



OFFICIAL NOTICE AND AGENDA

Notice is hereby given that the Common Council of the City of Wausau, Wisconsin will hold a regular or special meeting on the date, time and location shown below.

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| Meeting of the: | COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WAUSAU                                                                                                                        |
| Date/Time:      | March 11, 2025 at 6:30 P.M.                                                                                                                                 |
| Location:       | City Hall (407 Grant Street, Wausau WI 54403) - Council Chambers                                                                                            |
| Members:        | Carol Lukens, Michael Martens, Terry Kilian, Tom Neal, Gary Gisselman, Becky McElhaney, Lisa Rasmussen, Sarah Watson, Vicki Tierney, Lou Larson, Chad Henke |

| Call to Order                                                                                         |       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                  |
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| Pledge of Allegiance / Roll Call / Proclamations                                                      |       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                  |
| Public Comment: Pre-registered citizens for matters appearing on the agenda and other public comment. |       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                  |
| Mayor's Statement on Strategic Plan                                                                   |       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                  |
| File #                                                                                                | CMT   | Consent Agenda                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | ACT                              |
| 25-0301                                                                                               | COUN  | Approve Minutes of a previous meeting(s) (02/25/2025).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Place on file                    |
| 25-0303                                                                                               | I&F   | Ordinance Amending Section 10.20.080(a) designating no parking on the east side of North 10th Street between Franklin Street and McIndoe Street.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Approved 5-0                     |
| 25-0306                                                                                               | PARK  | Ordinance Amending Sections 2.02.020 - Index of title 2 offices and the applicable sections, 2.16.010 -Generally, Rule 13 Committees, 2.20.040 - Uniform ordinance violation citation, 2.60.070 - Plan Commission, 2.90.030 - Smoking prohibited in specified outdoor areas, 3.12.020 - Various departments to be notified – Recommendations, 6.52.020 - Board of Park Commissioners to enforce chapter, 6.52.070 - Cost of tree care, 8.08.010 – Certain creatures forbidden, 9.08.020 - Throwing or shooting of arrows, stones and other missiles prohibited, 9.21.050 - Controlled areas, 10.20.080 – No parking and restricted parking areas designated, 10.38.020 - Operation on City owned or leased property, 12.56.030 - City Forester, 12.56.080 - Permit to plant, remove, maintain and protect trees and shrubs, 12.56.130 - Appeal from order of City Forester, 12.56.190 – Cost of planting, removing, maintaining and protecting trees and shrubs, 21.12.040 - Preliminary plat review and recommendations, 21.12.080 - Final plat review and recommendations, 21.13.060 – Final plat review and recommendations, 21.16.085 - Required dedications for park purposes, 21.16.120 - Vacation or alteration of parkland and 23.08.30 - Landscaping requirements and repealing and recreating Chapter 9.20 Park Regulations. | Approved 5-0                     |
| 25-0307                                                                                               | ED    | Resolution Approving Partnership with Habitat for Humanity Affordable Housing Proposal and Sale of 727 Jefferson Street.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Approved 5-0                     |
| 25-0308                                                                                               | ED    | Resolution Approving Request for Qualifications for Partnership for Housing on Infill Lots in the City of Wausau.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Approved 5-0                     |
| 25-0309                                                                                               | ED    | Resolution Endorsing Fair Housing Month Events in April 2025.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Approved 5-0                     |
| 25-0108                                                                                               | PH&S  | Resolution Approving or Denying Various Licenses as Indicated.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Approved 4-0                     |
| File #                                                                                                | CMT   | Resolutions and Ordinances                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | ACT                              |
| 25-0302                                                                                               | MAYOR | Mayor's Appointments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Placed on file                   |
| 25-0214                                                                                               | PH&S  | Vetoed Resolution Expressing Opposition to Any Proposed Federal or State Cuts to Medicaid.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Approved 10-0-1<br>Vetoed 3/3/25 |
| Suspend Rule 6(B) Filing and/or 12(A) Referral of Resolutions (2/3 vote required)                     |       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                  |
| 25-0304                                                                                               | COUN  | Ordinance Amending Section 10.20.080(a) designating no parking on the east side of North 6th Avenue beginning at the intersection of Quaw Street and extending 12 feet south.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Pending                          |
| 25-0305                                                                                               | COUN  | Resolution Approving Ethics Board Rule on Recusal.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Pending                          |
| 24-1108                                                                                               | COUN  | Resolution Approving Sale of Wausau Fire Department Ladder Truck 2.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Pending                          |
| Public Comment & Suggestions                                                                          |       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                  |
| Adjournment                                                                                           |       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                  |

Signed by Mayor Doug Diny

Members of the public who do not wish to appear in person may view the meeting live on live on the Internet, by cable TV, Channel 981, and a video is available in its entirety and can be accessed at <https://tinyurl.com/WausauCityCouncil>. Any person wishing to offer public comment who does not appear in person to do so, may e-mail [kaitlyn.bernarde@wausauwi.gov](mailto:kaitlyn.bernarde@wausauwi.gov) with “Common Council Public Comment” in the subject line prior to the meeting start.

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Questions regarding this agenda may be directed to the City Clerk.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), the City of Wausau will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs or activities. If you need assistance or reasonable accommodations in participating in this meeting or event due to a disability as defined under the ADA, please call the ADA Coordinator at (715) 261-6622 or [ADAServices@ci.wausau.wi.us](mailto:ADAServices@ci.wausau.wi.us) to discuss your accessibility needs. We ask your request be provided a minimum of 72 hours before the scheduled event or meeting. If a request is made less than 72 hours before the event the City of Wausau will make a good faith effort to accommodate your request.

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE WAUSAU COMMON COUNCIL**  
held on Tuesday, February 25, 2025, in Council Chambers, beginning at 6:30 p.m.,  
Mayor Doug Diny presiding.

**Roll Call**

**02/25/2025**

Roll Call indicated 11 members present.

| <u>District</u> | <u>Aldersperson</u> | <u>Vote</u> |
|-----------------|---------------------|-------------|
| 1               | Lukens, Carol       | YES         |
| 2               | Martens, Michael    | YES         |
| 3               | Kilian, Terry       | YES         |
| 4               | Neal, Tom           | YES         |
| 5               | Gisselman, Gary     | YES         |
| 6               | McElhaney, Becky    | YES         |
| 7               | Rasmussen, Lisa     | YES         |
| 8               | Watson, Sarah       | YES         |
| 9               | Tierney, Vicki      | YES         |
| 10              | Larson, Lou         | YES         |
| 11              | Henke, Chad         | YES         |

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

**02/25/2025**

1. Linda Michalski, 922 S. 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue – Spoke on the Mayor
2. Bryan Bailey, 1435 Sumner Street – Spoke in favor of 25-0202

**Statement from the Mayor on Robert's Rules of Order**

**02/25/2025**

Mayor Doug Diny made a statement on Robert's Rules of Order.

**Consent Agenda**

**02/25/2025**

*Without objection*, item 25-0206 was pulled from the consent agenda by the request of Neal.

*Without objection*, item 25-0214 was pulled from the consent agenda by the request of Watson.

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

**25-0201** from the Common Council Approve Minutes of a previous meeting(s) (02/11/2025).

**25-0205** Joint Resolution from the Human Resources Committee and the Finance Committee Approving the Adjusted City of Wausau Part-Time, Temporary, and Seasonal Wage Rates.

**25-0207** Resolution from the Parks & Recreation Committee Approving Naming of the Amphitheater at Stewart Park in Honor of Madam Waltraud Karkar.

**25-0208** Resolution from the Parks & Recreation Committee Supporting of the Continuation of the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program.

**25-0209** Resolution from the Human Resources Committee Approving the Equal Employment Opportunity Plan and Amendment to the Employee Handbook Section 1.01 – Equal Employment Opportunity.

**25-0210** Resolution from the Human Resources Committee Authorizing Reclassification of Assistant City Planner Position From Grade 15 (\$60,070.40 - \$90,064.00) to Grade 16 (\$58,572.80 - \$81,952.00).

**25-0211** Resolution from the Human Resources Committee Approving the Creation of a No Payout Vacation Leave Only Bank and Revision of the Employee Handbook Section 8.04 – Vacation.

**25-0215** Resolution from the Infrastructure & Facilities Committee Accepting Easement with Wisconsin Public Service for Underground Utility Facilities at 1506 East Cherry Street.

**23-1110** Resolution from the Infrastructure & Facilities Committee Levying Special Assessments for the 2024 Street Construction Projects.

**12-1116** Resolution from the Finance Committee Approval of the Assessment Services Contract Between the City of Wausau and the

City of Schofield to Provide Assessment Services to the City of Schofield for the Assessment of Real Property for Contract Years 2026-2030.

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

**24-0206** **02/25/2025**

Motion by Henke, seconded by Martens, to adopt the Resolution from the Parks & Recreation Committee Approving Naming of a Portion of River Edge Trail from Thomas Street to Adolph Street Peckham Way.

Neal stated the request to pull this item from consent was meant to give more context to the purpose of the resolution. Neal stated this was to honor former Alder Pat Packham for a constant gentlemanly manner and as a great alder.

Lukens echoed Neals comments and stated Packham was a wonderful mentor.

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

**24-0214** **02/25/2025**

Motion by Watson, seconded by Larson, to adopt the Resolution from the Public Health & Safety Committee Expressing Opposition to Any Proposed Federal or State Cuts to Medicaid.

Watson stated the need in the community for supporting Medicaid to support city services and stated it was important the city stand unanimously to send a powerful message to the state and federal government.

McElhaney stated recusal from this item.

Gisselman stated Medicaid was on the chopping block for cuts in federal spending and stated representatives in the federal government should be made aware of the expression of the Common Council.

Rasmussen stated the inability for people to get the care needed comes back on the local government. It was further stated similar resolutions expressing the opinions on state and federal matters was a common practice.

Lukens echoed the comments of others and stated these programs are important to children in the community.

Gisselman requested the video recording of this meeting be sent to Rep. Tom Tiffany and state Rep. Pat Snyder so that both are given an understanding of how the Common Council feels at this time.

| <u>District</u> | <u>Aldersperson</u> | <u>Vote</u> |
|-----------------|---------------------|-------------|
| 1               | Lukens, Carol       | YES         |
| 2               | Martens, Michael    | YES         |
| 3               | Kilian, Terry       | YES         |
| 4               | Neal, Tom           | YES         |
| 5               | Gisselman, Gary     | YES         |
| 6               | McElhaney, Becky    | ABSTAIN     |
| 7               | Rasmussen, Lisa     | YES         |
| 8               | Watson, Sarah       | YES         |
| 9               | Tierney, Vicki      | YES         |
| 10              | Larson, Lou         | YES         |
| 11              | Henke, Chad         | YES         |

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

**25-0202** **02/25/2025**

Motion by Henke, seconded by Tierney, to confirm the Mayor's Appointments of Dylan Anderson to the Ethics Board.

Mayor Diny invited Dylan Anderson to speak to the Common Council.

Henke questioned the scheduling conflict that was mentioned as the reason for pulling the appointment at the previous meeting. It was stated the scheduling conflict was not in reference to the ability to attend Ethics Board meetings but to the ability to attend the previous Common Council meeting to speak on the appointment. Henke questioned if other people had applied for the appointment. It was stated several people had applied or stated interest in the appointment. Henke questioned if Anderson was the most qualified person of the applicants. It was stated Anderson was within the top two of applicants.

Watson questioned the timing of the appointment during an ethics complaint. It was further stated the Ethics Board was to show impartiality and having an appointment to the Ethics Board while the board is investigating the person making the appointment was questionable. Watson stated support for taking up the appointment after the ethics complaint was resolved.

Kilian stated there were no improprieties to the choosing of this appointment and understood the questioning of timing. It was further stated the Mayor has the responsibility to make this appointment and the complaint did not affect the ability to make the appointment.

Gisselman stated concerns to the timing of the appointment in regard to the open ethics complaint.

Larson stated public exhaustion with this process and stated concerns to an appointment to the Ethics Board while the board is investigating the person making the appointment.

Neal questioned the applicant's want to be involved in the Ethics Board and not any other citizen appointment. It was stated the appointment was sought because the position was open.

Tierney stated there was nothing nefarious with the appointment as the applicant was a good candidate for this position with the background listed.

Lukens stated constituents had stated concerns about any appointment to the Ethics Board while there is an open ethics complaint.

McElhaney stated constituents also stated concerns about any appointment to the Ethics Board while there is an open ethics complaint and questioned why the appointment was being sought now when the position was open for almost a year. It was stated an attempt was made to make an appointment to this position previously but the applicant was withdrawn and current events before the Ethics Board prompted people wanting to be involved.

Rasmussen stated constituents also stated concerns about the timing of any appointment to the Ethics Board. It was stated it does not instill confidence of making an appointment while there is an open ethics complaint.

Motion by Henke, seconded by Neal, to table item 25-0202 until the current ethics investigation is complete.

McElhaney questioned what would happen if a member of the Ethics Board were to recuse themselves from the open ethics complaint. It was stated three out of five members would make a quorum but four members would be needed to conduct a hearing of a complaint. McElhaney questioned if the motion made would preclude the appointment if a fourth member is required. It was stated the current motion would not include that.

*Without objection*, Henke amended the motion to table item 25-0202 until the current ethics investigation is complete or the need for a fourth member is required. Neal withdrew the second. Tierney made the second.

Lukens questions how tabling the appointment would impact other applicants received.

Henke stated the motion would be meant to table this particular appointment to be taken up when and if it becomes necessary.

| <u>District</u> | <u>Aldersperson</u> | <u>Vote</u> |
|-----------------|---------------------|-------------|
| 1               | Lukens, Carol       | YES         |
| 2               | Martens, Michael    | YES         |
| 3               | Kilian, Terry       | YES         |
| 4               | Neal, Tom           | NO          |
| 5               | Gisselman, Gary     | NO          |
| 6               | McElhaney, Becky    | YES         |
| 7               | Rasmussen, Lisa     | YES         |
| 8               | Watson, Sarah       | YES         |
| 9               | Tierney, Vicki      | YES         |
| 10              | Larson, Lou         | NO          |

Yes Votes: 8      11      Henke, Chad      YES  
 No Votes: 3      Abstain: 0      Not Voting: 0      Result: PASSED

**25-0212**

**02/25/2025**

Motion by Henke, seconded by Larson, to adopt the Joint Resolution from the Infrastructure & Facilities Committee and the Finance Committee Approving Downtown Parking Improvements Project on North 4th Street, Franklin Street and McIndoe Street.

Larson stated the parking is needed in this area and the additional parking would be beneficial not only to the Woodson YMCA but also to expanding parking opportunities in the downtown area.

Kilian stated constituents in the immediate neighborhood had concerns about the project and stated opposition due to those concerns. Kilian stated concerns with the unclear funding process.

Rasmussen stated the YMCA was partnering with the city to help fund the parking which will benefit both their organization and the wider public. Rasmussen stated support as this is a win for all parties involved.

