

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE WAUSAU COMMON COUNCIL
held on Tuesday, January 11, 2022, in Council Chambers, beginning at 6:30 p.m.,
Mayor Katie Rosenberg presiding.

Roll Call

1/11/2022

Roll Call indicated 8 of the 11 members present.

<u>District</u>	<u>Aldersperson</u>	<u>Present</u>
1	Peckham, Patrick	NV
2	Martens, Michael	YES
3	Kilian, Tom	NV
4	Neal, Tom	YES
5	Wadinski, Jim	YES
6	McElhaney, Becky	YES
7	Rasmussen, Lisa	YES
8	Watson, Sarah	YES
9	Herbst, Dawn	NV
10	Larson, Lou	YES
11	Ryan, Debra	YES

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

- 1) Doug Diny, 708 Fulton St, spoke in favor of the proposed Council Rule change to allow member attendance at meetings by WebEx but felt it should be narrowly applied to COVID.

Consent Agenda

1/11/2022

Motion by Watson, second by Neal to adopt all the items on the Consent Agenda as follows:

21-1201 Minutes of previous meetings (12/07/21 & 12/14/21)

22-0104 Ordinance of the Capital Improvements & Street Maintenance Committee Ordinance Amending Section 10.20.080(a) designating no parking on the south side of Fulton Street beginning at its intersection with 7th Street and extending 49 feet west, the north and south sides of Fulton Street beginning at its intersection with 6th Street and extending 100 feet east, and the south side of Strowbridge Street between North 1st Avenue and North 2nd Avenue.

21-0108 Resolution of the Public Health & Safety Committee Approving or Denying Various Licenses as Indicated.

Yes Votes: 8 No Votes: 0 Not Voting: 3 Result: PASS

22-0105

1/11/2022

Motion by Neal, second by Rasmussen to adopt the Resolution of the Economic Development Committee Approving Planning Option Agreement with Main Street Wausau LLC (Terrence Wall) for Riverlife Lots 6, 7 and 8.

Lou Larson questioned if the finances would be worked out by May 1st and what share the taxpayers would be paying. Liz Brodek explained the development agreement will be discussed at the May Economic Development Committee meeting and will include the public financing request. The final agreement would have to be approved by the Council. She stated at this point there is no actual formal agreement, and this resolution is basically saying they have a planning option on the properties through March 1, 2022. If they meet their due diligence and want to move forward with a development agreement we have until May 1st to negotiate it.

Yes Votes: 7 No Votes: 1 Abstain: 0 Not Voting: 3 Result: PASS

<u>District</u>	<u>Aldersperson</u>	<u>Vote</u>
1	Peckham, Patrick	NV
2	Martens, Michael	YES
3	Kilian, Tom	NV
4	Neal, Tom	YES
5	Wadinski, Jim	YES
6	McElhaney, Becky	YES
7	Rasmussen, Lisa	YES
8	Watson, Sarah	YES

9	Herbst, Dawn	NV
10	Larson, Lou	NO
11	Ryan, Debra	YES

15-0708

1/11/2022

Motion by Neal, second by Watson to adopt the Resolution of the Economic Development Committee Approving First Amendment to Development Agreement between City of Wausau and Riverlife Condos, LLC (Mitch Viegut).

Tom Neal clarified there is no significant changes to anything we have looked at in the past. There was a question regarding responsibility for a water line that goes underneath the property and the basic positioning of the building. The direct reference to the amphitheater has been removed and will be handled separately.

Yes Votes: 7 No Votes: 1 Abstain: 0 Not Voting: 3 Result: PASS

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1	Peckham, Patrick	NV
2	Martens, Michael	YES
3	Kilian, Tom	NV
4	Neal, Tom	YES
5	Wadinski, Jim	YES
6	McElhaney, Becky	YES
7	Rasmussen, Lisa	YES
8	Watson, Sarah	YES
9	Herbst, Dawn	NV
10	Larson, Lou	YES
11	Ryan, Debra	NO

22-0106

1/11/2022

Motion by Watson, second by Rasmussen to adopt the Resolution of the Economic Development Committee Approving Sale of 9913/9915 Innovation Way in Business Campus to Badger Liquor Co. Inc.

