

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE WAUSAU COMMON COUNCIL
held on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall.
Mayor Katie Rosenberg presiding.

Roll Call

1/26/2021

Roll Call indicated 11 members present.

<u>District</u>	<u>Aldersperson</u>	<u>Present</u>
1	Peckham, Patrick	YES
2	Martens, Michael	YES
3	Kilian, Tom	YES
4	Neal, Tom	YES (<i>WebEx</i>)
5	Wadinski, Jim	YES
6	McElhaney, Becky	YES
7	Rasmussen, Lisa	YES
8	Watson, Sarah	YES (<i>WebEx</i>)
9	Herbst, Dawn	YES
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) Bruce Grau, 1115 N. 10th St, spoke regarding housing displacement. (*Letter placed on file*)

Communications: Executive Fire Training Program Graduation (Mayor)

Mayor Rosenberg announced Deputy Chief Robert Barteck graduated from the Executive Fire Training Program and introduced Chief Tracey Kujawa to speak. Chief Kujawa explained this program is an intensive program that requires four years of dedication and is designed to provide senior fire officers with a broad perspective on various facets of fire administration. Deputy Barteck commented and thanked them for the acknowledgement.

Committee Reports:

Board of Public Works – Insurance Claims October 2020 – December 2020 (Place on file)

Consent Agenda

1/26/2021

Motion by Larson, second by Peckham to adopt all the items on the Consent Agenda as follows:

21-0101 Minutes of previous meeting (1/12/21)

21-0112 Resolution of the Capital Improvement & Street Maintenance Committee Approving the street name for a segment of roadway south of Single Avenue

21-0113 Resolution of the Capital Improvement & Street Maintenance Committee Approving Agreement for the Management and Maintenance of a Stormwater facility (Nidus Holding Company LLC – 201 North 17th Avenue)

21-0115 Ordinance Amending Section 10.20.080(a) designating no parking here to corner on the west side of the 1000 block of S. 12th Avenue from a point 135 feet north of W. Thomas Street back to W. Thomas Street and designating no parking back to corner on the east side of the 1000 block of S. 12th Avenue from 95 feet north of W. Thomas Street back to W. Thomas Street

21-0117 Ordinance of the Capital Improvements & Street Maintenance Committee Amending Section 10.20.080(a) designating no parking here to corner on the west side of the 1000 block of S. 15th Avenue from a point 118 feet north of W. Thomas Street back to W. Thomas Street and designating no parking back to corner on the east side of the 1000 block of S. 15th Avenue from a point 92 feet north of W. Thomas Street back to W. Thomas Street

12-1119 Resolution of the Human Resources Committee Approving Notice of Election to Self-Insure Worker's Compensation Program with CVMIC

20-0310 Resolution of the Human Resources Committee Ratifying Revised Policy for Employees with Symptoms or Exposure of Novel

89-0233 Resolution of the Finance Committee Approving termination of Inspection Services Agreement with the Town of Stettin

89-0233 Resolution of the Finance Committee Approving termination of Inspection Services Agreement with the City of Schofield

89-0233 Resolution of the Finance Committee Approving termination of Inspection Services Agreement with the Village of Rothschild

21-0118 Resolution of the Finance Committee Approving termination of Fire Department Mutual Aid Agreement with the Rib Mountain Fire Department.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

21-0114

1/26/2021

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Kilian to adopt the Ordinance of the Capital Improvements & Street Maintenance Committee Amending Section 10.20.080(a) designating no parking on the north side of the 500 block of Franklin Street from the east side of the driveway at 504 Franklin Street west to the corner of N. 5th Street.

Lou Larson explained he was the dissenting vote at committee because he felt this was not exactly what the citizens had requested. Lisa Rasmussen stated CISM came up with a solution that met their needs without having to designate a 2 hour parking area outside the central business district.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

21-0116

1/26/2021

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Wadinski to adopt the Ordinance of the Capital Improvements & Street Maintenance Committee Amending Section 10.20.080(a) designating no parking on the south side of Myron Street between Cleveland Avenue to McCleary Street and no parking on the west side of Emter Street between Myron Street to Thomas Street.