Martens stated the parking is needed and this was a comparable solution. It was further stated the funding from the YMCA was great to see.

Tierney stated the parking was not needed and that this project is not a critical need for the city in terms of other projects approved to improve parking in the area.

Neal stated the parking is needed as the parking lot in the area is often full for people using the facilities at the YMCA. Neal questioned if the parking rules will be enforced. It was stated the parking restrictions had not yet been discussed but would come to the appropriate committee in the future.

Larson stated a park was not being taken away for building the additional parking. It was further stated the YMCA had been a partner in this endeavor and the city should continue that partnership.

Rasmussen stated it is incumbent for the city to be a good partner with organizations to find solutions to expand parking in the area.

Motion by Martens, seconded by Larson, to place this item in the TID 3 project plan amendment. Martens withdrew the motion. Larson withdrew the second.

*Without objection, the Chair allowed public comment on the item. Objection made by Larson.*

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| 1               | Lukens, Carol       | YES         |
| 2               | Martens, Michael    | NO          |
| 3               | Kilian, Terry       | YES         |
| 4               | Neal, Tom           | YES         |
| 5               | Gisselman, Gary     | YES         |
| 6               | McElhaney, Becky    | YES         |
| 7               | Rasmussen, Lisa     | NO          |
| 8               | Watson, Sarah       | YES         |
| 9               | Tierney, Vicki      | YES         |
| 10              | Larson, Lou         | NO          |
| 11              | Henke, Chad         | NO          |

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

1. Jim Force, 515 Franklin Street – spoke on 25-0212.
2. Tom Kilian, 133 E. Thomas Street – spoke on 25-0212.

Motion by Gisselman, seconded by Tierney, to remove North 4<sup>th</sup> St from the resolution.

Rasmussen stated the parking on 4<sup>th</sup> Street is part of a cohesive plan to provide a complete parking solution to replace a previously proposed parking plan. It was further stated the people who donated the land for the park on 4<sup>th</sup> Street also provided

land for the YMCA meeting the needs of the community as intended. Rasmussens stated this would create another problem of this portion of the plan is removed.

Martens stated the proposed parking netted 9 additional parking spaces and did not have a big impact on the tree canopy. Martens stated opposition.

Henke stated without the parking on 4<sup>th</sup> Street, the issue of the previously proposed parking plan which would tear down a building to create parking would come forward. Henke stated opposition.

Gisselman stated the amendment was raised due to comments from the neighborhood which the YMCA needs to respect as good neighbors.

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|-----------------|---------------------|----------------|
| 1               | Lukens, Carol       | NO             |
| 2               | Martens, Michael    | NO             |
| 3               | Kilian, Terry       | YES            |
| 4               | Neal, Tom           | NO             |
| 5               | Gisselman, Gary     | YES            |
| 6               | McElhaney, Becky    | NO             |
| 7               | Rasmussen, Lisa     | NO             |
| 8               | Watson, Sarah       | NO             |
| 9               | Tierney, Vicki      | NO             |
| 10              | Larson, Lou         | NO             |
| 11              | Henke, Chad         | NO             |
| Yes Votes: 2    |                     | No Votes: 9    |
|                 |                     | Abstain: 0     |
|                 |                     | Not Voting: 0  |
|                 |                     | Result: FAILED |

| <u>District</u> | <u>Aldersperson</u> | <u>Vote</u>    |
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| 1               | Lukens, Carol       | YES            |
| 2               | Martens, Michael    | YES            |
| 3               | Kilian, Terry       | NO             |
| 4               | Neal, Tom           | YES            |
| 5               | Gisselman, Gary     | YES            |
| 6               | McElhaney, Becky    | YES            |
| 7               | Rasmussen, Lisa     | YES            |
| 8               | Watson, Sarah       | YES            |
| 9               | Tierney, Vicki      | NO             |
| 10              | Larson, Lou         | YES            |
| 11              | Henke, Chad         | YES            |
| Yes Votes: 9    |                     | No Votes: 2    |
|                 |                     | Abstain: 0     |
|                 |                     | Not Voting: 0  |
|                 |                     | Result: PASSED |

**97-0404**

**02/25/2025**

Motion by Watson, seconded by Neal, to adopt the Resolution from the Finance Committee Authorizing Staff to Prepare a Project Plan Amendment for Tax Increment District Number Eight to Add Project Costs Including within the ½ Mile Boundary.

McElhaney questioned if the approval of the plan amendment meant the approval of the purchasing of the land for a project within the plan. It was stated the normal procurement policy will be carried out meaning the purchasing of land would still need approval of the Common Council.

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| 1               | Lukens, Carol       | YES         |
| 2               | Martens, Michael    | YES         |
| 3               | Kilian, Terry       | NO          |
| 4               | Neal, Tom           | YES         |
| 5               | Gisselman, Gary     | YES         |
| 6               | McElhaney, Becky    | YES         |
| 7               | Rasmussen, Lisa     | YES         |
| 8               | Watson, Sarah       | YES         |
| 9               | Tierney, Vicki      | YES         |

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|               | 10          | Larson, Lou | YES           |                |
|               | 11          | Henke, Chad | YES           |                |
| Yes Votes: 10 | No Votes: 1 | Abstain: 0  | Not Voting: 0 | Result: PASSED |

**97-0404**

**02/25/2025**

Motion by Henke, seconded by Watson, to adopt the Resolution from the Finance Committee Authorizing Staff to Prepare a Project Plan Amendment for Tax Increment District Number Seven to Share Surplus Increment with Tax Increment District Number Twelve for an Additional One-Year Period 2026.

| <u>District</u> | <u>Aldersperson</u> | <u>Vote</u> |
|-----------------|---------------------|-------------|
| 1               | Lukens, Carol       | YES         |
| 2               | Martens, Michael    | YES         |
| 3               | Kilian, Terry       | NO          |
| 4               | Neal, Tom           | YES         |
| 5               | Gisselman, Gary     | YES         |
| 6               | McElhaney, Becky    | YES         |
| 7               | Rasmussen, Lisa     | YES         |
| 8               | Watson, Sarah       | YES         |
| 9               | Tierney, Vicki      | NO          |
| 10              | Larson, Lou         | YES         |
| 11              | Henke, Chad         | YES         |

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

**94-0907**

**02/25/2025**

Motion by Henke, seconded by Neal, to adopt the Resolution from the Finance Committee Authorizing Staff to Prepare a Project Plan Amendment for Tax Increment District Number Three to Add Project Costs Within the ½ Mile Boundary as amended.

Motion by Martens, seconded by Rasmussen, to amend 94-0907 to add after Parking Ramp Improvements 600,000 "Parking McIndoe St, Franklin St from 4th St to 5th St 238,000" in the nowthere be it resolved clause.

Henke stated adding this parking project in the plan would allow for the funding to be decided now as opposed to finding funding at a future Finance Committee.

Martens stated this parking project was removed from the plan in the Finance Committee but was now added as it had received approval by the Common Council at this meeting. It was further stated including the project in the plan would provide funding within the TID.

Rasmussen stated funding the project through TID is the best option to facilitate infrastructure.

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| 1               | Lukens, Carol       | YES         |
| 2               | Martens, Michael    | YES         |
| 3               | Kilian, Terry       | NO          |
| 4               | Neal, Tom           | YES         |
| 5               | Gisselman, Gary     | YES         |
| 6               | McElhaney, Becky    | YES         |
| 7               | Rasmussen, Lisa     | YES         |
| 8               | Watson, Sarah       | YES         |
| 9               | Tierney, Vicki      | NO          |
| 10              | Larson, Lou         | YES         |
| 11              | Henke, Chad         | YES         |

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

| <u>District</u> | <u>Aldersperson</u> | <u>Vote</u> |
|-----------------|---------------------|-------------|
| 1               | Lukens, Carol       | YES         |
| 2               | Martens, Michael    | YES         |
| 3               | Kilian, Terry       | NO          |
| 4               | Neal, Tom           | YES         |

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| 5  | Gisselman, Gary  | YES |
| 6  | McElhaney, Becky | YES |
| 7  | Rasmussen, Lisa  | YES |
| 8  | Watson, Sarah    | YES |
| 9  | Tierney, Vicki   | NO  |
| 10 | Larson, Lou      | YES |
| 11 | Henke, Chad      | YES |

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

#### **24-1109B**

**02/25/2025**

Motion by Watson, seconded by Neal, to adopt the Resolution from the Finance Committee Adopting a 2025 Budget Modification for Wausau Downtown Airport Hangar #4 Door.

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

#### **Suspend the Rules**

**02/25/2025**

Motion by Watson, seconded by Tierney, to Suspend Rule 6(B) Filing and/or 12(A) Referral of Resolutions.

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

#### **25-0213**

**02/25/2025**

Motion by Watson, seconded by Rasmussen, to adopt the Resolution from the Common Council Approving the hiring of special counsel and authorizing the City Attorney to hire and manage outside legal counsel engaged to represent Nathan Miller, in his capacity as former assistant city attorney in the matter of Marathon County Case No. 2025JD000001, In RE: 968.02(3) Complaint.

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

#### **11-0505**

**02/25/2025**

Motion by Watson, seconded by Martens, to adopt the Resolution from the Common Council Designating May 03, 2025 as World Migratory Bird Day.

Martens stated migratory birds are important to the ecosystem and this would show further support for the community through local art that focuses on birds.

Lukens stated the importance of migratory birds while birds are losing species due to loss of habitat.

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

#### **Public Comment & Suggestions**

**02/25/2025**

1. Tom Kilian, 133 E. Thomas Street – Spoke on public comment.

#### **Adjourn**

**02/25/2025**

Motion by Martens, second by Neal, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Doug Diny, Mayor  
Kaitlyn Bernarde, City Clerk

**CITY OF WAUSAU, 407 Grant Street, Wausau, WI 54403**

**ORDINANCE OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE**

Amending Section 10.20.080(a) designating no parking on the east side of North 10<sup>th</sup> Street between Franklin Street and McIndoe Street.

Committee Action:      Approved 5-0

**Ordinance Number:**      61-5981

Fiscal Impact:      Minimal cost to install signs

**File Number:**      25-0303

**Date Introduced:**      March 11, 2025

The Common Council of the City of Wausau do ordain as follows:

Add      (      )

Section 1.      That Section 10.20.080(a) of the Wausau Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

(a) There shall be no parking in the following locations:

...

North 10<sup>th</sup> Street

- East side of North 10<sup>th</sup> Street between Franklin Street and McIndoe Street

Section 2.      All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 3.      This ordinance shall be in full force and effect on the day after its publication.

Adopted:

Approved:

Approved:

Published:

Attest:

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Doug Diny, Mayor

Attest:

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Kaitlyn A. Bernarde, City Clerk

## INFRASTRUCTURE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

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Date of Meeting: February 13, 2025, at 5:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

Members Present: Chad Henke, Lou Larson, Michael Martens, Tom Neal, Sarah Watson

Also Present: Eric Lindman, TJ Niksich, Jillian Kurtzhals, Dustin Kraege, Lori Wunsch

In compliance with Chapter 19, Wisconsin Statutes, notice of this meeting was posted and received by the *Wausau Daily Herald* in the proper manner.

### **Discussion and possible action on parking restrictions on North 10<sup>th</sup> Street between Franklin Street and McIndoe Street**

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Neal brought this forward responding to a constituent's concern. The family lives one block further north off of 10<sup>th</sup> Street on Adams Street. By 930 Franklin Street, heading north, there is a thick bunch of bushes and you cannot easily see traffic on 10<sup>th</sup> Street until you are into 10<sup>th</sup> Street. It is a bus line. If you are making a turn off of Franklin onto 10<sup>th</sup> Street and there are cars, you could be stopped and have nowhere to go. Heading further north on 10<sup>th</sup> Street there is no parking on the east side of the street. Heading south on 10<sup>th</sup> Street, the street widens. He supports the request from the constituent as it is a very valid concern.

Larson moved to approve the parking restrictions as proposed. Neal seconded.

Henke asked if there are driveways in the area. Neal said there are none; the driveways are around the corners.

There being a motion and a second, motion to approve the parking restrictions as proposed passed 5-0.

Agenda Item No.

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***STAFF REPORT TO INFRASTRUCTURE AND FACILITIES***

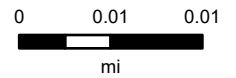
***COMMITTEE – February 13, 2025***

| AGENDA ITEM                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| Discussion and possible action on parking restrictions on North 10 <sup>th</sup> Street between Franklin Street and McIndoe Street                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| BACKGROUND                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| N. 10 <sup>th</sup> Street between Franklin Street and McIndoe Street is a narrow street, 27 feet from back of curb to back of curb. A typical residential street is 33 feet back of curb to back of curb. The current ordinance and signs prohibit parking on the west side. A request to prohibit parking on the east side has been received. To note, this would match the current parking restrictions on North 10 <sup>th</sup> Street north of McIndoe Street. |
| FISCAL IMPACT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Minimal.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| STAFF RECOMMENDATION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Approve adding no parking on the east side of N. 10 <sup>th</sup> Street between Franklin Street and McIndoe Street.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Staff contact: Allen Wesolowski 715-261-6762                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

