

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE WAUSAU COMMON COUNCIL
held on Tuesday, September 24 2024, in Council Chambers, beginning at 6:35 p.m.,
Mayor Doug Diny presiding.

Roll Call

09/24/2024

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, Terry | YES |
| 4 | Neal, Tom | YES |
| 5 | Gisselman, Gary | YES |
| 6 | McElhaney, Becky | YES |
| 7 | Rasmussen, Lisa | YES |
| 8 | Watson, Sarah | YES |
| 9 | Tierney, Vicki | YES |
| 10 | Larson, Lou | YES |
| 11 | Henke, Chad | YES |

Consent Agenda

09/24/2024

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

24-0901 from the Common Council Approve Minutes of a previous meeting(s) (09/10/2024).

24-0910 from the Human Resources Committee Ordinance Amending Section 2.06.050 -- Annual Review of goals and objectives, Section 2.10.050 - Annual review of goals and objectives and Section 2.12.040 - Annual review of goals and objectives.

24-0911 Resolution from the Infrastructure & Facilities Committee Approving Temporary Lease Agreement with Woodson YMCA Foundation Inc. (Yawkey Park).

12-0107 Resolution from the Finance Committee Approving contract for crossing guard services with All City Management Services, Inc.

24-0913 Resolution from the Infrastructure & Facilities Committee Accepting Easement with Frontier Communications for the placement of utilities at 725 Woods Place.

24-0914 Resolution from the Infrastructure & Facilities Committee Approving State/Municipal Agreement for North 3rd Avenue, West Union Avenue to West Bridge Street.

24-0905 Resolution from the Finance Committee Authorizing the creation of the Senior Collection System Technician position in Wausau Water Works.

24-0918 Resolution from the Finance Committee Approving Reprogramming of 2020 Community Development Block Grant CARES III funds and the 2022 Homme Homes Elevator Project into the Acquisition/Housing Development Activity.

24-0108 Resolution from the Public Health & Safety Committee Approving Various Licenses as Indicated.

Yes Votes: 11

No Votes: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

Result: PASSED

24-0902

09/24/2024

Without objection, item 24-0902 was pulled from consideration by the request of the Mayor.

Point of Inquiry raised by Gisselman on the impact of pulling the appointments for the Joint City of Wausau and Marathon County Homelessness Task Force for consideration as the task force was to convene and complete its work within 100 days. Gisselman stated the Marathon County Board of Supervisors has already voted to approve the task force. It was stated the appointments were being reconsidered and two weeks would not impact the timeline of the task force.

Rasmussen questioned what was being waited on if both proposed city alder appointees of the Joint City of Wausau and Marathon County Homelessness Task Force are willing to serve.

24-0912

09/24/2024

Motion by Neal, seconded by Larson, to adopt the Resolution from the Parks Committee Approving Intergovernmental Agreement to Provide Park Services for City of Wausau parks.

Neal stated this matter has gone through a variety of discussions. It was stated this is a workable relationship for which a departure would raise many questions.

Larson stated the city should stick with this agreement.

Gisselman questioned how new policies regarding operations would be handled. It was stated policies would not change from previous practice of going to the Common Council and Park and Recreation standing committee and the agreement codifies the ongoing operation of the last 50-year partnership between the city and county.

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

Suspend the Rules

09/24/2024

Motion by Watson, seconded by Neal, 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

16-1110

09/24/2024

Motion by Henke, seconded by McElhaney, to adopt the Resolution from Finance Committee Authorizing the Wausau Police Department to accept a Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant of \$100,347 per year for 3 years to continue the ongoing work of the Victim Resource Unit (VRU) and related budget modification.

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

23-1109X

09/24/2024

Motion by Lukens, seconded by Henke, to adopt the Resolution from the Finance Committee Approving University of Wisconsin-Madison Service Agreement.

Henke stated the resolution was changed in committee to include new funding amounts.

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

23-0915

09/24/2024

Motion by Larson, seconded by Henke, to adopt the Resolution from the Finance Committee Proceeding with airport terminal renovations construction project as temporarily City only funded project administered by Wisconsin Bureau of Aeronautics (BOA) with approximately 95% of project costs to be ultimately reimbursed with FAA funding, contingent on assurance from BOA that FAA reimbursement will occur: cost of \$1.4 million.

Martens reiterated the resolution in that the funds are coming but the FAA funding schedule does not match the remodeling schedule and the city would be reimbursed for the cost of the construction. It was stated that generally the funding does come through before bills for the construction are due.

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

24-0916

09/24/2024

Motion by Lukens, seconded by Neal, to adopt the Resolution from the Human Resources Committee Approving Amendment to Leave Donation Policy.

Yes Votes: 11

No Votes: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

Result: PASSED

Public Comment & Suggestions

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Without objection Public Comment & Suggestions was taken out of order from the agenda.

1. Sarah Marie Brock, 126 Kent Street – Spoke on the official drop box
2. Christine Martens, 1228 Arthur Street – Spoke on the official drop box
3. Nancy Stencil, 223281 Azalea Road, Wausau – Spoke on the official drop box
4. Pamela Bannister, 506 Eau Claire Blvd - Spoke on the official drop box

The Chair began to respond to public comment to address mischaracterizations.

Point of order raised by Rasmussen on responding to public comment. *Point of order was well taken by the Chair* and the Chair ceased comments.

CLOSED SESSION

09/24/2024

Motion by Martens, seconded by Watson, to go into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(g) conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved regarding Marathon County Case No. 24CV40 Green Acres at Greenwood Hills, LLC vs. City of Wausau and Marathon County Case No. 23CV756 The Portage County Bank vs. Bull Falls Properties, LLC, et al regarding a Stipulation.

Yes Votes: 11

No Votes: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

Result: PASSED

RECONVENED INTO OPEN SESSION to take action on closed session item, if necessary.

Motion by Watson, seconded by Larson, to authorize the City Attorney to sign the stipulation of the judgement on the Foreclosure which may be executed upon as soon as practicable and proceed to sheriff sale of the mortgaged property pursuant to law.

Yes Votes: 11

No Votes: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

Result: PASSED

Adjourn

09/24/2024

Motion by Neal, second by Tierney, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Doug Diny, Mayor
Kaitlyn Bernarde, City Clerk