

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE WAUSAU COMMON COUNCIL
held on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, in Council Chambers, beginning at 6:30 p.m.,
Mayor Doug Diny presiding.

Roll Call

03/11/2025

Roll Call indicated 10 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	EXCUSED

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

03/11/2025

1. Tracy Schlegel, Executive Director of NAMI Northwoods – Spoke in favor of 25-0214
2. Paula Meadows, 1302 Madison Street – Spoke in opposition of 25-0214.

Statement from the Mayor on Strategic Plan

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Mayor Doug Diny made a statement on Strategic Plan.

Consent Agenda

03/11/2025

Without objection, item 25-0309 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:

25-0301 from the Common Council Approve Minutes of a previous meeting(s) (02/25/2025).

25-0303 Ordinance from the Infrastructure & Facilities Committee Amending Section 10.20.080(a) designating no parking on the east side of North 10th Street between Franklin Street and McIndoe Street.

25-0306 Ordinance from the Parks & 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.

25-0307 Resolution from the Economic Development Committee Approving Partnership with Habitat for Humanity Affordable Housing Proposal and Sale of 727 Jefferson Street.

25-0308 Resolution from the Economic Development Committee Approving Request for Qualifications for Partnership for Housing on Infill Lots in the City of Wausau.

25-0108 Resolution from the Public Health & Safety Committee Approving or Denying Various Licenses as Indicated.

Yes Votes: 10

No Votes: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 1

Result: PASSED

Motion by Lukens, seconded by Larson, to adopt the Resolution from the Economic Development Committee Endorsing Fair Housing Month Events in April 2025.

Watson stated this was meant to show a commitment to fair housing within the city and highlighted the events.

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

24-0214

03/11/2025

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

Rasmussen stated it was important for municipalities to speak on matters to the upper levels of government. It was stated the city has a stake in outcomes from a logistical standpoint of city departments and from a functional standpoint of what is funded by local taxpayers.

Larson stated the matter was city business as it impacts city residents and shared concerns about not speaking up.

Teirney stated this was a city issue as a matter of public health and stated that when people are not getting the medical help needed it impacts public health and safety. Teirney stated the Medicaid program also supported disabled residents within the city who cannot receive healthcare coverage in any other way.

Lukens stated this was a matter of speaking for vulnerable children within the city and speaking for residents who had stated support of the resolution.

Gisselman stated this was a matter of city business and stated that the Common Council had passed a resolution, approved by the Mayor, which was similar in that it messaged a concern to higher levels of government. Gisselman stated there are residential care facilities within Aldermanic District 5 who have residents that rely on Medicaid and stated support for that reason.

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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	EXCUSED

Yes Votes: 9 No Votes: 0 Abstain: 1 Not Voting: 1 Result: PASSED

Suspend the Rules

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

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

25-0304

03/11/2025

Motion by Watson, seconded by Neal, to adopt the Ordinance from the Common Council 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.

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

25-0305

03/11/2025

Motion by Lukens, seconded by Watson, to adopt the Resolution from the Common Council Approving Ethics Board Rule on Recusal.

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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	NO
10	Larson, Lou	YES
11	Henke, Chad	EXCUSED

Yes Votes: 9

No Votes: 1

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 1

Result: PASSED

24-1108

03/11/2025

Without objection, this item was tabled by the request of the Mayor.

Public Comment & Suggestions

03/11/2025

1. Paula Meadows, 1302 Madison Street – Spoke in opposition to 25-0214.

Adjourn

03/11/2025

Motion by Lukens, second by Tierney, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Doug Diny, Mayor

Kaitlyn Bernarde, City Clerk