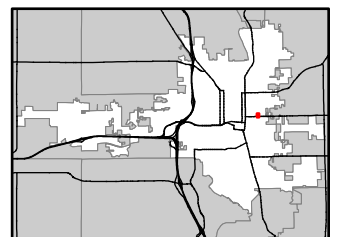
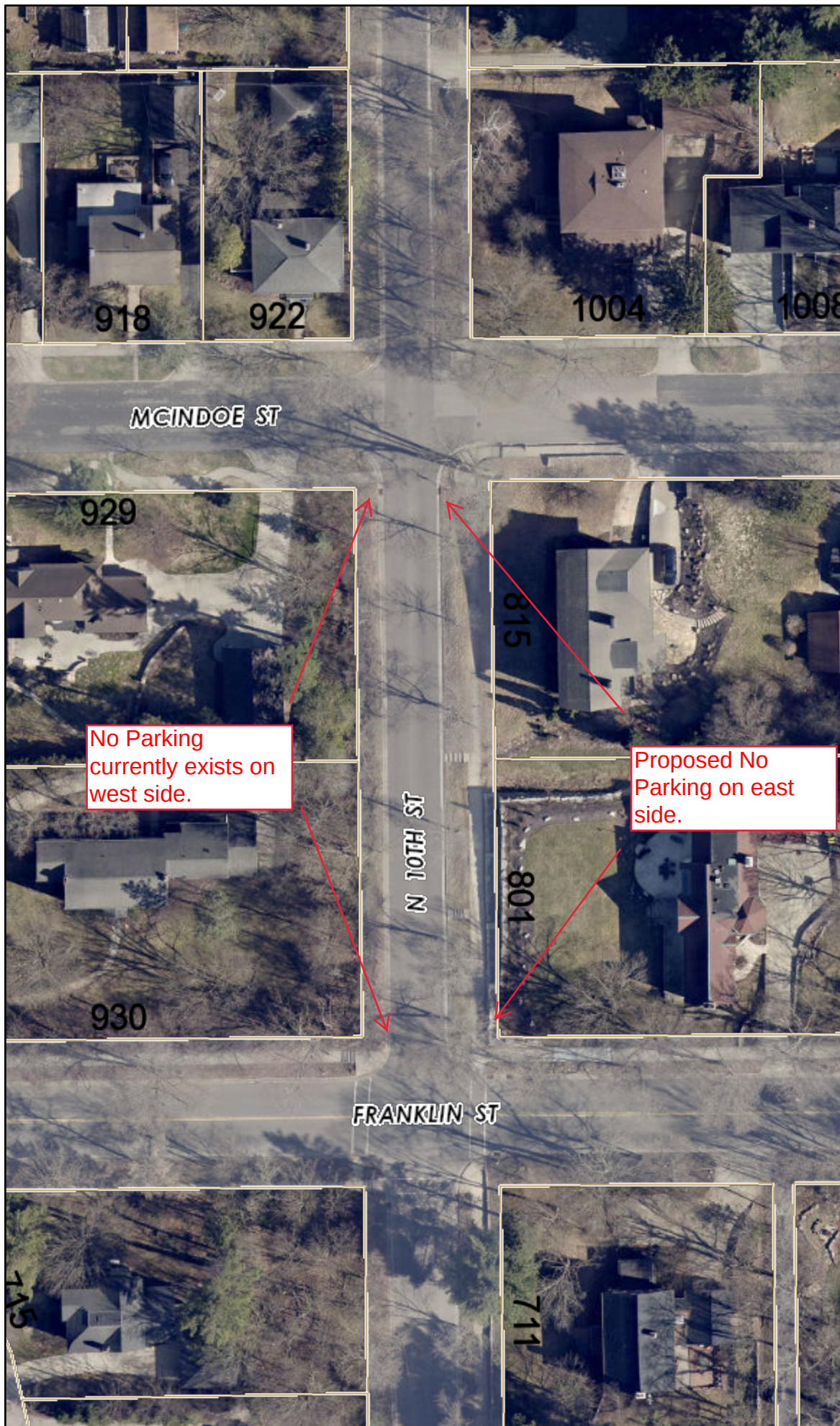
# ArcGIS Web Map

City of Wausau / DPW

Date Printed: 2/6/2025



- Right Of Way
- Parcel



## NOTES:

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**CITY OF WAUSAU, 407 Grant Street, Wausau, WI 54403**

**ORDINANCE OF PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Amending Sections 2.02.020 - Index of title 2 offices and the applicable sections, 2.16.010 -Generally, Rule 13 Committees, 2.20.040 - Uniform ordinance violation citation, 2.60.070 - Plan Commission, 2.90.030 - Smoking prohibited in specified outdoor areas, 3.12.020 - Various departments to be notified – Recommendations, 6.52.020 - Board of Park Commissioners to enforce chapter, 6.52.070 - Cost of tree care, 8.08.010 – Certain creatures forbidden, 9.08.020 - Throwing or shooting of arrows, stones and other missiles prohibited, 9.21.050 - Controlled areas, 10.20.080 – No parking and restricted parking areas designated, 10.38.020 - Operation on City owned or leased property, 12.56.030 - City Forester, 12.56.080 - Permit to plant, remove, maintain and protect trees and shrubs, 12.56.130 - Appeal from order of City Forester, 12.56.190 – Cost of planting, removing, maintaining and protecting trees and shrubs, 21.12.040 - Preliminary plat review and recommendations, 21.12.080 - Final plat review and recommendations, 21.13.060 – Final plat review and recommendations, 21.16.085 - Required dedications for park purposes, 21.16.120 - Vacation or alteration of parkland and 23.08.30 - Landscaping requirements and repealing and recreating Chapter 9.20 Park Regulations.

Committee Action:      Approved 5-0

**Ordinance Number:**      61-5983

Fiscal Impact:      None

**File Number:**      25-0306

**Date Introduced:**      March 11, 2025

The Common Council of the City of Wausau do ordain as follows:

Add (        )

Delete (———)

Section 1.      That Section 2.02.020 – Index of title 2 offices and the applicable sections, is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Chapter 2.02 – GENERAL PERSONNEL POLIICIES**

**2.02.010 – Purpose.**

|                                          |                     |
|------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Assessor                                 | 2.06.015            |
| Attorney                                 | 2.06.015            |
| Chief Inspector and Zoning Administrator | 2.12.010            |
| Clerk                                    | 2.08.010            |
| Electrical Inspector                     | 2.12.010            |
| Engineer                                 | 2.12.010            |
| Finance Director                         | 2.06.010            |
| Forester                                 | <del>2.10.010</del> |
| Plumbing Inspector                       | 2.12.010            |
| Director Public Works and Utilities      | 2.06.015            |
| Street Superintendent                    | 2.12.010            |

Section 2. That Section 2.16.010 – Generally, Rule 13 Committees, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Chapter 2.16 – STANDING RULES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

....

RULE 13 COMMITTEES

....

B. *Standing Committees.* The Standing Committees of the Council shall be:

....

6. Parks and Recreation;

Section 3. That Section 2.20.040 Uniform ordinance violation citation, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Chapter 2.20 – ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT

2.20.040 – Uniform ordinance violation citation.

The following officials may issue, on information and belief or on their own knowledge, a uniform ordinance violation citation, pursuant to Wis. Stats. § 66.0113 for violations of ordinances directly relating to their official responsibilities:

|                                                |                                                           |
|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| Building inspector                             | Fire inspector                                            |
| Director of inspections and electrical systems | Housing inspector                                         |
| City forester                                  | Plumbing inspector                                        |
| Director of Parks, Recreation & Forestry       | Director of Public Works and Utilities                    |
| Electrical inspector                           | Employee assigned duties and responsibilities of sidewalk |
| Engineer                                       | Treasurer                                                 |
| Finance Director                               |                                                           |

Section 4. That Section 2.60.070 Plan Commission, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Chapter 2.60 – BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

2.60.070 - Plan Commission.

The City Plan Commission shall be composed of the Mayor, who shall be the presiding officer, the Director of Public Works and Utilities, the Parks and Recreation Committee Chairman, an Alderperson, and three residents of the City. The Alderperson member shall be elected by a two-thirds vote of the Common Council at its regular April meeting each year term. Qualifications and responsibilities of the members of the Plan Commission shall be as established by Wis. Stats. § 62.23.

Section 5. That Section 2.90.030 Smoking prohibited in specified outdoor areas, is hereby amended to read as follows:

#### Chapter 2.90 – SMOKING ON GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

##### 2.90.030 - Smoking prohibited in specified outdoor areas.

- (a) No person may smoke in the following areas of a City park or outdoor areas of City property:

....

- (5) Within an area up to 50 feet of those areas in subsections (1) through (4) as designated by the Director of ~~the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department~~ **Parks, Recreation & Forestry** or his or her designee and posted pursuant to subsection (c).

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- (7) Those park areas temporarily posted as no smoking by the Director of the Parks, **Parks, Recreation & Forestry** Department or his or her designee during Parks, **Parks, Recreation & Forestry** Department sponsored events.

- (8) Those park areas temporarily posted as no smoking by the Director of the Parks, **Parks, Recreation & Forestry** Department or his or her designee during an approved Class I or II Special Event held in such park area and which is open to the public with no admission charge and for which no smoking has been requested by the event organizer or sponsor.

- (b) Exceptions. Upon the written request of an event organizer of an approved Class I or II Special Event, the prohibition of this section may be waived by the ~~Park and Recreation~~ **Public Health and Safety** Committee and Common Council for specified designated areas for those events where admission is restricted by the event organizer through the sale of tickets. A request for a waiver shall be submitted at least 60 days in advance of the event.

Section 6. That Section 3.12.020 Various departments to be notified - Recommendations, is hereby amended to read as follows:

#### Chapter 3.12 – SALE OF CITY-OWNED REAL PROPERTY

##### 3.12.020 – Various departments to be notified – Recommendations.

The Capital Improvements and Street Maintenance Committee shall notify the following departments of the proposed sale or disposition of any City-owned land and obtain from these departments a statement indicating whether or not such departments have objection to the sale or disposition of the property involved:

- (a) Police Department;
- (b) Fire Department;
- (c) Water Utility;
- (d) Electrical Department;
- (e) Parks, **Parks, Recreation & Forestry** Department;

- (f) Board of Public Works;
- (g) Community Development Department.

Section 7. That Section 6.52.020 Board of Park Commissioners to enforce chapter, is hereby amended to read as follows:

#### Chapter 6.25 – DUTCH ELM DISEASE

6.52.020 - ~~Board of Park Commissioners~~ **Parks and Recreation Committee** to enforce chapter.

The ~~Board of Parks and Recreation Committee Commissioners~~ shall carry out the provisions of this chapter. ~~It may~~ **The City may fund the** employment of a Forester or designate a municipal employee to perform the duties of Forester under Wis. Stats. ch. 27 and may authorize such Forester to perform the duties and exercise the powers imposed on the board by this chapter.

Section 8. That Section 6.52.070 Cost of tree care, is hereby amended to read as follows:

6.52.070 – Cost of tree care.

- (a) The entire cost of abating any public nuisance or spraying any elm tree or part thereof on City owned property when done at the direction of the Forester shall be borne by the City out of the **Park's, Recreation & Forestry Department's** budget.

Section 9. That Section 8.08.010 – Certain creatures forbidden, is hereby amended to read as follows:

#### Chapter 8.08 – ANIMALS–CARE AND CONTROL

8.08.010 – Certain creatures forbidden.

....

- (d) Exceptions.

....

- (3) The prohibitions in subsections (b) and (c) do not apply to the use of goats by the ~~City of Wausau/Marathon County~~ **Parks, Recreation, & Forestry Department** utilized for vegetation control or abatement purposes within City parks.
- (4) The prohibitions in subsections (b) and (c) do not apply to the display of farm animals by the ~~City of Wausau/Marathon County~~ **Parks, Recreation, & Forestry Department** within a City park or on the 400 Block as part of a short term event hosted or sponsored by the department of one day or less.

Section 10. That Section 9.08.020 - Throwing or shooting of arrows, stones and other missiles prohibited, is hereby amended to read as follows:

#### Chapter 9.08 - WEAPONS

##### 9.08.020 - Throwing or shooting of arrows, stones and other missiles prohibited.

No person shall throw or shoot any object, including without limitation, any arrow, stone, or other missile or projectile, by hand or by any other means, at any other person or at, in or into any building, street, sidewalk, alley, highway, park, playground or other public place within the City. This subsection shall not apply to archery ranges under the supervision of the Parks and Recreation Committee, nor shall it apply to the bow hunting provisions within section 9.08.010.

Section 11. That Chapter 9.20 – Park Regulations, is hereby repealed and recreated to read as follows:

#### Chapter 9.20 PARK REGULATIONS

##### 9.20.010 Vehicle regulation.

- (a) No person shall operate any vehicle as defined in Wis. Stats. § 340.01(74) at a speed in excess of 15 miles per hour or contrary to official traffic signs in any park.
- (b) No person shall operate or park any motor vehicle as defined in Wis. Stats. § 340.01(35), except as provided in this subchapter, upon any paved trail, hiking trail, beach area, playground, picnic area or any other area other than established roads, parking areas, boat ramps and service areas or contrary to posted notice or within any park seasonally closed to vehicular traffic.
- (c) No person shall operate a snowmobile as defined in Wis. Stats. § 340.01(58a) in any park, except on snowmobile trails approved by or for events authorized by the Committee.
- (d) No person shall operate an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) or utility task vehicle (UTV) as defined in Wis. Stats. § 340.01(2g), in any City park, except on established roads.
- (e) No other motorized vehicles other than an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) or utility task vehicle (UTV) shall be operated on a designated ATV/UTV trail on park property with the exception of authorized personnel in the performance of their duties.
- (f) No person shall park, stop or leave standing, whether attended or unattended, any vehicle, obstruction or watercraft:
  - (1) In any manner as to block, obstruct or limit the use of any road, trail, sidewalk, parking lot, boat landing, waterway or winter sport facility; or

- (2) Outside of any area provided for such purposes when it is practical to use such areas; or
- (3) Contrary to posted notice.
- (g) Vehicles may be operated or parked in parks contrary to this subchapter subject to having obtained proper City permits.
- (h) Any vehicle or watercraft in violation of subsection (d) may be towed off the property and stored at the owner's expense.

#### 9.20.020 Regulation of persons.

Persons using the public parks shall comply with the following:

- (1) Terms.
  - (a) Parks and Recreation Committee. The term "Parks and Recreation Committee", composed of five members, is the committee of jurisdiction for City of Wausau parklands, hereafter referred to as the "Committee" in this subchapter.
  - (b) City parks. The terms "City park", "Wausau parks" and "park" mean all lands and water previously and subsequently acquired by the City of Wausau for park or recreational purposes or placed under the jurisdiction of the Committee and include, without limitation, parks, boulevards, triangles, swimming pools and privately owned lands, the use of which has been granted or leased to the City for park, recreational or like public purposes under this subchapter.
  - (c) Director. The Wausau and Marathon County Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department, whose head shall be the Director, shall be the administrative or executive agency of the Committee. The Director shall be the authorized agent of the Committee as referred to in this subchapter.
  - (d) Department. The Wausau and Marathon County Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department is a County Department, hereafter referred to as the "Department". Per the Intergovernmental Agreement to Provide Park and Recreational Services for the City of Wausau and Wisconsin Statute Section 27.075(1) Marathon County, through the Department, exercises all powers of a local, legislative, and administrative character for the purpose of governing, managing, controlling, improving and caring for public city parks, parkways, boulevards and pleasure drives in addition to County parks.
- (2) Scope. The provisions of this subchapter shall apply to all lands, structures and property owned, leased or administered by the City of Wausau and under the management, supervision and control of the Committee.

- (3) Closing hours. No person shall enter or be in any park between 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. Persons in attendance of an activity involving rental of a shelter or participation in a sanctioned special event shall be allowed to remain within the park until Midnight or as allowed by the event agreement. Persons traveling on the River Edge Trail or on walkways traversing The 400 Block and persons transporting watercraft to and from designated boat landings are permitted at any hour.
- (4) Fees and Charges. No person shall use any facility, shelter, land or other area, for which a fee or charge has been established by the Committee, without payment of such fee or charge prior to the use.
- (5) Additional rules. Rules and regulations may be made governing the use and enjoyment of all lands, structures and property owned, leased or administered by the City and under the management, supervision and control of the Department. No person shall disregard posted rules and regulations or engage in any activity contrary to posted notice. Any person who shall violate such rules and regulations or who refuses to subject himself or herself thereto may be excluded from the use of such facility. The decision of the Director to exclude individuals from the use of park facilities shall be final and the City elects not to be bound by the provisions of Wis. Stats. ch. 68, with respect to administrative procedure in this regard.

