

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE WAUSAU COMMON COUNCIL
held on Tuesday, February 14, 2023 in Council Chambers, beginning at 6:30 p.m.,
Mayor Katie Rosenberg presiding.

Roll Call

2/14/2023

Roll Call indicated 11 members present.

<u>District</u>	<u>Aldersperson</u>	<u>Present</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

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

- 1) Denis Wolowski, 1520 Golf Club Rd, spoke in opposition to the Rezoning of 1600 Golf Club Road indicating he was speaking on behalf of six neighboring property owners. He reiterated the concerns expressed at the public hearing of devaluing of the properties, increased traffic and noise, degradation of the appearance of the neighborhood, and the moving in and out of families. He asked the Council to vote no to the rezoning.

Consent Agenda

2/14/2023

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

23-1101 Minutes of previous meeting (1/24/23)

06-0919 Joint Resolution of the Airport and Finance Committees approving Termination of Airport Ground Lease with Allan Woldt

02-1019 Joint Resolution of the Airport and Finance Committees Approving Termination of Airport Ground Lease with Wynn Jones & Associates

23-0204 Initial Resolution of the Capital Improvements & Street Maintenance Committee Setting a public hearing regarding vacating and discontinuing the portion of an alley that abuts 300 West Knox Street, 1110 North 3rd Avenue, 1114 North 3rd Avenue, and 1111 North 4th Avenue

23-0205 Initial Resolution of the Capital Improvements & Street Maintenance Committee Setting a public hearing regarding vacating and discontinuing right-of-way located east of 1610 Meadowview Road, 1615 Meadowview Road, and 1612 Evergreen Road, which abuts the boundary of Parcels 080-2908-074-0992 and 156001 Forest Valley Road in the Town of Wausau

23-0206 Resolution of the Capital Improvements & Street Maintenance Committee Approving easement agreement with Kolbe & Kolbe Properties, Inc. at 1111 McCleary Street for a future parkway or multi-use trail adjacent to the Wisconsin River

23-0207 Resolution of the Capital Improvements & Street Maintenance Committee Approving the street name change for the east/west segment of South 18th Avenue between South 17th Avenue and South 18th Avenue

23-0208 Resolution of the Finance Committee Approving donation of fire safety trailer to Ringle Fire Department

98-0618 Resolution of the Public Health & Safety Committee Adopting the Marathon County all Hazards Mitigation Plan 2022 Update

05-0604 Resolution of the Public Health & Safety Committee Adopting the National Incident Management System

23-0108 Resolution of the Public Health & Safety Committee Approving or Denying Various Licenses as Indicated

14-0407 Ordinance of the Public Health & Safety Committee Amending Section 1.01.025 Issuance of citations; Repealing Section 2.20.045 Enforcement of certain property violations

23-0209 Ordinance of the Public Health & Safety Committee Amending Section 8.08.001 Definitions, Section 8.08.120 Number of dogs and cats limited, Section 8.08.270 Penalty; Creating Section 8.08.171 Permitting of commercial kennels, Section 8.08.172 Commercial kennel permit fees, Section 8.08.173 Permit application process, Section 8.08.174 General permit provisions, Section 8.08.175 Permit nonrenewal, suspension or revocation, Section 8.08.176 Abatement of nuisance at commercial kennel, Section 8.08.177 General facility standards, Section 8.08.178 Indoor facility standards, Section 8.08.179 Outdoor facility standards, Section 8.08.180 Enclosures, Section 8.08.181 Feeding and food receptacles

22-1109 Joint Resolution of the Airport and Public Health & Safety Committees Authorizing the amendment of fees to the City of Wausau Fees and Licenses Schedule adopted pursuant to Wausau Municipal Code §3.40.010(a) relating to commercial kennel permit fees

17-0512 Resolution of the Wausau Water Works Commission Authorizing Execution of the Department of Natural Resources Principal Forgiven Financial Assistance Agreement.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

21-0706 Amendment

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Motion by Kilian, second by Larson to Amend the City of Wausau Five-Year Strategic Plan (2022-2027) – to include a include a commitment to environmental justice in the objectives and environmental justice goals in the performance measures of the Innovative Public Services section on page 9.

Tom Kilian stated there are some elements of the plan that mention sustainability and last term the Council in a collaborative effort arrived at a resolution supporting environmental justice. He felt it would be positive as a safeguard and protection for our citizens, if along with some of the sustainability language, they could add commitment to environmental justice principles.

Doug Diny stated there was a lot of things in this plan that was started by the prior Council. He felt they should meet as a group or workshop to discuss it in detail and finetune it before acting on it. Mayor Rosenberg felt it is a living document and things can be revisited through committees rather than having another workshop.