Tom Neal stated this is a very clean proposal and there is no city financial involvement attached. It is the construction of a building where merchandise will be stored overnight and then trucked out for distribution.

Yes Votes: 8 No Votes: 0 Not Voting: 3 Result: PASS

Suspend the Rules

1/11/2022

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

Yes Votes: 8 No Votes: 0 Not Voting: 3 Result: PASS

02-0432

1/11/2022

Motion by Wadinski, second by Martens to adopt the Ordinance of the Common Council Amending Chapter 2.16, Standing Rules of the Common Council Rule 2 – Quorum Required and Rule 4 – Absence of Members

Anne Jacobson explained this ordinance amends Rule 2 and 4 the identical way that it had been amended before, to not only allow members of Council and the Standing Committees to attend by meetings by remote technology, but any appointed or elected member of any committee commission or board may do the same, except for Closed Session. You must be present to establish a quorum in Closed Session and participate in discussion and/or vote.

Becky McElhaney stated this rule is being proposed again because of Pat Peckham's serious health issues keeping him from attending Council to represent his district with the transmissibility of the Omicron variant. She indicated she would like it to be in effect for a narrow scope and have a sunset date to review it.

Lisa Rasmussen suggested a sunset date be at the end of the current term of this sitting Council in April and the new Council can decide whether to keep it in effect longer or not.

Amendment to 02-0432

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Martens to amend the Ordinance of the Common Council Amending Chapter 2.16, Standing Rules of the Common Council Rule 2 – Quorum Required and Rule 4 – Absence of Members – to include a sunset date of April 19, 2022.

Vote on Amendment:

Yes Votes: 8 No Votes: 0 Not Voting: 3 Result: PASS

Vote on Ordinance as amended on Council floor:

Yes Votes: 8 No Votes: 0 Not Voting: 3 Result: PASS

02-0432

1/11/2022

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Martens to adopt the Resolution of the Common Council Amending rules relating to meetings of governmental bodies

Jacobson explained at some point the dial in option for the public was terminated and this re-authorizes the dial in option for members and for the public. McElhaney questioned if this is to just allow the public to call in and monitor a meeting but not allow them to comment. Jacobson confirmed it was for public listening, not participating.

Amendment

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Martens to amend the Resolution of the Common Council Amending rules relating to meetings of governmental bodies – to include a sunset date of April 19, 2022.

Yes Votes: 8 No Votes: 0 Not Voting: 3 Result: PASS

Sarah Watson felt it was valuable for the citizens dialing-in to be able to make public comment at the beginning of the meeting if they are pre-registered like those who are present in the Council Chambers. Jacobson stated they could allow that if they wished and then mute them during the business portion of the meeting.

Amendment #2

Motion by Watson, second by Rasmussen to amend the Resolution of the Common Council Amending rules relating to meetings of governmental bodies – to allow pre-registered citizens to make public comment by phone.

Yes Votes: 8 No Votes: 0 Not Voting: 3 Result: PASS

Vote on Resolution as amended on Council floor:

Yes Votes: 8 No Votes: 0 Not Voting: 3 Result: PASS

16-1110

1/11/2022

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Wadinski to adopt the Resolution of the Finance Committee Authorizing the Wausau Fire Department to submit an application to the US Department of Homeland Security (FEMA) for an Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program - Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant for 9 additional firefighters/paramedics.

Yes Votes: 8 No Votes: 0 Not Voting: 3 Result: PASS

Public Comment or Suggestions

None

Adjourn

1/11/2022

Motion by Peckham, second by Neal to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Katie Rosenberg, Mayor
Kaitlyn Bernarde, City Clerk