#### 9.20.030 Pickup and drop area.

There is designated a water ski (pickup and drop area (in the Wisconsin River on the easterly side of Everest Bluegill Bay County Park for the water ski club authorized by the Park Commission to conduct water ski practices and performances.

#### 9.20.040 Public meetings and sales.

- (1) Sales. No person shall sell or offer for sale any goods, wares or merchandise in any park, except as authorized by the Department or City of Wausau and when holding proper licenses.
- (2) Posting bills or advertising. No person shall distribute or post bills or advertisements in any park without written consent of the Committee.

#### 9.20.050 Personal Conduct and Nuisance.

- (1) Docks and Piers. No person shall use docks or piers adjacent to any boat landing in any manner as to obstruct or hinder the launching, landing, loading or unloading of watercraft.
- (2) Obstructing. No person shall knowingly obstruct any employee or law enforcement officer while the employee or law enforcement officer is doing any act in an official capacity and with lawful authority. Obstruct includes without limitation knowingly giving false information with intent to mislead the employee or law enforcement officer in the performance of duty including the issuance of any citation.

- (3) Intoxicating Liquor or fermented malt beverages on 400 Block. No person shall possess or consume intoxicating liquor or fermented malt beverages in or upon The 400 Block except between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.; during a Class I, II, or III Special Event upon request of the event organizer and as approved under the City's Special Events Policy and Procedures for a period beginning two hours before the time for the Class I, II, or III Special and ending one hour after the event if the event closes prior to 4:00 p.m., or such hours beginning before and ending after the event as may otherwise be approved by the Public Health and Safety Committee; or, as otherwise approved by the Public Health and Safety Committee and Common Council as provided in section 9.04.025(d).
- (4) Intoxicating Liquor or fermented malt beverages in City Parks. No person shall possess or consume intoxicating liquor or fermented malt beverages in any City owned park, playground, athletic field or court, swimming or wading pool except as follows:
  - (i) Between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.;
  - (ii) During a Class I, II, or III Special Event upon request of the event organizer and as approved under the City's Special Events Policy and Procedures and the period beginning two hours before the time for the event and ending one hour after the event if the event closes prior to 4:00 p.m., or such hours beginning before and ending after the event as may otherwise be approved by the Public Health & Safety Committee;
  - (iii) At campsites, park shelters or facilities reserved through the Department;
  - (iv) At Athletic Park.

9.20.060 Destruction, entry, cleaning and refuse.

- (1) Metal and glass beverage containers and carry-ins. No person shall carry into, possess, or throw any cup, glass, flask, bottle or other container made of glass or other shatterable material designed or used for holding a beverage within a park under the management of the Department including the amphitheater at Marathon Park, and the grandstand and bleachers in Athletic Park. All beverage vendors must dispense beverages at the above-listed locations in either paper or plastic cups which may be enclosed with snap-on plastic lids only.
- (2) Entry. No person shall enter in any way any building, facility or area that may be under construction or locked or closed to public use, enter or be upon any building, facility or area after the posted closing time or before the posted opening time or contrary to posted notice in any park.

- (3) Deface, remove or destroy. No person shall disturb, molest, deface, remove or destroy any trees, shrubs, plants or other natural growth; disturb or remove shoreline rip-rap; carve on any rocks, archaeological or geological features, signs, walls or structures; drive nails in trees or move, deface or vandalize in any manner any structures including buildings, signs, fences, tables or other park property. Edible fruits, nuts, wild mushrooms and wild asparagus may be picked or gathered without a permit.

#### 9.20.070 Fires, fireworks, firearms, missiles.

- (1) Fires. No fires shall be permitted in any park other than The 400 Block, except for cooking purposes at designated places. No fires shall be permitted under or within a park shelter. No grilling shall be permitted on The 400 Block, with the exception of those special events for which waivers are granted upon the recommendation of Public Health and Safety Committee and approval of the Common Council. Open fires utilizing liquid or gas fuels may be permitted on The 400 Block with the written consent of the Committee.

#### 9.20.080 Animals.

- (1) Animals in public facilities. No owner or person having immediate custody, care or control of any animal, shall permit said animal to enter and/or remain in or about any designated public park building, bathing beach, the Marathon County Sports Complex, the Marathon Park Amphitheater, or playground safety surface area within any City park, except for a dog specially trained to lead blind or deaf persons or to provide support for mobility-impaired persons. This restriction is in addition to the provisions contained in chapter 8.08 of the Wausau Municipal Code.
- (2) Trails. No person shall hike, walk or run or allow a dog or any other animal on groomed cross-country ski, fat tire bike and snowshoe trails, during that period of the year when such trails are open for cross-country skiing or snowshoeing in any City park unless in the case of an emergency or injury.
- (3) Removing Animals. No person shall allow a dog or other animal to intimidate any other person from the use or enjoyment of any park. Evidence that a dog or other animal intimidates persons includes, but is not limited to, such animal not being amenable to control or threatening to attack persons or other animals. Any law enforcement officer may order the animal be removed from the park.
- (4) Hunting and trapping. No person shall take, catch, kill, hunt, trap, pursue, feed or otherwise disturb any wild animals or birds in any park, except that nuisance animals may be trapped upon written consent of the Committee or its authorized agent and in accordance with applicable state statutes and applicable provisions of the Wisconsin Administrative Code setting forth regulations of the Department of Natural Resources.

9.20.090 Athletic.

- (1) Golf. No person shall play or practice golf in any park.
- (2) Rollar skates, skateboards, and scooters. No person shall play or practice hockey, broomball or any other games or sports that may interfere with casual ice skaters, when casual skaters are present on outdoor ice skating rinks established by the Department, except hockey and broomball may be played on designated hockey rinks.

9.20.100 Camping.

- (1) Definitions. The following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

*Campground, designated.* Any tract of land designated exclusively for camping.

*Campground, general.* Any tract of land designated for camping by camping parties.

*Campground, group.* A campground which may be reserved for use by an assemblage of one or more families, nonfamily groups or juvenile groups.

*Camping or camp.* The use of a shelter such as a tent, trailer, motor vehicle, tarpaulin, bedroll or sleeping bag for temporary residence or sleeping purposes.

*Camping party.* Any individual, family, or nonfamily group occupying a campsite.

*Camping unit.* Any single shelter except bedrolls and sleeping bags used for a camp by a camping party.

*Campsite.* A segment of a campground which is designated for camping use by a camping unit or camping party.

*Closed shelter.* Any building or structure capable of being closed to public access and reserved for public or private group activities.

*Family.* A camping party composed of a parent or parents with their unemancipated children.

*Individual group.* A camping party of not more than five unrelated persons occupying one camp site.

*Juvenile group.* A camping party composed of not more than ten juveniles under the leadership of an adult.

*Nonfamily group.* A camping party composed of five or less persons who do not meet the definition of family.

- (2) Camping. Camping is prohibited in any City park or City property maintained by the Department, except at designated campgrounds, or other areas authorized by the Committee.
- (3) Designated campgrounds. Designated campgrounds are those general and group campgrounds under the management of the Department in Big Eau Pleine, Dells of the Eau Claire and Marathon Parks.
- (4) Camping permit. No person shall set up camp prior to completing and displaying a camping permit. Marathon Park camping permits are preregistration only and must be obtained through the online registration software prior to occupying the campsite. All camping fees shall be prepaid for the permit period prior to occupying the campsite as provided in the adopted fee schedule.
- (5) Camping limited, designated campgrounds. No person shall camp and no camping unit shall remain in a designated campground for a period greater than 14 consecutive days. The camping unit shall be removed from the property for at least five days after any period of stay not to exceed 14 consecutive days before being eligible to return.
- (6) Campsite occupancy.
  - (a) No more than one camping party shall occupy a single campsite.
  - (b) No camping party consisting of a nonfamily group shall exceed five persons.
- (7) Campsite changes. No camping party shall move from its assigned campsite to another campsite without prior approval.
- (8) Camping permit expiration. All camping permits expire at 3:00 p.m. on the last day of the permit period.
- (9) Camping permit extensions. Extensions within the 14-day limit may be granted on camping permits. Extensions shall be obtained prior to 10:00 a.m. on the expiration date of the permit.
- (10) Campsite entry hours. No camping party shall start setting up or taking down its camping unit between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.
- (11) Campsite parking. No person shall park any motor vehicle outside the parking area designated at each campsite and not more than two motor vehicles are permitted to any campsite except that as many as five motorcycles are permitted for members of a camping party registered as a nonfamily group.
- (12) Campsite reservations. Campsite reservations will be accepted only for group campgrounds and designated campsites within a general campground.
- (13) Camping party membership. No person shall obtain a camping permit for

use by a camping party of which he is not a member in a general campground.

- (14) Campsite capacity. No more than two sleeping units may occupy a campsite. Two units may consist of one travel trailer, pickup truck camper or motor home and one tent or two tents with no camper. Pickup campers or motor homes towing a trailer shall be treated as a single unit.
- (15) Camping contrary to posted notice. No person shall camp on any lands under the management, supervision or control of the Department contrary to posted notice.
- (16) Camping violations. Violation of any State law or any rules of the Department by a member of a camping party is cause for revocation of the camping permit.
- (17) Campground quiet hours. No person shall make or cause to be made any unreasonable sounds or noises in or adjacent to any designated campground as provided in subsection 9.04.030 between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. Beaches and shelters are closed after park hours except in cases of emergency.

Section 12. That Section 9.21.050 Controlled areas, is hereby amended to read as follows:

#### Chapter 9.21 – BOATING REGULATIONS

##### 9.21.050 - Controlled areas.

The following areas are (slow-no-wake) areas:

....

(d) Within 100 feet of the boat launches at Bluegill Bay County Park, except there is designated a water ski (pickup and drop area) in the Wisconsin River on the easterly side of Bluegill Bay County Park for the Water Walkers Water Ski Shows, Inc., during times of practice and performance and for the general public at all other times;

(de) The Bluegill Bay County Park lagoon;

(ef) Within 100 feet of the boat launches at D.C. Everest County Park in the City, except there is designated a water ski (pickup and drop area) in the Wisconsin River on the easterly side of D.C. Everest County Park for the Wausauqua Water Ski Shows, Inc., during times of practice and performance and for the general public at all other times;

and relettering (f) through (j) to (g) through (k).

Section 13. That Section 10.20.080 – No parking and restricted parking areas designated, is hereby amended to read as follows:

#### Chapter 10.20 – PARKING

10.20.080 - No parking and restricted parking areas designated.

(a) There shall be no parking in the following locations:

##### West Pardee Street

- North side of the street, of the 900 block from 30 feet west from the western most entrance to a point 30 feet east of the second driveway entrance of the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department's facility and an area beginning 30 feet west of the eastern most entrance of the facility to a point 30 feet east of the eastern most entrance

##### South 7th Avenue

- West side of the street, from the north edge of the south entrance to the Wausau/Marathon County Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department's Operations building (900 West Pardee Street) employee parking lot, and extending northerly 47 feet

Section 14. That Section 10.38.020 - Operation on City owned or leased property, is hereby amended to read as follows:

#### Chapter 10.38 – SNOWMOBILES AND ATVS

10.38.020 - Operation on City owned or leased property.

The City Council deems it in the public interest to permit snowmobiles and ATVs to be operated on trails on certain public property under certain conditions. Trails on City-owned or leased property upon which snowmobiles and ATVs may be operated will be so posted. The chief of Police and the Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department are charged with the responsibility of providing and erecting signs at the proper places to provide notice to snowmobilers and operators of ATVs that they may operate on the posted trails. A map of such trails will be prepared and maintained by the Marathon County Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department, a copy of which shall be posted on the Marathon County website. The Chief of Police and the Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department are granted the discretion as to which public property shall be open to snowmobiles and ATVs and under what terms and conditions. No person shall operate a snowmobile or ATV on any City-owned or leased property that is not posted or does not appear on the map. The rights, duties and obligations created in this section are subservient to those in section 10.38.010.

Section 15. That Section 12.56.030 - City Forester, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Chapter 12.56 – STREET TREES

12.56.30 - City Forester.

- (a) ~~Appointment~~ Employment. The City of Wausau ~~Park and Recreation Committee~~ may employ fund a City Forester to be employed by the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department (§ 27.09, Wis. Stats.).

....

- (3) Such other powers and duties as are provided by the laws of Wisconsin, particularly Wis. Stats. §§ 27.08 and 27. 09; by ordinances of the City; and by the ~~Wausau Parks~~ and Recreation Committee.

Section 16. That Section 12.56.130 - Appeal from order of City Forester, is hereby amended to read as follows:

12.56.130 - Appeal from order of City Forester.

A person who objects to all or a part of an order or decision of the City forester may, within eight days of receipt thereof, notify the Parks and Recreation Committee and the City Forester, in writing, of the nature of the objection and request a hearing thereon. Upon receipt of such objection, the City Forester shall stay the order or work pending the outcome of the appeal process. Within eight days of the receipt of such notice of appeal, the Parks and Recreation Committee shall schedule a hearing before the committee or its designated subcommittee to hear the objection. The hearing shall be held within eight days of notice to the appellant. The City Forester shall be present at such hearing. The appellant is entitled to be represented by counsel at appellant's expense. Within eight days after such hearing, the Parks and Recreation Committee shall, in writing, notify the appellant and the City Forester of its decision. The Parks and Recreation Committee may affirm, cancel or modify the order, in its discretion, to best conform such order to the intent of this chapter and make its report thereon to the Common Council. If the appellant objects to the decision of the Parks and Recreation Committee, the appellant may, within eight days of receipt thereof, notify the City Clerk, in writing, of the nature of the objection and request a hearing before the Common Council thereon. The Council may adopt, reject or amend the Parks and Recreation Committee's recommendation. The City Clerk shall notify the appellant, Parks and Recreation Committee, and City Forester, in writing, of the Council's decision.

Section 17. That Section 12.56.190 - Cost of planting, removing, maintaining and protecting trees and shrubs, is hereby amended to read as follows:

12.56.190 - Cost of planting, removing, maintaining and protecting trees and shrubs.

The entire cost of planting, removing, maintaining, and protecting trees and shrubs on all public areas of the City, when done by Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department employees or their contractors at the direction of the City Forester, shall be borne by the City out of the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department budget. When a permit is issued by the City forester to plant, remove, maintain or protect trees and shrubs, pursuant to sections 12.56.070 and 12.56.080, the permittee shall incur all expenses.

Section 18. That Section 21.12.040 Preliminary plat review and recommendations, is hereby amended to read as follows:

#### Chapter 21.12 – PROCEDURE FOR APPROVAL OF CITY PLATS

##### 21.12.040 – Preliminary plat review and recommendations.

The preliminary plat shall be reviewed by the Capital Improvements and Street Maintenance Committee and Plan Commission to determine its conformity to this title and all other City ordinances and regulations, the official map, and the master plan or comprehensive plan. Copies of the preliminary plat shall be reviewed by the City Engineer, City Planner, Director of Inspection, ~~Park~~ Director of Parks, Recreation & Forestry, Fire Chief, and the Director of the Sewer and Water Utility for their recommendations concerning matters within their jurisdiction. Their recommendations in respect thereto shall be transmitted to the Capital Improvements and Street Maintenance Committee and Plan Commission. The City Engineer shall coordinate the review of the preliminary plat among staff and City officials.

