

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE WAUSAU COMMON COUNCIL
held on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, in Council Chambers, beginning at 6:34 p.m.,
Mayor Katie Rosenberg presiding.

Roll Call

03/26/2024

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

Proclamations

03/26/2024

The Mayor of the City of Wausau Proclaims:

- Community Development Block Grant Week (April 1-5, 2024)
- Arbor Day (April 26, 2024)
- Earth Day (April 22, 2024)
- National Kidney Month (March 2024)
- Sexual Assault Awareness Month (April 2024)

Pat Packham Commendation

03/26/2024

Mayor Katie Rosenberg gave a commendation to honor the life of Pat Packham.

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

03/26/2024

- 1) Ian Colby, Attorney at Ruder Ware on behalf of the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum – spoke in support to approve the alleged claim for recovery of unlawful tax – Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum Inc. (601 N. 12th Street).

Consent Agenda

03/26/2024

Motion by Watson, seconded by Henke, to adopt all the items on the Consent Agenda as follows:

24-0301 Minutes of a previous meeting (03/12/2024).

22-0907 Resolution from the Public Health & Safety Committee Approving agreement for Urban Search and Rescue Emergency Response Services with the State of Wisconsin.

24-0314 Ordinance from the Capital Improvements & Street Maintenance Committee Amending Chapter 3.12 – Sale of City-Owned Real Property.

24-0315 Ordinance from the Capital Improvements & Street Maintenance Committee Amending Sections 2.16.010 – Generally, Rule 13 Committees, 2.21.030 Board-Composition, 3.12.010 – Requests and proposals to be directed to Council, 3.12.020 Various departments to be notified-Recommendations, 3.12.030 – Procedure for disposition of land, 3.24.030 – Assessment formula-General, 3.24.050 – Determination of assessment cost for new street construction, 3.24.060 - Determination of assessment cost for street reconstruction, 10.01.020 - Through streets, 10.01.040 – Speed limits, 10.01.050 Traffic control signals, 10.20.010 – Capital Improvements and Street Maintenance Committee to establish limits, 10.40.050 – Rules of the road, 10.52.020 – Police administration, 10.52.030 – Records of traffic violations, 10.52.040 – Police to investigate accidents and receive accident reports, 12.20.030 Concrete drive approaches required, 12.44.040 Exceptions, 21.08.200 – Preliminary plat, 21.12.030 – Filing of preliminary plat, 21.12.040 Preliminary plat review and recommendations, 21.12.060 – Development agreements, 21.12.080 Final plat review and recommendations, 21.16.080 – Acquisition of land within a proposed plat for public use, 21.16.085 – Required dedications for park purposes, 21.16.120 – Vacation or alteration of parkland, 21.24.010 – Submission-purpose, 21.30.040 – Assessor’s plat survey procedures, 21.32.020 – Common Council, 21.32.030 Capital improvements and street maintenance committee and plan commission,

21.32.090 - Variations and exceptions and 21.32.140 - Amendments, replacing Capital Improvements and Street Maintenance Committee with Infrastructure and Facilities Committee.

24-0316 Resolution from the Economic Development Committee Approval of the City of Wausau’s Property Disposition Program for Redevelopment Purposes Policy.

24-0317 Ordinance from the Parks and Recreation Committee Amending Section 9.21.050 Controlled areas.

23-1217 Resolution from the Capital Improvements & Street Maintenance Committee and the Plan Commission Authorizing Sale of City-Owned Property at 902 and 904 West Thomas Street.

24-0318 Resolution from the Capital Improvements & Street Maintenance Committee and the Plan Commission Approving Final Plat – Vistas at Greenwood Hills First Addition.

24-0319 Resolution from the Capital Improvements & Street Maintenance Committee Approving sanitary sewer and watermain easement with Green Acres at Greenwood Hills LLC – Vistas at Greenwood Hills First Addition.

24-0322 Resolution from the Capital Improvements & Street Maintenance Committee Approving stormwater drainage easement with Green Acres at Greenwood Hills LLC – Vistas at Greenwood Hills First Addition.

24-0323 Resolution from the Capital Improvements & Street Maintenance Committee Approving stormwater pond access easement with Green Acres at Greenwood Hills LLC – Vistas at Greenwood Hills First Addition.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Abstain: 0 Not Voting: 0 Result: PASSED

24-0326 **03/26/2024**

Motion by Rasmussen, seconded by Henke, to adopt the Resolution from the Finance Committee Approving alleged claim for recovery of unlawful tax – Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum Inc. (601 N. 12th Street).

Rasmussen stated that this item was discussed at the Finance Committee meeting and the action to disallow was based on staff recommendations that it was determined that the reading rule, applicable to this matter, did not apply.

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5	Gisselman, Gary	NO
6	McElhaney, Becky	NO
7	Rasmussen, Lisa	NO
8	Watson, Sarah	NO
9	Herbst, Dawn	NO
10	Larson, Lou	YES
11	Henke, Chad	NO

Yes Votes: 2 No Votes: 9 Abstain: 0 Not Voting: 0 Result: FAILED

24-0327 **03/26/2024**

Motion by Watson, seconded by Herbst, to adopt the Resolution from the Finance Committee Approving alleged claim for recovery of unlawful tax – Green Acres at Greenwood Hills, LLC (3115 Townline Road and private road at Green Acres).

Diny questioned if this property did not belong to the city but instead was the property of the developer, and further questioned why the city had charged them for taxes owed in 2022 and 2021. It was stated that these are two years of taxes for valuation as allowed. Diny stated concerns if this was an error of the city.

Rasmussen stated that this development originally did not allow public access to these roads but as time passed and the maintenance of those roads was needed it made the developer ask for the city to take on the maintenance which the city has denied. These roads remain private roads thus taxable.

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4	Diny, Doug	NO
5	Gisselman, Gary	NO
6	McElhaney, Becky	YES
7	Rasmussen, Lisa	NO
8	Watson, Sarah	NO
9	Herbst, Dawn	NO
10	Larson, Lou	NO
11	Henke, Chad	NO

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

21-1204 **03/26/2024**

Motion by Watson, seconded by Henke, to adopt the Resolution from the Economic Development Committee and the Finance Committee Approving Purchase and Development Agreement with Gorman & Company, LLC and Riverview Lofts Wausau, LLC for a 56-Unit Affordable Multi-Family Housing Project at 415 S First Avenue.

Larson stated a desire to support this project but stated opposition to giving city land away for \$1.

Kilian stated that this project was needed but stated opposition to giving city land away for \$1 unless it was an extraordinary circumstance meaning for other outfits that do not have a goal of maximizing profit.

Rasmussen stated that this was an extraordinary circumstance because the developer of these affordable housing units needed the property donation by the city and further stated support for the project.

Watson stated that city property should not be given away for a cheap price but the sale did help secure the funding for this project and that this project needs to be approved.

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Suspend the Rules **03/26/2024**

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

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Abstain: 0 Not Voting: 0 Result: PASSED

24-0320 **03/26/2024**

Motion by Henke, seconded by Herbst, to adopt the Ordinance from the Common Council Amending Section 9.20.030 Pickup and drop area.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Abstain: 0 Not Voting: 0 Result: PASSED

Public Comment & Suggestions **03/26/2024**

- 1) Sandy Kelch, address not provided – spoke to state that the Community Resource Coordinator position should not be in the Police Department.

Adjourn **03/26/2024**

Motion by Watson, seconded by Henke, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Katie Rosenberg, Mayor
Kaitlyn Bernarde, City Clerk