Lisa Rasmussen did not object to the amendment but felt they should be cautious about having the plan be precise and exactly mirror our brainstorm list from our retreat. She thought they should use the strategic plan as an outline or guidepost for those discussions. The list is the Council's priorities where we pick two or three issues that we really want to impact, knowing that we have two years to accomplish something. She felt that can exist separately and work with the strategic plan without being incorporated into it. The concepts should be more general in the plan.

Vote on amendment:

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

21-0706

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Motion by Lukens, second by Martens to adopt the Resolution of the Executive Committee Approving and adopting the City of Wausau Five-Year Strategic Plan (2022-2027), as amended on Council floor.

Sarah Watson commented she wanted to see this plan adopted because it has been a long time coming and felt it has all the goals and outcomes the Council and community want. She felt if we can get it going, we can start measuring things.

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

<u>District</u>	<u>Aldersperson</u>	<u>Vote</u>
1	Lukens, Carol	YES
2	Martens, Michael	YES
3	Kilian, Tom	NO
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

23-0210

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Motion by Watson, second by Henke to adopt the Ordinance of the Plan Commission Rezoning 1600 Golf Club Road from SR-2, Single family Residential-2 Zoning District to TF-10, Two Flat Residential-10 Zoning District.

Lisa Rasmussen commented she struggled with to see how this duplex is so detrimental to a neighborhood because it is only a two-family home, not an 8-unit apartment building or an apartment complex that comes with 20 vehicles. She requested feedback from either the Council member who sits on the Plan Commission or the Mayor.

Mayor Rosenberg indicated the concerns she gathered were related to this very long, skinny driveway that is shared, as well as concerns about the wildlife that is enjoyed there. Bill Hebert stated all the land was annexed into the city from the Town of Texas and the almost two-acre piece they are looking to rezone would only be for a two-family structure. He noted it could have potentially been subdivided into five lots but did not have enough street frontage with just a narrow driveway.

Gary Gisselman felt the neighborhood made a strong case at the Plan Commission that with the terrain and the fear of what might happen in the future to enlarge the building, that it does not fit into the neighborhood itself. Lou Larson felt they should listen to what the people of the neighborhood want and vote no. Becky McElhaney indicated she would not support it either because although this request may be okay, we don't know what a future owner might do and because her neighborhood doesn't want this. She noted there are also water issues that could affect people next door. Tom Kilian commented we are elected to serve the people, not rule over them and we should heed the sentiments of the long-standing property owners in opposition. Dawn Herbst indicated she drove up to the neighborhood to view the site and believed the water running downhill onto the property will be a big problem. She was in favor of a single-family home but not a duplex. Rasmussen agreed stormwater runoff could be a serious problem.

Doug Diny questioned if the two structures on the west side of the access way with no frontage were put in by exception or grandfathered. Hebert explained they were developed in the Town of Texas and annexed in and served with sewer & water. He noted initially the developer wanted to split this into two lots but because of the zoning code regarding minimum street frontage, this was the only way to have two living units on this property.

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

<u>District</u>	<u>Aldersperson</u>	<u>Vote</u>
1	Lukens, Carol	NO
2	Martens, Michael	YES
3	Kilian, Tom	NO
4	Diny, Doug	YES
5	Gisselman, Gary	NO
6	McElhaney, Becky	NO
7	Rasmussen, Lisa	NO
8	Watson, Sarah	YES
9	Herbst, Dawn	NO
10	Larson, Lou	NO
11	Henke, Chad	NO

23-0211

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Motion by Watson, second by Lukens to adopt the Ordinance of the Plan Commission Rezoning 4308 North 6th Street from UMU, Urban Mixed Use Zoning District to SR-5, Single Family Residential-5 Zoning District (Lot 2) and Urban Mixed Use Zoning District (Lot 1)

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

Suspend the Rules

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Motion by Rasmussen, second by Herbst to Suspend Rule 6(B) Filing of Resolutions.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

14-1009

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Motion by Rasmussen, second by Lukens to adopt the Resolution of the Finance Committee Approving Wireless Telecommunication Equipment and Service Agreement with New Cell, Inc. d/b/a Cellcom.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

23-0212

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Motion by Herbst, second by Watson to adopt the Resolution of the Human Resources Committee Approving Underfilling the Deputy Assessor Position with a Property Appraiser Position.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

Public Comment and Suggestions:

None

Adjournment

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Motion by Henke, second by Watson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm.

Katie Rosenberg, Mayor
Kaitlyn Bernarde, City Clerk