Tom Kilian indicated he had received a lot of feedback regarding concerns that the parking changes year round on Emter and Myron Streets would essentially create a defacto city truck route to DPW. This does increase the concentration of city truck traffic on Emter and he did not feel it was in the best interests of the neighborhood. Rasmussen noted there was discussion with Director Lindman to promote Cleveland Avenue as a primary route for those vehicles to resolve that issue. Kilian requested a report in 6 months to provide a summary of varied routes to see if this is working.

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

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

21-0120 Table

1/26/2021

Motion by Larson, second by Ryan to table the Resolution of the Economic Development Committee Approving the sale of 118, 120, 126, 130, 134 and 138 E. Thomas Str. To Tyler Knudson Construction LLC for the construction of the Thomas Street Phase II Remnant Parcels Housing project.

Ryan felt the housing proposed is too expensive for that neighborhood when compared to the value of the existing homes there and believed they should be consider building more affordable housing.

Rasmussen pointed out this a land sale of remnant property that the city no longer has a use for. Remnant property is sold all the time

and until they are sold the city is not only taking care of them, but also removing snow on the sidewalks and there is no property tax. The first RFP that came in was for \$7 million worth of apartments, high density housing, which the neighborhood hated. ED Committee discussed single family homes with an average sized house and two-car garage. She pointed out if a house doesn't have a basement there isn't much room for storage and therefore the garage needs to be bigger. The city is not giving away property; the developer is offering to purchase the land at a fair price and has not asked for funding. She did not feel they should be micromanaging the developer and the housing market will determine what the houses sell for.

Sean Fitzgerald took the Council through the RFP process.

Larson raised questions about contamination on the land and possible future liability. He felt the city was responsible to clean it up before handing it over to any developers. He wanted to table this item until the ground is completely cleaned and is 100% safe to inhabit.

Vote on motion to Table:

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

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

21-0120 Amendment

1/26/2021

Motion by Kilian, second by McElhaney to amend the Resolution of the Economic Development Committee Approving the sale of 118, 120, 126, 130, 134 and 138 E. Thomas Str. To Tyler Knudson Construction LLC for the construction of the Thomas Street Phase II Remnant Parcels Housing project – to provide a real estate condition report with the sale of property.

Kilian stated there were concerns about these parcels regarding contamination and it would be realistic to do a Phase I and Phase II on them. He further stated if the city doesn't do it, he felt the buyer should be required to. The other concern he spoke of was the price of the proposed property as compared to others in the neighborhood as Alder Ryan had pointed out earlier.

Lindman stated there were concerns about Dioxins so there was extensive Dioxin testing done, typically to the surface soils. There were detections of Dioxins in that area on the edges of properties. There was also some subsurface testing done for metals along the corridor and in the boulevards; nothing was found. He indicated they spoke with the DNR about Dioxins and were told that no additional action was required, but because of the public perception, the Council made the decision to remove those soils during construction. He did not believe there were any issues with the site and there is nothing that says we need to do further testing because the area is clear. *Lengthy discussion followed.*

Call the Question

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Peckham to call the question and end debate.

(Requires a 2/3 majority vote to pass, or at least 8 votes)

Yes Votes: 7 No Votes: 4 Abstain: 0 Not Voting: 0 Result: FAIL

<u>District</u>	<u>Aldersperson</u>	<u>Vote</u>
1	Peckham, Patrick	YES
2	Martens, Michael	YES
3	Kilian, Tom	NO
4	Neal, Tom	YES
5	Wadinski, Jim	YES
6	McElhaney, Becky	NO
7	Rasmussen, Lisa	YES
8	Watson, Sarah	YES
9	Herbst, Dawn	YES

10	Larson, Lou	NO
11	Ryan, Debra	NO

Discussion continued. Kilian believed they should at least provide a real estate condition disclosure report with the sale of the property. The Attorney's Office weighed in on this subject.

Vote on Amendment:

Yes Votes: 5 No Votes: 6 Abstain: 0 Not Voting: 0 Result: FAIL

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

21-0120

1/26/2021

Motion by Herbst, second by Peckham to adopt the Resolution of the Economic Development Committee Approving the sale of 118, 120, 126, 130, 134 and 138 E. Thomas Str. To Tyler Knudson Construction LLC for the construction of the Thomas Street Phase II Remnant Parcels Housing project.