Section 19. That Section 21.12.080 Final plat review and recommendations, is hereby amended to read as follows:

##### 21.12.080 - Final plat review and recommendations.

The final plat shall be reviewed by the Capital Improvements and Street Maintenance Committee and Plan Commission to determine its conformity to this title and to all other ordinances and regulations in force when the subdivider submits a preliminary plat, or final plat if no preliminary plat is submitted, which affect the subdivision or platting of land, the approved preliminary plat, and any conditions of approval and adopted local plans. Copies of the final plat shall be reviewed by the City Project Manager, City Planner, Zoning Administrator, ~~Park~~ Director of Parks, Recreation & Forestry, Fire Chief, and the Director of the Sewer and Water Utility for their recommendations concerning matters within their jurisdiction. Their recommendations in respect thereto shall be transmitted to the Capital Improvements and Street Maintenance Committee and Plan Commission. The City Planner shall coordinate the review of the final plat among staff and City officials and shall notify the Clerk of any municipality within 1,000 feet of the final plat of the proposed subdivision that the City is considering.

Section 20. That Section 21.13.060 Final plat review and recommendations, is hereby amended to read as follows:

#### Chapter 21.13 – PROCEDURE FOR APPROVAL OF EXTRATERRITORIAL PLATS

##### 21.13.060 - Final plat review and recommendations.

The final plat shall be reviewed by the Plan Commission to determine its conformity to this title and all other ordinances and regulations in force when the subdivider submits a preliminary plat, or final plat if no preliminary plat is submitted, which affect the subdivision or platting of land, the approved preliminary plat, and any conditions of approval and adopted local plans. Copies of the final plat shall be reviewed by the City Project Manager, City Planner, Zoning Administrator, ~~D~~director of Parks, Recreation & Forestry, Fire Chief, and the Director of the Sewer and Water Utility for their recommendations concerning matters within their jurisdiction. Their

recommendations in respect thereto shall be transmitted to the Plan Commission. The City Planner shall coordinate the review of the final plat among staff and City officials.

Section 21. That Section 21.16.085 - Required dedications for park purposes, is hereby amended to read as follows:

21.16.085 - Required dedications for park purposes.

. . . .

(a) Subdividers must provide for parks. In order that open space and sites for public use may be properly located and preserved as the community develops, and in order that the costs of providing the public park sites necessary to serve the additional families brought into the community by subdivision development may be most equitably proportioned on the basis of the additional need created by the individual subdivision, every subdivider who subdivides land shall dedicate a portion of such land, pay a fee, or do both as set forth as follows, for the purpose of providing park lands to serve future residents of such subdivision:

(1) Outside the corporate limits but within the City's extraterritorial plat limits, after consideration by the Plan and Park Commissions and Parks and Recreation Committee and determination by the Common Council that a portion of the plat or planned development is required for such park and recreation sites, the developers may be required to dedicate such area to the municipality having jurisdiction.

. . . .

(4) In the event that dedication would result in sites too small to be usable, or if the comprehensive plan for the City park system calls for such public sites to be located elsewhere, or if such sites would not otherwise be suitable as determined by the Common Council, after consideration by the Plan Commission and Parks and Recreation Committee, a payment of a fee in lieu of land dedication shall be required. The amount of such fee shall be as provided in section 3.40.010(a).

(5) The procedure for determining whether the subdivider is to dedicate land, pay a fee, or both, shall be as follows:

. . . .

(B) At the time of the preliminary plat map approval, acting after consideration of the recommendations of the Capital Improvements and Street Maintenance Committee, Plan Commission and Parks and Recreation Committee, the Common Council shall determine, as a part of such approval, whether to require a dedication of land within a subdivision, payment of a fee in lieu thereof, or a combination of both.

Section 22. That Section 21.16.120 - Vacation or alteration of parkland, is hereby amended to read as follows:

21.16.120 - Vacation or alteration of parkland.

Following a recommendation by the Parks and Recreation Committee, Capital Improvements and Street Maintenance Committee, and Plan Commission, the Common Council may vacate parkland dedicated on a plat, certified survey map, or other instrument of description, as follows:

Section 23. That Section 23.08.30 - Landscaping requirements, is hereby amended to read as follows:

#### Article VIII. – LANDSCAPING REQUIREMENTS

23.08.30 - Landscaping requirements.

Landscaping shall be provided based on the following requirements for building foundations, paved areas, street frontages, yards, and bufferyards.

. . . .

(7) Measurement and calculation.

(a) Landscaping point values shall be doubled for mature existing landscape plantings that are retained and protected with the development of the site. Existing plantings eligible for double point values shall be determined by the City's Urban Forestry staff.

Section 24. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 25. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect on the day after its publication.

Adopted:

Approved:

Published:

Attest:

Approved:

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Doug Diny, Mayor

Attest:

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Kaitlyn A. Bernarde, Clerk

## CITY OF WAUSAU – PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date/Time: March 3, 2025, at 5:15 pm

Location: Council Chambers, City Hall

Parks and Recreation Committee Members Present: Lou Larson (c), Carol Lukens, Tom Neal, Lisa Rasmussen, Sarah Watson

Others Present: Jamie Polley-Parks Director, Doug Diny-Mayor

In accordance with Chapter 19, Wisc. Statutes, notice of this meeting was posted and sent to the Daily Herald in the proper manner. A quorum was present, and the meeting was called to order at 5:15pm.

1. Approve Minutes – February 3, 2024 – **Motion** by Watson, second by Lukens to approve the Park and Recreation Committee February 3, 2025, minutes. Motion **carried** by voice vote; vote reflected as 5-0.
3. Discussion and Possible Action Amending Sections 2.02.020 - Index of title 2 offices and the applicable sections, 2.16.010 -Generally, Rule 13 Committees, 2.20.040 - Uniform ordinance violation citation, 2.60.070 - Plan Commission, 2.90.030 - Smoking prohibited in specified outdoor areas, 3.12.020 - Various departments to be notified – Recommendations, 6.52.020 - Board of Park Commissioners to enforce chapter, 6.52.070 - Cost of tree care, 8.08.010 – Certain creatures forbidden, 9.08.020 - Throwing or shooting of arrows, stones and other missiles prohibited, 9.21.050 - Controlled areas, 10.20.080 – No parking and restricted parking areas designated, 10.38.020 - Operation on City owned or leased property, 12.56.030 - City Forester, 12.56.080 - Permit to plant, remove, maintain and protect trees and shrubs, 12.56.130 - Appeal from order of City Forester, 12.56.190 – Cost of planting, removing, maintaining and protecting trees and shrubs, 21.12.040 - Preliminary plat review and recommendations, 21.12.080 - Final plat review and recommendations, 21.13.060 – Final plat review and recommendations, 21.16.085 - Required dedications for park purposes, 21.16.120 - Vacation or alteration of parkland and 23.08.30 - Landscaping requirements and repealing and recreating Chapter 9.20 Park Regulations. **Motion** by Neal, second by Rasmussen, to accept the changes as outlined. Motion **carried** by voice vote; vote reflected as 5-0.

**CITY OF WAUSAU, 407 Grant Street, Wausau, WI 54403**

| <b>RESOLUTION OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE</b>                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Approving Partnership with Habitat for Humanity Affordable Housing Proposal and Sale of 727 Jefferson Street. |                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Committee Action:                                                                                             | Approved 5-0                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Fiscal Impact:                                                                                                | \$125,000 from City of non-levy funds for purchase of modular home and \$1,000 to City from the sale of the property along with an increase to tax base once property is developed |
| <b>File Number:</b>                                                                                           | 25-0307                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Date Introduced:</b>                                                                                       | March 11, 2025                                                                                                                                                                     |

| <b>FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY</b> |                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                |                          |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>COSTS</b>                 | <i>Budget Neutral</i>                                                                                                                                                  | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>            | Non-levy funds           |
|                              | <i>Included in Budget:</i>                                                                                                                                             | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>            | Non-levy funds           |
|                              | <i>One-time Costs:</i>                                                                                                                                                 | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Pilot Program            |
|                              | <i>Recurring Costs:</i>                                                                                                                                                | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>            | Amount: \$125,000        |
| <b>SOURCE</b>                | <i>Fee Financed:</i>                                                                                                                                                   | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>            | Amount:                  |
|                              | <i>Grant Financed:</i>                                                                                                                                                 | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>            | Amount: \$125,000        |
|                              | <i>Debt Financed:</i>                                                                                                                                                  | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>            | Amount Annual Retirement |
|                              | <i>TID Financed:</i>                                                                                                                                                   | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                       |                          |
|                              | <i>TID Source: Increment Revenue</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Debt</i> <i>Funds on Hand</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Interfund Loan</i> <input type="checkbox"/> |                                                                                |                          |

**WHEREAS**, the City of Wausau and Habitat for Humanity of Wausau have the same focus of improving access to affordable housing;

**WHEREAS**, Habitat for Humanity of Wausau has had the expertise and ability to build new single-family homes to the greater Wausau area since 1990 - building 73 homes for income qualified homeowners;

**WHEREAS**, the City's has set aside ARPA funds, TID extension funds, and other federal funds towards the increase of affordable housing units;

**WHEREAS**, the City, through its Development Department, had released four (4) Request for Bids for the purchase of a modular home and final construction to create a new single-family home on a city-owned in-fill property;

**WHEREAS**, no bids received City Council approval due to the cost of purchase and construction costs versus sale of property affordably;

**WHEREAS**, the City received a proposal from Habitat for Humanity of Wausau for a partnership between the City and Habitat for the purchase of a modular-type home using non-levy funds up to \$125,000 and Habitat will fund the delivery and finalizing of the home, garage, site, etc. to make ready to sell to a Habitat approved family;

**WHEREAS**, Habitat will purchase the city lot for the placement of this home;

**WHEREAS**, Habitat for Humanity of Wausau submitted an offer to purchase City-owned 727 Jefferson Street for this specific proposal for \$1000 and to be sold to an approved Habitat for Humanity family by the end of 2025;

**WHEREAS**, The Economic Development Committee recommends selling this property to Habitat for Humanity of Wausau in the amount of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) with the City's assistance of the creation of a Certified Survey Map for the parcel and the trimming off identified boulevard trees prior to closing, which is scheduled to occur on or before April 15, 2025;

**WHEREAS**, The Economic Development Committee recommends the approval of the proposal submitted by Habitat for Humanity of Wausau for the partnership with up to \$125,000 non-levy funds to be used to purchase a modular-type single family home of which Habitat will be responsible for the delivery of the house and the home and site completion in order to sell to one of their approved income-qualified families;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Common Council of the City of Wausau hereby approves the proposed partnership of the construction of a home in the amount of no more than \$125,000 of non-levy funds and the sale of 727 Jefferson Street to Habitat for Humanity of Wausau for \$1,000 and agrees to the City's creation of a Certified Survey Map and the trimming of boulevard trees prior to closing which is scheduled to occur on or before April 15, 2025;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the appropriate City officials are hereby authorized and directed to execute the necessary real estate documents for the conveyance of 727 Jefferson Street to Habitat for Humanity of Wausau, with their assurances to sell to an income qualified homebuyer.

Approved:

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Doug Diny, Mayor



## 2025 AFFORDABLE HOUSING PARTNERSHIP PROJECT PROPOSAL



Presented to  
City of Wausau

Presented by  
Executive Director  
Tiffany Arnold

**March 2025**

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## About Habitat for Humanity of Wausau

Habitat for Humanity of Wausau (Habitat Wausau) has been serving the Greater Wausau Area since 1990. Habitat Wausau is best known for its homeownership program which builds homes using volunteer labor and funds raised in the local community.

In addition to being the builder, Habitat Wausau finances the homes they build with zero-interest mortgages to qualifying Partner Families chosen through a nondiscriminatory selection process. Income qualified applicants who are currently living in substandard or inadequate housing conditions and are willing to partner on the construction of a home are eligible for this program. Partner Families become Habitat Homeowners after they have met the required education and sweat equity hours. A small down payment is required along with making monthly mortgage payments which include home insurance and property taxes.

Focused on improving access to affordable housing and maintaining the existing affordable housing in the area, Habitat Wausau began offering critical home repair assistance to qualifying homeowners in the summer of 2023. Additionally, Habitat Wausau acquired Ramp Up Marathon County in January 2024 to provide critical ramp builds across Marathon County.

# Organization Management

Habitat Wausau's Board of Directors meets monthly to review the ongoing needs of the organization. The Board is made up of 16 community volunteers who dedicate their time to serving the community by increasing access to affordable housing. Board member terms are limited to three years each with no board member serving more than two consecutive terms. The Board employs an Executive Director charged with the oversight of the day to day operations of the organization. The Executive Director comes with 15 years of non-profit experience in fundraising, special events, volunteer coordination, and financial reporting.

Each month, Habitat Wausau's Finance Committee reviews the financial statements, expenses and investments of the organization. They insure the financial health of the organization and that sound financial investments are being made. Additionally, the committee secures a third-party independent accounting firm to conduct an annual financial audit.

Since 2022, Habitat Wausau has employed a Construction Manager to oversee the on-site construction of Habitat Homes and Critical Home repairs. The Construction Manager is responsible for holding Competent Person Training to insure compliance with safety standards for residential construction. They also carry a Dwelling Contractor Qualifier to allow the organization to be a Certified Dwelling Contractor in the state of Wisconsin.

Habitat Wausau's skilled volunteer construction crew has many seasoned volunteers. Lead construction volunteers average over 15 years of residential construction experience each. Habitat Wausau encourages volunteers of all skill levels to participate on active construction sites and provides onsite safety training, tool etiquette and quality instruction to insure a positive experience, safe work environment and quality home product.

In addition to being the builder, Habitat Wausau is the financier of the homes they build. Habitat Wausau has a Qualified Loan Originator on their team to insure compliance with the Equal Credit Opportunity Act (ECOA) and compliance with safe lending practices.

Habitat Wausau's Family Selection Committee is a dedicated group of volunteers who review all applications for homeownership. They insure families meet the required criteria and can successfully make the monthly mortgage payments. Their Partner Family recommendations are submitted for review and approval by Habitat Wausau's Board of Directors.

In addition to these noted roles, Habitat Wausau has committees to provide oversight on Board Member Nominations, Human Resources, Strategic Planning, Partner Family Support, Marketing and ReStore Operations.

Habitat Wausau has constructed 73 homes in the Wausau area. All Habitat Wausau Partner Families complete required sweat equity and homeowner education prior to taking ownership of their home. Habitat Wausau utilizes foreclosure prevention strategies to increase family success, this includes education, support, and forbearance plans when needed. Of the completed homes, 20 mortgages have already been satisfied. Habitat Wausau currently has two homes under construction with scheduled completion dates in the fall of 2025.

