

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE WAUSAU COMMON COUNCIL

held on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, in Council Chambers, beginning at 6:30 p.m.,
Mayor Doug Diny presiding.

Roll Call

04/08/2025

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

Proclamations

04/08/2025

The Mayor of the City of Wausau Proclaims:

Two Lights for Tomorrow Day (April 18, 2025)

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

04/08/2025

1. Samuel Cripps, 812 McIndoe Street – Spoke in favor of 25-0418
2. Callie Wulk, Executive Director of Wausau River District – Spoke in favor of 25-0419
3. Brian Fox, Owner of Magnolia Soap – Spoke in favor of 25-0419

Communications and Recommendations from the Mayor

04/08/2025

Mayor Doug Diny made a statement.

Point of order raised by Larson that the statement was not properly agendized. The Point of order was not well taken by the Chair. Larson appealed the ruling of the Chair. The Chair ceased the statement.

Consent Agenda

04/08/2025

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

25-0401 from the Common Council Approve Minutes of a previous meeting(s) (03/25/2025).

91-1008 Resolution from the Finance Committee Adopting Revenue Policy Modification.

25-0403 Resolution from the Finance Committee Approving Delegation of Authority to the Board of Public Works for Settlement of Civil, Criminal, Governmental, Regulatory, Administrative, or Arbitration Proceeding in an Amount Not to Exceed \$75,000.

07-0206 Ordinance from the Finance Committee Amending Section 3.16.050 Empowerment.

25-0404 Resolution from the Finance Committee Approving Nominal Payment Parcel for a Temporary Limited Easement at 828 North 10th Avenue, Parcel 12, Transportation Project Plat 6999-00-16.

25-0405 Resolution from the Finance Committee Approving Nominal Payment Parcel for a Temporary Limited Easement at 1002 West Wausau Avenue, Parcel 11, Transportation Project Plat 6999-00-16.

25-0406 Resolution from the Finance Committee Approving Nominal Payment Parcel for a Temporary Limited Easement at 1130 West Bridge Street, Parcel 9, Transportation Project Plat 6999-00-16.

25-0407 Resolution from the Finance Committee Approving Offering Price Report for a Temporary Limited Easement at 1200 West Wausau Avenue, Parcel 1, Transportation Project Plat 6999-00-16.

25-0408 Resolution from the Finance Committee Approving Nominal Payment Parcel for a Temporary Limited Easement at 1201 – 1203 West Wausau Avenue, Parcel 8, Transportation Project Plat 6999-00-16.

25-0409 Resolution from the Finance Committee Approving Nominal Payment Parcel for a Temporary Limited Easement at 1207 – 1209 West Wausau Avenue, Parcel 7, Transportation Project Plat 6999-00-16.

25-0410 Resolution from the Finance Committee Approving Nominal Payment Parcel for a Temporary Limited Easement at 1213 – 1215 West Wausau Avenue, Parcel 6, Transportation Project Plat 6999-00-16.

25-0411 Resolution from the Finance Committee Approving Nominal Payment Parcel for a Temporary Limited Easement at 1219 – 1221 West Wausau Avenue, Parcel 4, Transportation Project Plat 6999-00-16.

25-0412 Resolution from the Finance Committee Approving Nominal Payment Parcel for a Temporary Limited Easement at 1301 – 1303 West Wausau Avenue and 1307 – 1309 West Wausau Avenue, Parcel 3, Transportation Project Plat 6999-00-16.

25-0413 Resolution from the Finance Committee Approving Nominal Payment Parcel for a Temporary Limited Easement at 1313 – 1315 West Wausau Avenue, Parcel 2, Transportation Project Plat 6999-00-16.

25-0417 Ordinance from the Plan Commission and the Historic Preservation Commission Amending Section 2.82.055 of the Wausau Municipal Code to Include the Designation of the Little Red Schoolhouse, Marathon Park, as a Local Historic Landmark.

25-0418 Ordinance from the Plan Commission and the Historic Preservation Commission Amending Section 2.82.055 of the Wausau Municipal Code to Include the Designation of St. John’s Episcopal Church, 330 McClellan Street, as a Local Historic Landmark.

Yes Votes: 10	No Votes: 0	Abstain: 0	Not Voting: 1	Result: PASSED
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25-0416 **04/08/2025**
Motion by Rasmussen, seconded by Lukens, to adopt the Ordinance from the Plan Commission Amending the GDP for 920 N 1st Street and 15 Fulton Street to Accommodate Multifamily Apartment Buildings and a Clubhouse.

Kilian stated that a local business had concerns with the increased traffic flow to the immediate area of the new development. It was stated that positive changes to the construction phase of this plan would take into consideration the concerns of local businesses.

Rasmussen stated that the amendment of the GDP would allow the plan to move forward while working in partnership with local businesses in the immediate area to make sure a product can be completed that all will appreciate.

Neal stated support of the plan and shared hope that the developer can work with creating green space to give it more of a park like look.

Tierney stated concerns with the increased traffic flow to the immediate area of the new development.

Yes Votes: 10	No Votes: 0	Abstain: 0	Not Voting: 1	Result: PASSED
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25-0402 **04/08/2025**
Motion by Lukens, seconded by Neal, to confirm the Mayor’s Appointment to the Sustainability, Energy, and Environment Committee.

Yes Votes: 10	No Votes: 0	Abstain: 0	Not Voting: 1	Result: PASSED
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Suspend the Rules **04/08/2025**
Motion by Watson, seconded by Lukens, 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
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25-0415

04/08/2025

Motion by Watson, seconded by Lukens, to adopt the Resolution from the Common Council Approving Judicial Privacy Act Policy for Shielding Procedures Pursuant to Wisconsin Act 235.

Yes Votes: 10

No Votes: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 1

Result: PASSED

25-0414

04/08/2025

Motion by Watson, seconded by Neal, to adopt the Resolution from the Parks and Recreation Committee Approving the Lease of the Riverlife Park Concession Building to CMA Wausau, LLC for the Seasonal Operation of an Ice Cream and Quick Serve Food Item Business.

Lukens stated support as this would provide residents with something additional to do at Riverlife Park.

Yes Votes: 10

No Votes: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 1

Result: PASSED

25-0108

04/08/2025

Motion by Tierney, seconded by Rasmussen, to adopt the Resolution from the Public Health & Safety Committee Approving and Denying Various Licenses as Indicated.

Yes Votes: 10

No Votes: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 1

Result: PASSED

25-0419

04/08/2025

Motion by Watson, seconded by Lukens, to adopt the Resolution from the Finance Committee Approving the Suspension of Hourly Parking Fees in Ramp 3 (JC Penney's) During the Downtown Street Construction Project as amended.

Rasmussen stated this would help support downtown local businesses as the city understands the impact construction has on business.

Yes Votes: 10

No Votes: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 1

Result: PASSED

25-0420

04/08/2025

Motion by Tierney, seconded by Rasmussen, to adopt the Joint Resolution from the Human Resources and Finance Committees Approving the Creation of a Shelter Lead and Shelter Advocate Positions, Along with Their Respective Job Descriptions and Corresponding Pay Scales and Related Budget Modification.

Rasmussen stated support as this would fill the void for a vulnerable population effectively.

Tierney stated support as this provided a service to vulnerable residents.

Larson stated support as if the Police Department did not take this endeavor on it was questioned who else would.

Yes Votes: 10

No Votes: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 1

Result: PASSED

Adjourn

04/08/2025

Motion by Neal, second by Larson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Doug Diny, Mayor

Kody Hart, Deputy City Clerk