Larson felt the Council as a whole needs to get more involved with the RFP's throughout the city and their districts. He requested sometime in the future this Council discuss reviewing RFP's before releasing or voting on them.

Yes Votes: 7 No Votes: 4 Abstain: 0 Not Voting: 0 Result: PASS

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

19-0921

1/26/2021

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Herbst to adopt the Resolution of the Finance Committee Approving an amendment to the development agreement for the Wausau Center Mall redevelopment project with Wausau Opportunity Zone, Inc.

Ryan indicated she voted no at committee and does not support this unless the agreement is a loan to be paid by WOZ once the property is sold and developed. Mayor Rosenberg noted this is just the legal update to the development agreement.

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

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1	Peckham, Patrick	YES
2	Martens, Michael	YES
3	Kilian, Tom	NO
4	Neal, Tom	YES
5	Wadinski, Jim	YES

6	McElhaney, Becky	YES
7	Rasmussen, Lisa	YES
8	Watson, Sarah	YES
9	Herbst, Dawn	YES
10	Larson, Lou	NO
11	Ryan, Debra	NO

19-1109

1/26/2021

Motion by Herbst, second by Watson to adopt the Resolution the Finance Committee Approving the 2020 budget modification for the Recycling, Parking and Airport Fund.

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

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

20-1109

1/26/2021

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Wadinski to adopt the Resolution of the Finance Committee Authorizing 2021 Budget Modification for Fire Department Software Programs.

Ryan stated she would vote no on any budget modifications that are repurposing funds within a department because she felt they should wait until the end of the year when the surplus is known and the Council can then consider them.

Rasmussen explained the purchase of CPR devices was originally approved in the CIP budget, however, since then they have received a grant to cover that purchase and would like to repurpose these funds to accomplish the software purchase.

Chief Kujawa clarified the money was already repurposed and approved last year, but it wasn't spent because we couldn't get the things we needed in the timeframe due to Covid. We couldn't get the CPR devices and the software was delayed, otherwise the money would have been spent last year for what it was designated.

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

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

21-0119

1/26/2021

Motion by Wadinski, second by Kilian to adopt the Resolution of the Human Resources Committee Authorizing classification of full-time Community Communications Specialist.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

03-1111

1/26/2021

Motion by Larson, second by Martens to adopt the Joint Resolution of the Human Resources Committee and the Finance Committee Authorizing Compensation Plan Adjustment – Internal Alignment between union and non-represented supervisory staff.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

20-0317

1/26/2021

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Peckham to adopt the resolution of the Public Health & Safety Committee Approving COVID-19 Related Mask Requirement City Wide.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

87-0220

1/26/2021

Motion by Wadinski, second by Herbst to adopt the Ordinance of the Wausau Water Works Commission Amending Section 3.40.010 Fees and licenses schedule, Section 13.04.030 Management and control, Section 13.64.010 Purpose; repealing and recreating Section 13.64.020 Basis for charges.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

13-0309

1/26/2021

Motion by Herbst, second by Wadinski to adopt the Resolution of the Wausau Water Works Commission Authorizing the addition of the sewer rates approved by the Wausau Water Works Commission to the City of Wausau Fees and Licenses Schedule adopted pursuant to Wausau Municipal Code §3.40.010(a).

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

Suspend the Rules

1/26/2021

Motion by Wadinski, second by to suspend Rule 6(B) Filing.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

03-1006

1/26/2021

Motion by Wadinski, second by Peckham to adopt the Joint Resolution of the Airport Committee and the Capital Improvements & Street Maintenance Committee Approving gas, electrical and telecommunications easement with Wisconsin Public Service and Charter Communications, LLC for the installation of a gas line, electrical, and telecommunications to the new Kocourek hangar at the Wausau Downtown Airport.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

Public Comment or Suggestions:

None.

Adjourn

1/26/2021

Motion by Wadinski, second by Peckham to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Katie Rosenberg, Mayor
Leslie M. Kremer, City Clerk