# 2024– 2025 Board of Directors

## Officers

**President: John Evans**  
Retired – Associated Bank

**Treasurer: Shawn Achterberg**  
Park City Credit Union

**Vice President: Steve Zeinemann**  
Retired– Thrivent Financial

**Secretary: Samantha Cricks**  
SCS Real Estate

**Past President: Dick Keding**  
Retired – Marathon Electric

## Directors

**Kendra Evans**  
Connexus Credit Union

**Rebecca Pilgrim**  
Runkel Abstract & Title Co.

**Joanne Genrich**  
Retired – Marathon Savings Bank

**Erik Rajak**  
Peoples State Bank

**Jeff Gulan**  
Newman Catholic Schools

**Davis Runde**  
Weld Riley

**Adam Mueller**  
Staab Construction

**Keith Schmidt**  
Retired – Liberty Mutual

**Cole Oestreich**  
Associated Bank

**Wayne Smith**  
Footlocker.com

**Dana Weigel**  
CoVantage Credit Union

## Key Staff

**Tiffany Arnold**  
Executive Director

**Mike Heckendorf**  
Construction Manager

**Kathy Grall**  
ReStore Manager

**Ka Sia Cha**  
Program Manager &  
Qualified Loan Originator



# Mission and Vision

| Mission                                                                                                                   | Vision                                             |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope. | A world where everyone has a decent place to live. |

Habitat Wausau is a nonprofit organization dedicated to building and repairing homes to provide safe, affordable housing for families in need. Their work includes:

- **New Home Construction:** Partnering with volunteers, donors, and future homeowners to build affordable homes.
- **Critical Home Repairs:** Assisting low-income homeowners with essential repairs to improve safety, accessibility, and livability.
- **Neighborhood Revitalization:** Organizing community events like *Rock the Block* to enhance neighborhoods through home repairs, landscaping, and beautification projects.
- **Volunteer Engagement:** Mobilizing community members to contribute time, skills, and resources to support their mission.
- **Fundraising & Community Support:** Coordinating initiatives such as *Home for the Holidays* to raise funds and awareness for Habitat Wausau programs.
- **Wausau Habitat ReStore:** Accepting in-kind donations of items for the home. These items are sold to the community at an affordable price. Sales from the ReStore raises funds for the organization while keeping thousands of pounds of materials out of our landfill each year.

Through these efforts, Habitat for Humanity of Wausau strengthens communities and helps families achieve stability through homeownership.



# Project Goals

- 1) Increase access to affordable housing in the City of Wausau.** Add a newly constructed, affordable and modest home that will last 70–100 years with routine maintenance and minimal improvements. This home will provide an affordable alternative to the current aged, affordable inventory in the community.
- 2) Individual family success.** Homeownership leads to many positive outcomes for the family including success in school, better health outcomes and family wealth over generations through home equity.
- 3) Increase tax revenue for Marathon County and City of Wausau.** The proposed home is projected to add \$4,700 in tax revenue annually starting in 2026. If the tax rates remain the same and the property value remained constant for 70 years, taxes are estimated to be \$329,000 for the life of the home. The 73 Habitat Wausau homes built over the last 30 years currently contribute over \$200,000 annually in tax revenue to Marathon County. Taxes provide needed funding for schools, fire and safety, roads and other needed infrastructure.
- 4) Timely response to a growing need for affordable housing.** The use of a certified modular home dealer allows for an avenue to add much needed housing inventory. With construction completed and occupancy granted by December of 2025, a hard-working Partner Family would be scheduled to move in before the end of the 2025 calendar year.
- 5) Invest in Habitat Wausau to grow future capacity.** An investment in one home will allow Habitat Wausau to grow capacity over time and serve more families in the future.
- 6) Community investment in affordable housing.** Affordable housing can be unaffordable to build even when making modest home finishes while keeping energy efficiency of the home a priority. This project provides an avenue to allow a Partner Family a affordable path to homeownership with the support of the community. The community will be invited to participate in community build days to assist in the completion of the on-site construction portion of this home to lower building costs. There will also be opportunities for in-kind donations and sub-contractor discounts for businesses looking to support this affordable housing solution to further reduce building material costs.



# Proposed Timeline

MAY 2025

JUNE 2025

AUG 2025

OCT 2025

DEC 2025

Purchase  
Home from  
Certified Dealer

Habitat  
Selects  
Partner Family

Home Set

Family Sweat  
Equity & Onsite  
Construction

Home  
Dedication

**May 2025:** Habitat Wausau will purchase a modular home from a certified modular home dealer to allow a quick response to the growing demand for affordable housing in the community.

**June 2025:** Habitat Wausau will select a Partner Family based on **NEED** for improved housing, the family's **ABILITY TO PAY** a zero-interest mortgage, and the families must be **WILLING TO PARTNER** with Habitat Wausau on the construction of the home.

## Family Selection Criteria:

**Need:** Based on current housing conditions there must be a need for improved housing. Applicants must be U.S. Citizens or Permanent Resident and residents of the greater Wausau area for at least one (1) year.

**Ability to Pay:** Partner families purchase their Habitat home. Families must have the ability to pay a 30 year, low-interest mortgage. Eligible income limits are based on family size.

| Annual Gross Income Range |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|---------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Family Size               | 1      | 2      | 3      | 4      | 5      | 6      | 7      | 8      |
| Min. Income               | 33,200 | 37,950 | 42,700 | 47,400 | 51,200 | 55,000 | 58,800 | 62,600 |
| Max. Income               | 39,840 | 45,540 | 51,240 | 56,880 | 61,440 | 66,000 | 70,560 | 75,120 |

**Willing to Partner:** Families must be willing to work in partnership with Habitat Wausau and complete required sweat equity by attending classes, workshops, events, volunteering, helping with home construction and community service.

**August 2025:** Site prep and foundation work begins in July 2025. The modular home will be set on a prepped foundation in the City of Wausau in August 2025.

**October 2025:** Partner family sweat equity and onsite construction can begin once the home is set in place. Construction will be scheduled around the current Habitat Home builds scheduled for 2025-2026 fiscal year.

**December 2025:** The anticipated home dedication is December 2025 pending the Partner Family completion of sweat equity hours and required education and counseling. All construction is scheduled to be completed, but there may be a need to revisit the home in Spring 2026 to address any outstanding landscaping projects that may not be completed as a result of weather.

# Proposed Budget Investments

| Project Investments                                                                             | Habitat Wausau Estimated Investment | City of Wausau Requested Investment               | Total Estimated Project Costs |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| City of Wausau Lot                                                                              | \$1,000                             | Current inventory                                 | \$1,000                       |
| <b>Modular 3 Bedroom/1 Bath Home</b><br><small>~ 1200 square feet. Includes Appliances.</small> | \$20,000                            | \$125,000<br><small>*HUD, HOME, ARPA, TIF</small> | \$145,000                     |
| <b>Site Prep, Foundation, Utility Installation and 1 Car Garage</b>                             | \$125,000                           |                                                   | \$125,000                     |
| <b>Total Estimated Project Costs</b>                                                            | \$146,000                           | \$125,000                                         | \$271,000                     |

Habitat Wausau would utilize cash reserves to finance their portion of this collaborative project. The Habitat Wausau portion is an estimate based on previous builds and multiple quotes from certified modular builders. These cost could change based on actual material costs, sub-contractor costs and the availability of in-kind donations but would not effect home completion.

The investment from the City of Wausau includes access to a city infill lot. Habitat Wausau would purchase the infill lot for \$1,000 as done with pervious lot acquisitions.

The requested investment of \$125,000 from the City of Wausau is a fixed amount that would not change. This investment would allow Habitat Wausau to purchase a modular home from a certified dealer rather than using a traditional trades education building model and senior crew construction volunteers. Habitat Wausau's traditional builds can take over 12 months to complete. A modular home would allow for a compressed build schedule and allow for completion with occupancy before the end of the 2025 calendar year. The City of Wausau investment would utilize funds allocated for affordable housing through CDBG, HOME, ARPA, and previously approved TIF extension funds.

This expedited build model allows the City of Wausau to invest in Habitat Wausau, increasing the number of families served while reducing the build schedule and wait time for partner families.

The modular home build is estimated at \$271,000. These costs are estimates based on the 2024 build season and competitive quotes from three certified modular home dealers in the state of Wisconsin. These costs are reflective of a compressed timeline to insure occupancy by the end of the 2025 calendar year.

# Affordable Home Financing

Habitat Wausau's Homeownership Program provides an affordable, non-profit mortgage for a safe, decent, and quality home to Partner Families. Monthly mortgage payments include principal on the loan, homeowner's insurance, and property taxes. Eligible applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents, reside in the greater Wausau area for at least one year, and meet criminal background check requirements.

Financing is based on an estimated appraised value of \$250,000. This value is based the appraisals of similar homes built and sold by Habitat Wausau in 2024.

| Financing Source                                           | Financed Amount  |
|------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Federal Home Loan Bank Down Payment Plus                   | \$10,000         |
| Habitat Wausau 30-year 0% Interest Mortgage                | \$230,000        |
| Partner Family Down Payment                                | \$1,000          |
| Habitat Wausau Second Mortgage (Forgivable after 15 years) | \$9,000          |
| <b>Total Financing based on Estimated Appraised Value</b>  | <b>\$250,000</b> |

The appraised value for this home is the maximum allowable amount for a Habitat Wausau mortgage. The building cost of this home is anticipated to exceed the appraised value of the home by \$21,000. This gap between the appraised value of the home and the building cost for the project highlight the one of the challenges in building quality, affordable housing solutions.

## Equal Opportunity Lender

Habitat Wausau follows the Equal Credit Opportunity Act (ECOA). ECOA is federal civil rights law that prevents lenders from discriminating against credit applicants based on factors unrelated to their ability to repay. Specifically, ECOA protects consumers from lending discrimination based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, age, public assistance, or the exercise of any rights under the Consumer Credit Protection Act.

As the lender, Habitat Wausau is able to offer zero-interest financing on the homes they build. Currently homes are being financed over 30-years. Habitat Wausau Partner Families are vetted to insure their ability to repay the non-profit mortgage.



# Partner Family Monthly Mortgage Payment

Mortgage payments are based on individual family incomes. A mortgage calculator reviews the borrowers gross monthly income and current monthly debt. Allowances for insurance premiums and taxes are factored in. The affordability calculator allows families to keep their housing expenses under 30% of their monthly income and total debt to income ratio under 43%.

Included is an estimate of monthly mortgage payments for a family. These estimates are based on recent families Habitat Wausau has served. The mortgage payments example is based on a single family income of \$21.35 per hour working an average of 40 hours per week for a total of \$44,400 annually. The calculation includes monthly recurring debt of \$250. Also included are annual estimates for homeowners insurance of \$1,000 and \$4,700 for taxes.

| Mortgage Payment Breakdown for First Year on \$230,000 | Amount            |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Principal Payment on Mortgage for 360 months           | \$635.50          |
| Taxes (Estimated at \$4,700 annually)                  | \$391.25          |
| Insurance (Estimated at \$1,000 annually)              | \$83.25           |
| <b>Total Monthly Mortgage Payment</b>                  | <b>\$1,110.00</b> |

## Affordable Housing Need

Rental rates in the greater Wausau area continue to rise. It is a challenge for hard-working families to find housing solutions that are both safe and affordable. Recent rental searches have the average cost for an apartment rental at \$1,050 per month while a modest home is renting for \$1,295 per month.

Creating affordable housing solutions that build equity through homeownership allow families to invest in their future for approximately the same cost of monthly rental payments. An investment in affordable housing, is an investment in local families and our community's future.

## Contact Information



Habitat for Humanity  
of Wausau

1810 Schofield Ave  
Weston, WI 54476

(715) 343-4212  
office@habitatwausau.org  
habitatwausau.org



73 Homes and Counting



### **Additional Application information for Offer:**

Habitat for Humanity Wausau desires to collaborate with the City of Wausau on a modular home built with Habitat Wausau purchasing a modular home from a certified dealer in the summer of 2025 with the home being set in August 2025 and a low-income family taking occupancy by December 2025. Habitat Wausau has another home planned the same block at 722 Jefferson St. in Wausau. That home is currently under construction at DC Everest Senior High and is planned to be placed on the lot in May of 2025 with anticipated completion in September 2025. Additionally, Habitat Wausau secured a lot for Marathon County Government, also located in the City of Wausau at 1702 Plum Drive. This home is also currently under construction at the Mosinee Senior High and is planned to move the Plum Drive in May 2025. Occupancy for this property is anticipated for October 2025.

Not only will the proposed home provide housing for a low-income family living below the area median income, but it will also facilitate further education of residential construction in the community and increase the city and counties tax base. The family for this home will be selected in May of 2025.

Key dates for these home builds

- April 2025 Close on the lot
- April -June 2025 Site and foundation work
- May 2025 order a home from a certified modular home dealer
- June 2025 Partner Family Approved by Habitat Wausau Board of Directors
- August 2025 Home set on its foundation
- September – December 2025 Partner Family completes sweat equity hours
- December 2025 Home occupancy

Additional Conditions for offer at 727 Jefferson Street, Wausau W

1. CSM at Sellers Expense to be delivered to Buyer by 4/1/2025.
2. Removal of branches and trees from the boulevard near the lot to allow space for the large equipment, crane and trailers needed to move the home into place.
3. Closing on April 15, 2025.

