

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE WAUSAU COMMON COUNCIL**  
held on Tuesday, October 8, 2024, in Council Chambers, beginning at 6:30 p.m.,  
Mayor Doug Diny presiding.

**Roll Call**

**10/08/2024**

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

**Proclamations**

**10/08/2024**

The Mayor of the City of Wausau Proclaims:

- Indigenous Peoples' Day (October 14, 2024)
- White Cane Safety Day (October 15, 2024)
- Curling Days in Wausau (October 24-27, 2024)

Tom Kilian was recognized for service to the City of Wausau as an Alder on the Common Council.  
Dawn Herbst was recognized for service to the City of Wausau as an Alder on the Common Council.

The Chair spoke on Robert's Rules of Order to ensure civility of the meeting and on item 24-1008.

*Point of order raised by Neal that the speech was not agendized. The point of order was not ruled on by the Chair.*

*Point of order raised by Larson that the speech was not agendized. The point of order was not well taken by the Chair and the Chair continued speaking.*

*Point of order raised by Lukens that the speech was not agendized. The point of order was well taken by the Chair and the Chair ceased comments.*

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

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1. Felix Gallo, 1206 Highland Park Boulevard – Spoke in support of the drop box.
2. Dave Jobelius, 1024 N. 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue – Spoke on the drop box.
3. Jay Coldwell, 3422 Horseshoe Spring Road – Spoke in support of the drop box.
4. Joanne Leonard, address not provided – Spoke in opposition of the drop box.
5. Christine Salm, 3312 N. 11<sup>th</sup> Street – Spoke in support of the drop box.
6. Maggie Cronin, 311 Summit Drive – Spoke in opposition of the drop box.
7. Robert Steffen, 206 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue – Spoke in opposition of the drop box.
8. Melissa Markgraph, 11313 Solar Avenue, Mequon – Spoke in support of the drop box.
9. Joel Lewis, 807 Turner Street – Spoke in support of the drop box.
10. Tony Jordan, 627 Jackson Street – Spoke on the drop box.
11. Steve Schmidt, 1205 Parcher Street – Spoke against city spending.
12. Marie Schmidt, 1205 Parcher Street - Spoke against city spending.
13. Phillip Cooper, 1200 S. 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Apartment #9 – Spoke in support of the Mayor.
14. Debra Ryan, 702 Elm Street – Spoke in opposition of the drop box.
15. Scott Seedfeldt, 2007 Garth Street – Spoke in support of the drop box.
16. Christine Martens, 1228 Arthur Street – Spoke in support of the drop box.
17. Jon Radtke, 708 Franklin Street – Spoke in opposition of the drop box.
18. Anne Leskys, 1010 Everest Boulevard – Spoke in opposition of the drop box.
19. Nancy Stencil, 223281 Azalea Road, Wausau – Spoke in support of the drop box.
20. Joel Gardner, 504 Franklin Street – Spoke on the drop box.
21. Carolina Larrain, 4051 Stoneridge Drive – Spoke in opposition of the drop box.

- 22. Brittany Volich, Wisconsin Campaign Manager for All Voting Is Local – Spoke in support of the drop box.
- 23. Mary Bychinski, 703 Fulton Street – Spoke on the drop box.

**Consent Agenda**

**10/08/2024**

*Without objection*, item 24-1003 was pulled from the consent agenda by the request of Watson.

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

**24-1001** from the Common Council Approve Minutes of a previous meeting(s) (09/24/2024 and 09/26/2024).

**24-1004** Ordinance from the Public Health & Safety Committee Amending Wausau Municipal Code § 9.04.010 – State statutes adopted.

**24-1005** Resolution from the Infrastructure & Facilities Committee Approving Agreement for the Management and Maintenance of a Stormwater Facility (ABC Supply Co. Inc. – 102 Fulton Street).

**24-1006** Resolution from the Parks & Recreation Committee Accepting donation of 508 E. Wausau Avenue.

**24-1010** Resolution from the Economic Development Committee Approving the sale of City-owned Property to Habitat for Humanity at 722 Jefferson St.

