

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE WAUSAU COMMON COUNCIL**

held on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, in Council Chambers, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Katie Rosenberg presiding.

**Roll Call**

3/08/2022

Roll Call indicated 11 members present.

| <u>District</u> | <u>Aldersperson</u> | <u>Present</u> |
|-----------------|---------------------|----------------|
| 1               | Peckham, Patrick    | YES (by WebEx) |
| 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         | YES (by WebEx) |

**Presentations:**

**2021 Hmong Wausau Festival (Yee Leng Xiong)**

Executive Director, Yee Leng Xiong stated the 2021 Hmong Festival was the most successful Hmong celebration in the 45 years history of the Hmong community in Central Wisconsin. He stated there were over 14,000 attendees from 11 states over the two days of the festival and all hotel rooms within an hour of Wausau were booked. The festival generated over \$3 million in economic impact to Central Wisconsin. He presented a video recap of the festival <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WK2rggVxVKw>

**Wausau River District (Blake Opal-Wahoske)**

*Rescheduled for a later date.*

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

None

**Consent Agenda**

3/08/2022

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

**22-0201** Minutes of the previous meeting. (2/22/22)

**12-0219** Joint Resolution of the Human Resources Committee and the Finance Committee Approving Amendment of Employee Handbook 4.07 – Protected Service Employees.

**22-0108** Resolution of the Public Health & Safety Committee Approving or Denying Various Licenses as Indicated.

**12-1014** Ordinance of the Public Health & Safety Committee Amending Section 8.08.160 Rabies control.

Yes Votes: 11    No Votes: 0    Result: PASS

**22-0301**

3/08/2022

Motion by Larson, second by Kilian to confirm the Mayor's Appointments to *Affordable Housing Regional Task Force* - Tom Holster; *Airport Committee* - Dennis Seitz; *Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee* - Susan Schmidt; *Citizens Advisory Committee* – CDGB - Pamela Jackson, Mathuselath Thao; *Liberation & Freedom Committee* - Bruce Grau, Kelley Kolpitchke; *Police & Fire Commission* - Kathy Strasser; *Sustainability, Energy & Environment Commission* - Mary Kluz.

Yes Votes: 11    No Votes: 0    Result: PASS

**22-0304**

3/08/2022

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Wadinski to adopt the Joint Resolution of the Capital Improvements & Street Maintenance Committee and the Plan Commission Approving Alexander Davis Preliminary Plat.

Lou Larson questioned if the city would own these lots or if WOZ was going to own them. Tom Radenz, REI, representing WOZ, stated WOZ will own the lots and there are some out lots that the city will own. The street dedications will get reverted to the street. Larson felt it would be appropriate if WOZ sells the land they could give a portion of the sales back to the city, considering the city has millions sunk into this project.

Lisa Rasmussen encouraged support because it delineates the property lines and allows WOZ to deed back to the city the right-of-way that we need to put road grade back in. She indicated CISM Committee looked at a number of different configurations, road widths, and amenities to kick start that project.

Tom Kilian questioned if there was some funding on the table that is already planned for this development. Maryanne Groat stated we don't have a comprehensive financial plan for all the redevelopment costs. She noted the Council approved amending TID #7 to provide for the funding through donor increment of the demolition and there would be funds available for the road reconstruction. Kilian questioned if this hinges on some sort of statutory exemption or is it something that can be done regardless some of the state limits of TIFs. Groat explained it can be done regardless because today TID #12 has developer assistance payments within the half mile boundaries and you can amend project plans even if above the 12%, you just can't add territory or create a new district. She indicated we are motivated to add those now vacant parcels to a TID at some point because we would like the increment from the new construction, but there is not an immediate need to do that.

Yes Votes: 8      No Votes: 3      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         | NO          |

**22-0105** 3/08/2022

Motion by Neal, second by Watson to adopt the Resolution of the Economic Development Committee Approving termination of recorded Deed Restrictions and recording revised Deed Restriction for 715, 717, 719, 721 and 723 S. 72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue.