**CITY OF WAUSAU, 407 Grant Street, Wausau, WI 54403**

| <b>RESOLUTION OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE</b>                                                |                                |                         |                |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| Approving Request for Qualifications for Partnership for Housing on Infill Lots in the City of Wausau. |                                |                         |                |
| Committee Action:                                                                                      | Approved 5-0                   |                         |                |
| Fiscal Impact:                                                                                         | Grant funding for construction |                         |                |
| <b>File Number:</b>                                                                                    | 25-0308                        | <b>Date Introduced:</b> | March 11, 2025 |

| <b>FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY</b> |                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                     |                                                      |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>COSTS</b>                 | <i>Budget Neutral</i>                                                                                                                             | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |                                                      |
|                              | <i>Included in Budget:</i>                                                                                                                        | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                                      |
|                              | <i>One-time Costs:</i>                                                                                                                            | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                                      |
|                              | <i>Recurring Costs:</i>                                                                                                                           | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | <i>Possible continuation for additional homes</i>    |
| <b>SOURCE</b>                | <i>Fee Financed:</i>                                                                                                                              | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <i>Amount:</i>                                       |
|                              | <i>Grant Financed:</i>                                                                                                                            | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | <i>Amount:</i>                                       |
|                              | <i>Debt Financed:</i>                                                                                                                             | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <i>Amount                      Annual Retirement</i> |
|                              | <i>TID Financed:</i>                                                                                                                              | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>            |                                                      |
|                              | <i>TID Source: Increment Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Debt Funds on Hand <input type="checkbox"/> Interfund Loan <input type="checkbox"/></i> |                                                                     |                                                      |

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Wausau Common Council has adopted a five-year consolidated plan that addresses the need to increase the number of new, affordable housing units within the City. The City of Wausau has operated an in-fill housing program which provides new housing; and

**WHEREAS**, the Common Council awarded the Development Department \$600,000 in ARPA funds to assist with the development of affordable housing units. The department also has Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, HOME program income funds, Neighborhood Stabilization program income funds, and WHEDA new construction program income funds that can be utilized to assist with the new construction of several new affordable single-family houses; and

**WHEREAS**, your Economic Development Committee has authorized the Development Department to issue a Request for Qualifications for the development of a list of qualified general contractors who can navigate the unique qualities of city-owned in-fill sites, the acquisition and installation of modular/manufactured housing units on several of the City's in-fill lots that will be sold to income qualified households; and

**WHEREAS** the Request for Qualification will list the current city-owned in-fill lots as well a request of the contractor for how many buildings can be complete in a given year and if there might be a discount/cost savings if so many homes are purchased at one time;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Common Council of the City of Wausau authorizes the Development Department to proceed with Request for Qualifications for the development of a list of qualified general contractors that have experience in working with a manufactured/modular home

producer and transportation of such home to in-fill lots as well as the finish construction needed to finalize the home to be ready for sale;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** such responses will be reviewed by the Economic Development Committee for qualifications of and types of proposed homes available to general contractor(s).

Approved:

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Doug Diny, Mayor

# **REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS**

## **For partnership for housing on Infill Lots in Wausau**

The City of Wausau is requesting to partner with a contractor who works with both manufacture and modular home manufacturers and sub-contractors to complete a full home build to ready for occupancy, including final landscaping, sidewalks and driveway paving. Qualifications would include:

- List of companies you partner with (both manufacturing and modular).
- Examples of the types and style of homes available.
- List of partnering sub-contractors for a full home build.
- Number of years of experience for this type of build.
- Photos and list of previous references/homes completed.
- Example of costs for new home builds – typical 3-bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage. (NOTE: This is an example only and contractor will not be held to this quote.)

Along with the ability to provide if/once accepted:

- Copies of each type of insurance with limits listed. The city's current insurance limits are: Worker's Compensation and Employers Liability Insurance – limits of \$1,000,000 each accident; \$1,000,000 disease policy limit; \$1,000,000 disease each employee. General Liability - \$1,000,000 per occurrence (\$2,000,000 general aggregate if applicable) for bodily injury, personal injury and property damage. Automobile Liability - \$1,000,000 for bodily injury and property damage. Umbrella Liability - \$2,000,000.
- Copies of each type of construction licenses/certifications required for this type of construction.

The City of Wausau has several infill lots that need to be turned into single family homes as economically as possible. Typical infill lots are 60' x 120' but can vary in configuration. Contractor must be willing to work with City staff to keep costs low but not utilizing sub-par materials. The number of homes could be as few as two per year to as many as seven a year until lots are all completed or funding has been depleted. The City has the right to choose only one contractor or several in order to get projects completed in a timely manner.

**Contractors interested in working with the City should submit their qualifications and interest to the Development Department by 4:00 p.m. on -----, -----, 2025. Proposal can be mailed to Development Department, 407 Grant Street, Wausau, WI 54493, dropped off at City Hall at the above address, or e-mailed to [Wausaudevelopment@wausauwi.gov](mailto:Wausaudevelopment@wausauwi.gov). Proposals will be reviewed at Economic Development committee on -----, 2025.**

The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, accept an individual contractor or several contractors – whichever is in the best interest of the City of Wausau.

**CITY OF WAUSAU, 407 Grant Street, Wausau, WI 54403**

| <b>RESOLUTION OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE</b> |                |
|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Endorsing Fair Housing Month Events in April 2025.      |                |
| Committee Action:                                       | Approved 5-0   |
| Fiscal Impact:                                          | None           |
| <b>File Number:</b>                                     | 25-0309        |
| <b>Date Introduced:</b>                                 | March 11, 2025 |

| <b>FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                     |                                        |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| <b>COSTS</b>                 | <i>Budget Neutral</i>                                                                                                                                                                           | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |                                        |
|                              | <i>Included in Budget:</i>                                                                                                                                                                      | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>            |                                        |
|                              | <i>One-time Costs:</i>                                                                                                                                                                          | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>            |                                        |
|                              | <i>Recurring Costs:</i>                                                                                                                                                                         | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>            |                                        |
| <b>SOURCE</b>                | <i>Fee Financed:</i>                                                                                                                                                                            | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>            | <i>Amount:</i>                         |
|                              | <i>Grant Financed:</i>                                                                                                                                                                          | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>            | <i>Amount:</i>                         |
|                              | <i>Debt Financed:</i>                                                                                                                                                                           | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>            | <i>Amount</i> <i>Annual Retirement</i> |
|                              | <i>TID Financed:</i>                                                                                                                                                                            | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>            |                                        |
|                              | <i>TID Source: Increment Revenue</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Debt</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Funds on Hand</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Interfund Loan</i> <input type="checkbox"/> |                                                                     |                                        |

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS** the City of Wausau has received Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding from the U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) since 1976; and

**WHEREAS** as a condition of CDBG funding, the City of Wausau commits to further fair housing activities and must report to the Department of Housing and Urban Development what activities they participated in; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's Affordable Housing Task Force has spearheaded a list of activities to help promote fair housing during April's Fair Housing month; and

**WHEREAS** the endorsement and support of the City Council will amplify our outreach and demonstrate our city's leadership in fostering inclusive housing opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Economic Development Committee has authorized the endorsement of such fair housing activities for the City to promote and partake in; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Common Council for City of Wausau authorizes the appropriate city staff to partake and promote such fair housing activities during the month of April, 2025.

Approved:

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Doug Diny, Mayor

# MEMO

**To:** Economic Development Committee  
**From:** Tammy Stratz, Community Development Manager  
**Date:** March 4, 2025  
**Subject:** Fair Housing Month Events & Request for Council Endorsement

## Overview:

April is Fair Housing Month, a time dedicated to promoting equal access to housing and educating the public on their rights and responsibilities under the Fair Housing Act. As a grantee of Community Development Block Grant funds, it is the City's responsibility to promote fair housing activities and to provide education to the community.

This year, with the help of the City's Affordable Housing Task Force, a series of proposed calendar of events were developed which aims to engage residents, inform stakeholders, and reinforce our city's commitment to fair and equitable housing opportunities. We respectfully request the Economic Development Committee's endorsement and referral of these events to the City Council to ensure broad community support and participation.

## Proposed Events & Justification:

- **City Council Proclamation** (City Council, March 25<sup>th</sup>)
- **Fair Housing Poster Contest** (Closes March 31st)  
*Objective:* Encourage youth engagement and awareness of fair housing principles through creative expression.
- **Virtual Fair Housing Council Presentation** (April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2 PM via Zoom)  
*Objective:* Provide an accessible educational session on fair housing laws and resources, equipping residents and landlords with essential knowledge.
- **Tenant & Homebuyer Rights Workshops** (April 8<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM)  
*Objective:* Empower renters and prospective homeowners with information on their rights, responsibilities, and available assistance programs.
- **Documentary Screening & Expert Panel** (April 10<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 PM)  
*Objective:* Use storytelling to highlight housing disparities and foster meaningful dialogue with a panel of experts.
- **Open Mic Community Share** (April 16<sup>th</sup>, 6 – 8 PM)  
*Objective:* Create a space for community members to share their housing experiences and perspectives, strengthening civic engagement.
- **Bus Tour of Development Sites** (April 17<sup>th</sup>, 1 – 3 PM)  
*Objective:* Showcase ongoing and planned housing developments, increasing transparency and public awareness of the city's housing initiatives.

- **Housing Discrimination & Legal Remedies** (April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 5:30 – 6:30 PM)  
*Objective:* Educate residents on recognizing discrimination and accessing legal recourse, ensuring equal housing opportunities.
- **Fair Housing Awareness Awards & CDBG Week** (Week of April 21st)  
*Objective:* Celebrate individuals and organizations actively advancing fair housing principles in our community. Additionally, highlight the importance of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program in supporting housing and community initiatives.

**Why This Matters:**

Fair housing is foundational to economic stability, community development, and social equity. These events will provide valuable education, encourage public dialogue, and support efforts to eliminate discriminatory practices. The endorsement and support of the City Council will amplify our outreach and demonstrate our city's leadership in fostering inclusive housing opportunities.

We appreciate your consideration and look forward to your support in advancing this initiative to the full Council. Please let us know if you require additional details or modifications.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Date and Time: Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at 5:15 p.m., Council Chambers

Members Present: Michael Martens (C), Gary Gisselman (VC), Becky McElhaney, Chad Henke, Vicki Tierney

Others Present: Eric Lindman, Jeremy Kopp, Anne Jacobson, Rick Rubow

Noting the presence of a quorum Chairperson Martens called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

### **Discussion and possible action on sale of Wausau Fire Department Ladder 2 and budget modification for potential replacement.**

Tierney questioned the age of the new replacement equipment. It was stated the replacement equipment was new. Tierney further questioned the different options for purchase and questioned the best option. It was stated the two options outlined were the best for meeting the needs of the department. Tierney questioned the selling price of the current equipment to be sold. It was stated this is a rare situation in which the equipment could be sold for more than it was purchased.

Martens questioned if the replacement equipment would be comparable to the current equipment. It was stated the new equipment options would meet the needs of the department. Martens questioned the next steps to facilitate the sale and purchases. It was stated the city would need to sell the current equipment to purchase the new equipment or purchase the new equipment and sell the current equipment to backfill that purchase.

Gisselman stated a preference for guaranteeing the sale of the current equipment prior to purchase of the new equipment to ensure the funding is available to make this budget neutral.

Martens stated agreement with Gisselman and noted that the current equipment is in high demand likely selling quickly. It was also questioned if this sale would be in line with the ordinances governing the sale of capital from the city. It was stated that this would be in line with ordinance.

Motion by Gisselman, seconded by Henke, to approve the sale of the fire apparatus through Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus. Motion carried 5-0.



## Memorandum

**To: Common Council Committee Members**

**From: Jeremy Kopp, Fire Chief**

**Date: 03/04/2025**

**Subject: Approval of Sale of Ladder Truck to Fire Department**

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Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to request your approval for the sale of the ladder truck currently in our fleet to a fire department in Connecticut. As you are aware, this truck was purchased in 2022 for \$998,347.68. We have received an accepted offer of \$1,050,000 for the truck. This sale represents a significant opportunity to recover the investment while moving forward with plans to replace the truck with a new one.

Brindlee Apparatus, who has served as the broker for this transaction, played a crucial role in facilitating the sale and communication throughout the process. Their assistance has been instrumental in securing this favorable offer, and we are confident that their involvement helped ensure a smooth and effective sale.

The proceeds from this sale will not only recover the original purchase cost but will also provide us with the necessary resources to focus on identifying and acquiring a replacement truck. As the needs of our fire department evolve, this sale is a key step in modernizing our fleet and ensuring the safety and effectiveness of our emergency response capabilities.

I ask that the committee approve the sale of the ladder truck at the agreed price of \$1,050,000, allowing us to proceed with the next steps in this important process.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please let me know if you have any questions or need further information.

**CITY OF WAUSAU, 407 Grant Street, Wausau, WI 54403**

| <b>RESOLUTION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH &amp; SAFETY COMMITTEE</b> |                                        |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Approving or Denying Various Licenses as Indicated.           |                                        |
| Committee Action:   Approved 4-0                              |                                        |
| Fiscal Impact:       None                                     |                                        |
| <b>File Number:</b> 25-0108                                   | <b>Date Introduced:</b> March 11, 2025 |

| <b>FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY</b> |                                                                                                                                                                            |                                         |                             |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>COSTS</b>                 | <i>Budget Neutral</i>                                                                                                                                                      | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
|                              | <i>Included in Budget:</i>                                                                                                                                                 | Yes <input type="checkbox"/>            | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
|                              | <i>One-time Costs:</i>                                                                                                                                                     | Yes <input type="checkbox"/>            | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
|                              | <i>Recurring Costs:</i>                                                                                                                                                    | Yes <input type="checkbox"/>            | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>SOURCE</b>                | <i>Fee Financed:</i>                                                                                                                                                       | Yes <input type="checkbox"/>            | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
|                              | <i>Grant Financed:</i>                                                                                                                                                     | Yes <input type="checkbox"/>            | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
|                              | <i>Debt Financed:</i>                                                                                                                                                      | Yes <input type="checkbox"/>            | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
|                              | <i>TID Financed:</i>                                                                                                                                                       | Yes <input type="checkbox"/>            | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
|                              | <i>TID Source: Increment Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Debt <input type="checkbox"/> Funds on Hand <input type="checkbox"/> Interfund Loan <input type="checkbox"/></i> |                                         |                             |
|                              |                                                                                                                                                                            |                                         |                             |

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, your Public Health and Safety Committee considered certain license applications at its February 17, 2025 meeting, and has made recommendations that are attached hereto and recommends these actions to the Council for its approval, now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Common Council of the City of Wausau that the City Clerk be hereby authorized to issue the licenses on the attached list, incorporated as part of this resolution, according to recommendations made by the Public Health & Safety Committee and upon successful completion and acceptable proof that all applicable state and municipal regulations and requirements have been met by the applicants.

Approved:

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Doug Diny, Mayor



## Council Date 03/11/2025

| License ID | License Typ                         | Name            | Address                                       | Details                                                                                                         | Business     | Begin Dt   | End Dt     | Police | PHS | Council |
|------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|--------|-----|---------|
| 209912     | 9010 -<br>Bartender/Operator<br>New | HODGES, TIFFANY | 1205 MERRILL<br>AVE WAUSAU WI<br>54401        |                                                                                                                 | RSTORE #4477 | 12/27/2024 | 06/30/2025 | No     | No  |         |
| 210479     | 9027 - Class II                     | ,               | 937 JEFFERSON<br>STREET<br>WAUSAU WI<br>54403 | FAMILY PRIDE<br>FEST on<br>06/07/2025<br>Organized by<br>WAUSAU<br>PRIDE                                        |              |            |            |        | Yes |         |
| 210368     | 9027 - Class II                     | LECHNER, TINA   | 3368 HOWARD<br>AVE STEVENS<br>POINT WI 54481  | LIVING RIVER<br>SHARED<br>BLESSING<br>BENEFIT<br>CONCERT on<br>6/13/25<br>Organized by<br>SHARED<br>BLESSININGS |              |            |            |        | Yes |         |

Total Licenses

2

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Kody Hart, Deputy City Clerk



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TEL: (715) 261-6616  
FAX: (715) 261-6626

TO: Public Health & Safety Committee

FROM: Kody Hart, Deputy City Clerk

RE: Approve or deny various licenses as indicated on the attached summary report of all applications received.