**24-1011** Ordinance from the Plan Commission and Historic Preservation Commission Amending Section 2.82.055 of the Wausau Municipal Code to include the designation of the Deutscher Arbeiter Unterstutzungs Verein - German Workmen’s Aid Society (DAUV Hall), 540 S 3rd Ave, as a Local Historic Landmark.

**24-1012** Ordinance from the Plan Commission to Rezone 406 Winton St from part of a Heavy Industrial (HI) Zoning District to an Urban Mixed-Use (UMU) Zoning District.

**05-0406** Resolution from the Finance Committee Terminating Tax Increment District Number Six.

**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

**24-1003**

**10/08/2024**

Motion by Henke, seconded by Rasmussen, to adopt the Ordinance from the Public Health & Safety Committee Creating Wausau Municipal Code § - Disorderly Conduct and/or Battery Against Election Officials, Election Registration Officials, or Clerks.

Watson stated this was a necessary ordinance as it covers municipal election officials as well as the county election officials. It was stated a lot of the controversy around elections prompted the necessity.

Lukens stated safety concerns need to be addressed and that it of the utmost importance to protect election workers and clerks.

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

**24-1002**

**10/08/2024**

Motion by Henke, seconded by Tierney, to adopt the Mayor’s Appointments of Alder Terry Kilian and Alder Becky McElhaney, and Alder Sarah Watson as an alternate, to the Joint City of Wausau and Marathon County Homelessness Task Force.

Lukens questioned a lack of references and information for the appointment to the Police and Fire Commission. It was stated the Citizen Participation Form was in the packet. Lukens stated the form itself was not completed and that a completed form would be needed to move forward.

Motion by Lukens, seconded by Watson, to refer Mayor's Appointment to Police and Fire Commission back to the Mayor.

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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	NO

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

Gisselman stated the importance of the work of the Joint City of Wausau and Marathon County Homelessness Task Force.

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

**24-0809**

**10/08/2024**

Motion by Henke, seconded by Martens, to adopt the Joint Resolution from the Infrastructure & Facilities and Finance Committee Approving Developer’s Agreement with STS Investments LLC, west of Birchwood Drive and west of Old Coach Road.

Henke stated opposition in the Infrastructure & Facilities Committee due to the agreement for when payment is to be received for water/sewer hookup and the lack of payment tracking. It was stated a different payment agreement stifled the ability for the development to move forward and there is software to better track the payments now verses past practice. Henke stated support.

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

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

**24-0812**

**10/08/2024**

Motion by Lukens, seconded by Neal, to adopt the Resolution from the Economic Development Committee Approving a Planning Option Agreement between City of Wausau and Wangard Partners Inc. for 15 Fulton Street/920 N. 1st Street.

Kilian stated opposition of high-end economic development and this was not an appropriate time for the city to provide subsidized spending towards developers.

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3	Kilian, Terry	NO
4	Neal, Tom	YES
5	Gisselman, Gary	YES
6	McElhaney, Becky	YES
7	Rasmussen, Lisa	YES
8	Watson, Sarah	YES
9	Tierney, Vicki	NO
10	Larson, Lou	NO
11	Henke, Chad	YES

Yes Votes: 8      No Votes: 3      Abstain: 0      Not Voting: 0      Result: PASSED

**Suspend the Rules**

**10/08/2024**

Motion by Martens, seconded by Henke, to Suspend Rule (6)B Filing specifically for 24-1007.

Yes Votes: 11

No Votes: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

Result: PASSED

**24-1007**

**10/08/2024**

Motion by Watson, seconded by Lukens, to adopt the Resolution from the Finance Committee Approving Settlement Agreement in Marathon County Case No. 19CV162 Kenneth J. Stankowski, et al vs. City of Wausau and related budget modification.

Yes Votes: 11

No Votes: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

Result: PASSED

**Public Comment & Suggestions**

**10/08/2024**

1. Debra Ryan – Spoke on the Wisconsin Rapids payment drop box.
2. Mica Grove – 316 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue – Spoke in opposition to not taking up item 24-1008.
3. Cynthia Rhyner – 1302 Greenhill Drive – Spoke in support of the drop box.
4. Unknown speaker, address not provided – Spoke in support of the Mayor.

**Adjourn**

**10/08/2024**

Motion by Watson, second by Henke, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Doug Diny, Mayor  
Kaitlyn Bernarde, City Clerk