Yes Votes: 11      No Votes: 0      Result: PASS

**12-0705** 3/08/2022

Motion by Neal, second by Watson to adopt the Resolution of the Finance Committee Rescinding prior resolution #12-0705, Joint Resolution of the Economic Development and Finance Committees approving the sale of land to be surveyed in the Wausau Business Campus Expansion Area land at 9500-9600 Innovation Way to Composite Envisions (or their assignee) and reverse Tax Increment Financing (TIF) payments for 2 years not to exceed a total of \$49,000, adopted September 24, 2019.

Yes Votes: 11      No Votes: 0      Result: PASS

**22-0305** 3/08/2022

Motion by Herbst, second by Wadinski to adopt the Resolution of the Wausau Water Works Commission Approving terms of Settlement Agreement between WDNR and the City of Wausau, providing for dismissal of both Contested Case and Petition for Judicial Review (Marathon County Case No. 19CV32).

Yes Votes: 11      No Votes: 0      Result: PASS

**Suspend the Rules** 3/08/2022

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

Yes Votes: 11      No Votes: 0      Result: PASS

**21-1109 Amendment**

3/08/2022

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Watson to amend the of the Finance Committee Approving the 2022 budget modification to fund bottled water – to change the amount of funding to \$150,000 from ARPA funds and to authorize staff to order a combination of bottled water and individual filtration solutions to meet the temporary need.

Lisa Rasmussen explained at Finance Committee before this meeting they agreed they would like a more robust interim solution that just bottled water. There was discussion about potentially purchasing in-home devices and were willing to allocate a sum of American Rescue Plan funding to that purpose and allow the professionals to decide what the product mix is.

Deb Ryan suggested having staff contact the local chapter of the American Red Cross to help with distributing bottled water.

Tom Kilian noted the water that is going to be provided has been screened for PFAS and is safe.

Yes Votes: 11    No Votes: 0    Result: PASS

**21-1109**

3/08/2022

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Neal to adopt the Resolution of the Finance Committee Approving the 2022 budget modification to fund bottled water, as amended on Council floor.

Yes Votes: 11    No Votes: 0    Result: PASS

**22-0306**

3/08/2022

Motion by Herbst, second by Watson to adopt the Joint Resolution of the Wausau Water Works Commission and the Finance Committee Approving application for ARPA American Recovery Funds for the Water PFAS Treatment Investigation and Pilot Bench Testing and related budget amendment; funding for the pilot study; Continuing Professional Services Agreement, Task Orders 1 and 2 with Donohue.

Rasmussen explained this is the research that is necessary to get the right mix of filtration strategies and filter media at the new plant. Getting this study underway as soon as possible is critical.

Yes Votes: 11    No Votes: 0    Result: PASS

**Public Comment or Suggestions:**

None.

**CLOSED SESSION**

3/08/2022

Motion by Wadinski, second by Neal to convene in Closed Session pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(e) and (g) for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specific public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session and 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 Planning Option Agreement between District at Riverlife, LLC and City of Wausau.

***Roll Call Vote:***

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

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| 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         | YES         |

**RECONVENED INTO OPEN SESSION**

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Larson to adopt the Resolution of the Common Council Terminating the Planning Option Agreement with District at Riverlife, LLC (f/k/a Main Street Wausau, LLC) (Registered Agent T. Wall Enterprises Manager, LLC) for Riverlife Lots 6, 7 and 8

Yes Votes: 10

No Votes: 0

Abstain: 1

Not Voting: 0

Result: PASS

| <u>District</u> | <u>Aldersperson</u> | <u>Vote</u> |
|-----------------|---------------------|-------------|
| 1               | Peckham, Patrick    | ABS         |
| 2               | Martens, Michael    | YES         |
| 3               | Kilian, Tom         | YES         |
| 4               | Neal, Tom           | YES         |
| 5               | Wadinski, Jim       | YES         |
| 6               | McElhaney, Becky    | YES         |
| 7               | Rasmussen, Lisa     | YES         |
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| 11              | Ryan, Debra         | YES         |

**Adjourn**

3/08/2022

Motion by Neal, second by Watson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Katie Rosenberg, Mayor  
Kaitlyn Bernarde, City Clerk