approving 2024 Budget Modification – Purchase of Ice Breaker.

Larson stated support of this as it helps neighborhoods in which there are no sidewalks and residents must walk on the street in the wintertime.

Yes Votes: 10 No Votes: 0 Abstain: 0 Not Voting: 1 Result: PASSED

**Suspend the Rules** **03/12/2024**

Motion by Watson, second by Henke, to suspend Rule 6(B) Filing and 12(A) Referral of Resolutions.

Yes Votes: 10 No Votes: 0 Abstain: 0 Not Voting: 1 Result: PASSED

**24-0304** **03/12/2024**

Motion by Watson, seconded by Herbst, to adopt the Resolution from the Finance Committee Authorizing the acceptance of Community Enhancement Grant for a therapy dog.

Yes Votes: 10 No Votes: 0 Abstain: 0 Not Voting: 1 Result: PASSED

**Public Comment & Suggestions** **03/12/2024**

- 1) Albert Meyer, 1226 Stark Street – spoke to question the use of artificial turf at Athletic Park.

**Adjourn****03/12/2024**

Motion by Watson, second by Herbst, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Katie Rosenberg, Mayor  
Kaitlyn Bernarde, City Clerk