

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE WAUSAU COMMON COUNCIL
held on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall.
Mayor Robert Mielke presiding.

Roll Call

3/10/2020 6:33:06 PM

Roll Call indicated 8 members present.

<u>District</u>	<u>Aldersperson</u>	<u>Present</u>
1	Peckham, Patrick	YES
2	Martens, Michael	YES
3	Nutting, David E.	YES
4	Neal, Tom	YES
5	Gisselman, Gary	YES
6	McElhaney, Becky	NV
7	Rasmussen, Lisa	YES
8	Lawrence, Linda	YES
9	Herbst, Dawn	YES
10	Thao, Mary	NV
11	Smith, Dennis	NV

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

Chuck Robinson, 2221 Ridgeview Dr, spoke in support of using the old fire station for a senior center. He read a report as an update on how to prepare the building and a budget to keep costs down and to run the facility.

Consent Agenda

3/10/2020 6:39:08 PM

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

20-0201 Minutes of the previous meeting (2/25/20)

74-1126 Ordinance of the Capital Improvement & Street Maintenance Committee Repealing and recreating Chapter 12.40 Street Excavations

18-0805 Resolution of the Finance Committee Approving a contract extension between PCS Mobile and City of Wausau for the automated license plate recognition system for parking and related maintenance

20-0307 Resolution Park & Recreation Committee Approving the naming of the dog park to 2 Hearts Dog Park

20-0108 Resolution of the Public Health & Safety Committee Approving or Denying Various License as Indicated

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

97-0404

3/10/2020 6:40:06 PM

Motion by Neal, second by Nutting to adopt the Resolution of the Finance Committee Terminating Tax Increment District Number Five

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

20-0305

3/10/2020 6:40:43 PM

Motion by Herbst, second by Nutting to adopt the Ordinance of the Plan Commission Rezoning 1010 North 72nd Avenue from PUD, Planned Unit Development to DR-8, Duplex Residential-8 Zoning District

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

20-0306

3/10/2020 6:41:20 PM

Motion by Lawrence, second by Peckham to adopt the Ordinance of the Plan Commission Rezoning 107 South 68th Avenue from PUD, Planned Unit Development to SR-5, Single Family Residential-5 Zoning District

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

20-0304

3/10/2020 6:42:58 PM

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Peckham to adopt the Resolution of the Sustainability, Energy & Environment Committee Approving participation in the Wisconsin DNR Green Tier Legacy Community Program

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

Suspend the Rules

3/10/2020 6:43:24 PM

Motion by Nutting, second by Neal to Suspend the Rules for items marked pending

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

18-1008

3/10/2020 6:49:57 PM

Motion by Neal, second by Lawrence to adopt the Resolution of the Finance Committee Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$5,105,000 Water System and Sewer System Revenue Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2020A

Phil Cossan, Ehlers & Associates, stated there is a change in what they are being asked to approve tonight because the bid came in with costs that were less and reduced the amount of debt being issued from \$5,120,000 down to \$5,105,000. He explained this was a short term issue that was taken out two years ago and comes due 4/01/20 when it will be paid off and replaced with this issue. This will allow time needed to put in place the final financing for both the wastewater and the water treatment facilities. He indicated they are continuing to work through those documents working through PSC requirements and DOA requirements. He noted they have allowed for some time just in case things delay so they don't have to re-issue bonds again.

Cosson reviewed the Sale Day Report, noting the Moody's rating is a MIG 1, which is how they rate short-term issues and is a very strong rating. He indicated they only received one bid from Huntington Securities at 1.362% for up to two years.

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

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20-0308

3/10/2020 6:52:56 PM

Motion by Nutting, second by Herbst to adopt the Resolution of the Finance Committee Approving Municode Full Service Supplementation services to host and codify the City of Wausau code

Rasmussen stated there has been a discussion for a number of years that it would be good to have a full scale review of our Municipal Code to find things that are antiquated or out of date and our participation in the Municode process will get that job done.

Peckham questioned if this will make searching the code easier for the public and Council members. Jacobson confirmed it will be much more user-friendly and searchable for everyone.

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

18-0915

3/10/2020 6:53:49 PM

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Neal to adopt the Resolution of the Finance Committee Recommending submission of an application for Transit Capital Assistance funds under the VW Mitigation Program and acknowledges that receipt of those funds will result in the reduction of future municipal revenue payments pursuant to 79.035(7), Wis. Stats.

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

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Neal to adopt the Resolution of the Finance Committee Approving the 2020 budget modification for Physical Therapy Services for Wausau Police Department

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

Public Comment or Suggestions

Chuck Robinson, 2221 Ridgeview Dr, commented he heard there were discussions regarding having a City Administrator and cautioned them if they went that route to clearly define what the administrator's job is.

Closed Session

3/10/2020 6:56:42 PM

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Nutting to convene in CLOSED SESSION pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(g) for the purpose of 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, for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel regarding pending tax litigation involving US Bank N.A. Case No. 16CV535 and 18CV448

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

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Reconvened into Open Session

3/10/2020 7:08:05 PM

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Nutting to adopt the Resolution of the Common Council Approving proposed agreement for settlement of lawsuits between City of Wausau and US Bank N.A. for property tax challenges for tax years 2015-2019 (Case Nos. 16CV535 and 18CV448)

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

Adjournment

3/10/2020 7:08:35 PM

Motion by Herbst, second by Martens to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm.

Robert B. Mielke, Mayor
Leslie M. Kremer, City Clerk