DATE: February 12, 2025

Applications as listed have or will have a background check run by staff and reviewed by the Police Chief or a designee. In accordance with city ordinance, all permits approved are held for debts owed to the city until the debt is paid in full.

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Approve or deny as indicated on the summary report attached, including those that may be introduced at the meeting. Further summaries on staff recommendations are outlined below.

1. **Denial Recommendations – New Bartender/Operator License: Tiffany Hodges** – This application is recommended for denial due to two OWI arrests in the last two years and an open battery case in Lincoln County.
2. **Approval Recommendations – Special Event Class II Permit: Family Pride Fest** on the 400 Block on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025 from 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM, license applicant Wausau Pride, Tiffany Lee-Rodriguez; **Living River Shared Blessing Benefit Concert** on the 400 Block on June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025 from 6:30 PM to 10:00 PM, license applicant My Team Triumph, Tina Lechner.
3. **Approval Recommendations – Temporary “Class B” Picnic Licenses: Battle in the Ring 2** at East Gate Hall, Marathon Park on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM, license applicant, Christ’s House, Sherry Martinez.

## RESOLUTION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

Expressing Opposition to Any Proposed Federal or State Cuts to Medicaid.

Committee Action: Approved 4-0

Fiscal Impact: None

**File Number:** 25-0214

**Date Introduced:** February 25, 2025

### FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY

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## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, 22.94 percent (WI DHS December 2024) of Marathon County’s residents use a Medicaid program to get their health care and other important supports; and

**WHEREAS**, many of our city’s jobs are created through small businesses, hospitals, therapists, mental health professionals, school-based medical services, and other professionals that bill Medicaid; and

**WHEREAS**, Medicaid is an important funding source in the City of Wausau for mental health care; and

**WHEREAS**, Medicaid funds almost all long-term care, including Wisconsin’s institutional diversion programs—Family Care, IRIS, CLTS—that keep kids, people with disabilities, and older adults out of expensive Medicaid-funded nursing homes and institutions; and

**WHEREAS**, Wisconsin’s population is aging and more seniors will require care and services in the future; and,

**WHEREAS**, Medicaid programs are the only places older adults and people with disabilities can get the long-term support and health care they need; and

**WHEREAS**, Medicaid serves a diverse population of the city’s residents including veterans, older adults with dementia, foster kids, people with mental illness, unpaid caregivers who have had to leave the workforce to provide care and low-wage paid caregivers; and

**WHEREAS**, Medicaid improves the health, well-being, and productivity of thousands of residents in the areas of preventive services, prenatal care, opioid and other drug treatment, behavioral health, crisis intervention, lead poisoning, treatment of chronic disease, dental health, and support for the elderly and people with disabilities thus providing for a healthier population and more productive workforce;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Wausau Common Council, assembled on February 25, 2025, **formally opposes** any proposed federal or state cuts to Medicaid; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Clerk is directed to send copies of this resolution to the Governor of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, the Marathon County Board of Supervisors, and Wausau's state and federal legislative representatives, urging them to protect Medicaid funding for the well-being of our community.

Approved:

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Doug Diny, Mayor

**CITY OF WAUSAU, 407 Grant Street, Wausau, WI 54403**

**RESOLUTION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Expressing Opposition to Any Proposed Federal or State Cuts to Medicaid.

Committee Action:      Approved 4-0

Fiscal Impact:          None

**File Number:**          25-0214

**Date Introduced:**      February 25, 2025

**FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY**

|               |                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                          |                                        |
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| <b>COSTS</b>  | <i>Budget Neutral</i>                                                                                                                                                                           | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |                                        |
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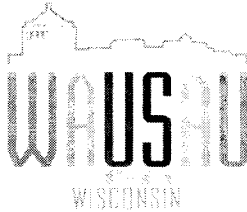
Approved:

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Doug Diny, Mayor

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Doug Diny



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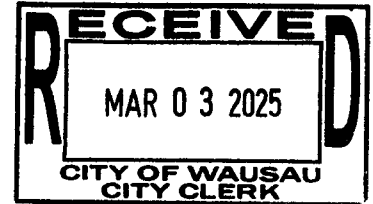
## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** March 3, 2025

**TO:** Clerk's Office

**FROM:**  Mayor Doug Diny

**RE:** Veto of Council Action 25-0214



I am vetoing the city resolution directing communication to state and federal officials regarding Medicaid. Medicaid is a jointly administered state and federal program that was designed to provide health insurance to the truly needy.

Regardless of what a person's position is on Medicaid reform, I believe this resolution needs to be vetoed for two reasons:

1. The City of Wausau has enough work for Council members that they should not have to go looking for problems elsewhere. The council would do well to stay in its lane and to keep its focus on local issues.
2. Council members were elected to represent the people of Wausau on City issues. We elect state and federal officials to represent us on state and federal issues. The underlying premise behind the resolution—that the city council has the right to speak for the citizens of Wausau on all matters—is highly presumptuous and likely unacceptable to most voters. The citizens of Wausau speak for themselves and through their federal and state representatives on these matters.

This is a disingenuous resolution. There are no proposed cuts to Medicaid currently. What is particularly objectionable is that a so-called non-partisan city council is abusing its position to promulgate Democrat Party messaging and scare people. The Wausau Common Council should rethink engaging in political virtue signaling.

**CITY OF WAUSAU, 407 Grant Street, Wausau, WI 54403**

**ORDINANCE OF COMMON COUNCIL**

Amending Section 10.20.080(a) designating no parking on the east side of North 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue beginning at the intersection of Quaw Street and extending 12 feet south.

Committee Action: None

**Ordinance Number:** 61-5982

Fiscal Impact: Minimal cost to install signs

**File Number:** 25-0304

**Date Introduced:** March 11, 2025

The Common Council of the City of Wausau do ordain as follows:

Add ( )

Section 1. That Section 10.20.080(a) of the Wausau Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

(a) There shall be no parking in the following locations:

...

North 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue

- East side of North 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue beginning at the intersection of Quaw Street and extending 12 feet south between 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Section 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect on the day after its publication.

Adopted:

Approved:

Published:

Attest:

Approved:

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Doug Diny, Mayor

Attest:

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Kaitlyn A. Bernarde, City Clerk



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Office of the City Attorney

TEL: (715) 261-6590

FAX: (715) 261-6808

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Anne L. Jacobson  
City Attorney

STAFF MEMO

TO: Mayor Doug Diny  
Common Council

FROM: Anne Jacobson, City Attorney 

RE: Ordinance Designating No Parking on East Side of North 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue at Quaw Street

DATE: February 26, 2025

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Background

On December 10, 2024, Council approved an ordinance designating no parking on the east side of North 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue beginning at the intersection of Quaw Street and extending 12 feet south. In the body of the ordinance however, the description was listed as 12 feet west rather than south.

Actions Necessary

The attorney's office is requesting the adoption of the attached ordinance correcting the direction of the no parking area since the December 10, 2024 ordinance was published on December 18, 2024.

CITY OF WAUSAU, 407 Grant Street, Wausau, WI 54403

| ORDINANCE OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE                                                                                                                            |                               |                   |                   |
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| Amending Section 10.20.080(a) designating no parking on the east side of North 6 <sup>th</sup> Avenue beginning at the intersection of Quaw Street and extending 12 feet south. |                               |                   |                   |
| Committee Action:                                                                                                                                                               | Approved 5-0                  | Ordinance Number: | 61-5977           |
| Fiscal Impact:                                                                                                                                                                  | Minimal cost to install signs |                   |                   |
| File Number:                                                                                                                                                                    | 24-1207                       | Date Introduced:  | December 10, 2024 |

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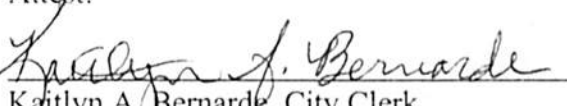
Section 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect on the day after its publication.

Adopted: 12/10/2024  
Approved: 12/11/2024  
Published: 12/18/2024  
Attest: 12/11/2024

Approved:

  
Doug Diny, Mayor

Attest:

  
Kaitlyn A. Bernarde, City Clerk

CITY OF WAUSAU, 407 Grant Street, Wausau, WI 54403

**RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL**

Approving Ethics Board Rule on Recusal.

Committee Action:      Approved 5-0

Fiscal Impact:          None

**File Number:**          25-0305

**Date Introduced:**      March 11, 2025

**FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY**

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| COSTS  | Budget Neutral                                                                                                                                                      | Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No | <input type="checkbox"/> |                                               |
|        | Included in Budget:                                                                                                                                                 | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/>            | No | <input type="checkbox"/> | Budget Source                                 |
|        | One-time Costs:                                                                                                                                                     | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/>            | No | <input type="checkbox"/> | Amount:                                       |
|        | Recurring Costs:                                                                                                                                                    | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/>            | No | <input type="checkbox"/> | Amount:                                       |
| SOURCE | Fee Financed:                                                                                                                                                       | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/>            | No | <input type="checkbox"/> | Amount:                                       |
|        | Grant Financed:                                                                                                                                                     | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/>            | No | <input type="checkbox"/> | Amount:                                       |
|        | Debt Financed:                                                                                                                                                      | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/>            | No | <input type="checkbox"/> | Amount                      Annual Retirement |
|        | TID Financed:                                                                                                                                                       | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/>            | No | <input type="checkbox"/> | Amount:                                       |
|        | TID Source: Increment Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Debt <input type="checkbox"/> Funds on Hand <input type="checkbox"/> Interfund Loan <input type="checkbox"/> |     |                                     |    |                          |                                               |

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, your Ethics Board, on October 7, 2024, November 18, 2024 and February 19, 2025, discussed and recommended creating a rule regarding recusal; and

**WHEREAS**, this rule will assist members and the board in furthering the policies of the Code of Ethics.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Common Council of the City of Wausau does hereby approve the attached Ethics Board Rule on Recusal.

Approved:

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Doug Diny, Mayor

# City of Wausau Ethics Board Rule on Recusal

## Section 1 - Definitions. In this rule:

- (a) All definitions in City of Wausau ordinance Chapter 2.03 Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Employees (the Code) shall apply.
- (b) "Member" means a member of the Ethics Board.
- (c) To "recuse" means to remove oneself from participating in a board proceeding to avoid a conflict of interest or to avoid the appearance that the member may be unable to act in an impartial manner in the proceeding.
- (d) "Proceeding" or "board proceeding" means any board activity related to a complaint filed pursuant to the Code.

Section 2 - Purpose. This rule is intended to assist individual members and the board in furthering the policies of the Code of Ethics. It does not create any right in any other person who is not a member to disqualify any member in any proceeding.

Section 3 - Scope. Recusal applies to participating in a proceeding on a complaint. Abstaining from voting on a motion made at a board meeting is distinct from recusal from a proceeding.

## Section 4 - Effecting Recusal.

- (a) Members must initially determine for themselves whether they are subject to mandatory recusal at the time that the board determines a verified complaint has been received that alleges facts sufficient to constitute a violation of the Code of Ethics.
- (b) When mandatory recusal is not required, members should determine whether to exercise their discretion to recuse as soon as they have sufficient information to make that decision.
- (c) A member who has decided to recuse himself or herself from a proceeding shall announce the recusal during a public meeting of the board. Recusal shall constitute the member's withdrawal from any remaining proceedings on the complaint.

Section 5 - Mandatory Recusal. A member shall recuse himself or herself from any proceeding of the board in which:

- (a) Participating in the proceeding would constitute a conflict of interest as described in the Code of Ethics.
- (b) The member is the complainant or respondent involved in the proceeding.

- (c) The member is in the immediate family of either the complainant or the respondent involved in the proceeding, or the member is divorced from, resides with or has previously resided with either the complainant or respondent.
- (d) The member can be expected to be a material witness in the proceeding, such as by providing an affidavit or testimony relating to the proceeding, except that the board may decide that mandatory recusal is not required if the board determines that an attempt to make the member a witness is a device to force the member to recuse.

#### Section 6 - Discretionary Recusal.

- (a) A member may recuse himself or herself from any proceeding of the board in which the member determines in the exercise of the member's discretion that for any reason, the member cannot be impartial in the proceeding or there is a substantial risk that it will appear that the member cannot be impartial.
- (b) In determining the risk of an appearance of inability to be impartial, the member should consider:
  - a. the public policies underlying the Code of Ethics, and whether recusal would further or undermine those policies,
  - b. the extent and nature of any connection the member may have with a party or witness to the proceeding,
  - c. the reality that participating in commerce, government and community organizations in a community of the size of Wausau makes it likely a member will have knowledge of or be acquainted with one of the parties, and the effect that recusal will have on the Ethics Board's functioning with limited membership.

Section 7 - Enforcement. If a member refuses to comply with the mandatory recusal requirements of Section 5, the remaining members of the board may take any of the following actions:

- (a) Proceed under Ethics Code Section 2.03.060 with a verified complaint against the member on the board's own motion.
- (b) Adopt a resolution specifying how the member violated this rule and send the resolution to the mayor and common council.

CITY OF WAUSAU, 407 Grant Street, Wausau, WI 54403

**RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL**

Approving sale of Wausau Fire Department Ladder Truck 2

Committee Action: None

Fiscal Impact: \$1,050,000

**File Number:** 24-1108

**Date Introduced:** March 11, 2025

**FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY**

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| COSTS  | Budget Neutral                                                                                                                                                      | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/>            |                           |
|        | Included in Budget:                                                                                                                                                 | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/>            | Budget Source             |
|        | One-time Costs:                                                                                                                                                     | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Amount: \$1,050,000 added |
|        | Recurring Costs:                                                                                                                                                    | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/>            | Amount:                   |
| SOURCE | Fee Financed:                                                                                                                                                       | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/>            | Amount:                   |
|        | Grant Financed:                                                                                                                                                     | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/>            | Amount:                   |
|        | Debt Financed:                                                                                                                                                      | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/>            | Amount Annual Retirement  |
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|        | TID Source: Increment Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Debt <input type="checkbox"/> Funds on Hand <input type="checkbox"/> Interfund Loan <input type="checkbox"/> |                              |                                        |                           |

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Ladder Truck 2, a critical piece of equipment in the Wausau Fire Department's fleet, was involved in a significant legal matter following an injury to a firefighter in March of 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, given the need to maintain high standards of safety and operational effectiveness, it was recommended to sell Ladder Truck 2 and acquire a replacement apparatus that meets the Fire Department's needs; and

**WHEREAS**, your Common Council, on January 28, 2025, approved selling Ladder Truck 2 through Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fire Department received an offer of \$1,050,000 for Ladder Truck 2 from a fire department in Connecticut which is over the original purchase price of \$998,347.68.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Common Council of the City of Wausau hereby approves selling Ladder Truck 2 for \$1,050,000 to a fire department in Connecticut and authorizes the proper city officials to execute all necessary documents for the sale.

Approved:

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Doug Diny, Mayor