

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE WAUSAU COMMON COUNCIL**

held on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 in Council Chambers, beginning at 6:30 p.m.,  
Mayor Katie Rosenberg presiding.

**Roll Call**

5/09/2023

Roll Call indicated 11 members present.

| <u>District</u> | <u>Aldersperson</u> | <u>Present</u> |
|-----------------|---------------------|----------------|
| 1               | Lukens, Carol       | YES            |
| 2               | Martens, Michael    | YES            |
| 3               | Kilian, Tom         | YES            |
| 4               | Diny, Doug          | YES            |
| 5               | Gisselman, Gary     | YES            |
| 6               | McElhaney, Becky    | YES            |
| 7               | Rasmussen, Lisa     | YES            |
| 8               | Watson, Sarah       | YES            |
| 9               | Herbst, Dawn        | YES            |
| 10              | Larson, Lou         | YES            |
| 11              | Henke, Chad         | YES            |

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

- 1) Maryanne Groat, Finance Director, stated last week was Municipal Clerk Week for the State of Wisconsin and commended Customer Service staff for their work and especially recognized City Clerk Kaitlyn Bernarde for her accomplishments.

**Consent Agenda**

5/09/2023

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

**23-0401** Minutes of previous meeting (4/25/23)

**23-0204** Final Resolution of the Capital Improvements & Street Maintenance Committee and Plan Commission Vacating and discontinuing a portion of an alley that abuts 300 West Knox Street, 1110 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, 1114 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, and 1111 North 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

**23-0205** Final Resolution of the Capital Improvements & Street Maintenance Committee and Plan Commission Vacating and discontinuing right-of-way located east of 1610 Meadowview Road, 1615 Meadowview Road, and 1612 Evergreen Road, which abuts the boundary of Parcels 080-2908-074-0992 and 156001 Forest Valley Road in the Town of Wausau

**23-0505** Joint Resolution Human Resources Committee and the Finance Committee Allowing raises and promotions to be started at the beginning of the pay period.

**23-0108** Resolution of the Public Health & Safety Committee Approving or Denying Various Licenses as indicated.

**23-0504** Ordinance of the Public Health & Safety Committee Amending the title and provisions of Chapter 5.63 Obstructions within the Central Business District Public Rights-of-Way, Section 12.44.040 Exceptions, Section 5.64.035 Alcohol licensing and serving of alcohol beverages, and Section 1.01.025 Issuance of citations; creating Chapter 5.65 Sidewalk Café's

**94-0828** Joint Resolution of the Room Tax Commission and the Finance Committee Approving Tourism Entity Agreement between the City of Wausau, Room Tax Commission and the Wausau Central Wisconsin Convention & Visitors Bureau, Inc. Adopted 11-0.

**23-0403**

5/09/2023

Motion by Watson, second by Martens to confirm the Mayor's Appointment of Randy Buchkowski to the Board of Review. Motion carried 11-0.

**23-0507**

5/09/2023

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Herbst to adopt the Joint Resolution of the Capital Improvements & Street Maintenance Committee and the Finance Committee Approving the closure of the McClellan Parking Ramp. Adopted 11-0.

**23-0508**

5/09/2023

Motion by Henke, second by Watson to adopt Resolution of the Economic Development Committee Approving sale of 1316 and 1407 N. 2nd Street.

Yes Votes: 11    No Votes: 0    Result: PASS

**22-1109**

5/09/2023

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Herbst to adopt the Resolution of the Finance Committee Approving carryover funding of \$40,000 for the 2022 Scott Street Bridge Fencing Project for 2023.

*Council comments and discussion can be accessed:* [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wABISP\\_5yDs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wABISP_5yDs)

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

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

**22-1109A**

5/09/2023

Motion by Watson, second by Rasmussen to adopt the Resolution of the Finance Approving 2023 Budget Modifications - Police Facilities.

Yes Votes: 11    No Votes: 0    Result: PASS

**23-0506**

5/09/2023

Motion by Watson, second by Lukens to adopt the Joint Resolution of the Human Resource Committee & Finance Committee Creating and Classifying Fleet Analyst position in DPW.

Yes Votes: 11    No Votes: 0    Result: PASS

**23-0507**

5/09/2023

Motion by Lukens, second by Herbst to adopt the Resolution of the Park & Recreation Committee Approving contract with Main Line Trail construction, LLC for 2023 Maintenance Improvements to Sylvan Hill Bike Park.

Yes Votes: 11    No Votes: 0    Result: PASS

**Suspend the Rules**

5/09/2023

Motion by Watson, second by Lukens to Suspend Rule 6(B) Filing.

Yes Votes: 11    No Votes: 0    Result: PASS

**23-0510**

5/09/2023

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Watson to adopt the Resolution from the Finance Committee Providing for the sale of a \$17,550,000 Note Anticipation Note, Series 2023A.

Lisa Rasmussen explained the Note Anticipation Note is for gap financing for the Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) solution to help the city remain PFAS free prior to the receipt of grants and forgivable loans applied for.

Brian Roemer, Ehlers, stated the plan is to finance the long-term solution for this project with the Safe Drinking Water Fund Loan Program. He presented a PowerPoint on the process: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wABISP\\_5yDs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wABISP_5yDs)

Yes Votes: 11    No Votes: 0    Result: PASS

**Closed Session**

5/09/2023

Motion by Watson, second by Herbst to convene into Closed Session pursuant to Wis. Stat. Section 19.85(1)(e) of the Wisconsin Statutes for deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session: relating to approval of accepted Offer to Purchase properties located at 103 105, 111 Winton Street and that portion of 402-406 Winton Street lying west of the railroad tracks.

**Roll Call Vote**

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

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| 3               | Kilian, Tom         | YES         |
| 4               | Diny, Doug          | YES         |
| 5               | Gisselman, Gary     | YES         |
| 6               | McElhaney, Becky    | YES         |
| 7               | Rasmussen, Lisa     | YES         |
| 8               | Watson, Sarah       | YES         |
| 9               | Herbst, Dawn        | YES         |
| 10              | Larson, Lou         | YES         |
| 11              | Henke, Chad         | YES         |

**Closed Session**

5/09/2023

Motion by Watson, second by Larson to convene into Closed Session pursuant to Wis. Stat. Section 19.85(1)(g) of the Wisconsin Statutes for conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved: relating to implementation of Council Resolution File No. 04-1115 adopted August 10, 2010 and modification of Agreement between the city of Wausau, Wausau Water Works, and Green Acres at Greenwood Hills, LLC (subdivision owner) and an Agreement between the City of Wausau and Green Acres at Greenwood Hills, LLC.

**Roll Call Vote**

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

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| 6               | McElhaney, Becky    | YES         |
| 7               | Rasmussen, Lisa     | YES         |
| 8               | Watson, Sarah       | YES         |
| 9               | Herbst, Dawn        | YES         |
| 10              | Larson, Lou         | YES         |
| 11              | Henke, Chad         | YES         |

**RECONVENED INTO OPEN SESSION****23-0509**

5/09/2023

Motion by Watson, second by Herbst to adopt the Resolution from the Finance Committee Approving City's accepted Offer to Purchase 103, 105 Winton Street and that portion of 402-406 Winton Street lying west of the railroad tracks and related budget modification.

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

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|-----------------|---------------------|-------------|
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| 2               | Martens, Michael    | YES         |
| 3               | Kilian, Tom         | NO          |

|    |                  |     |
|----|------------------|-----|
| 4  | Diny, Doug       | NO  |
| 5  | Gisselman, Gary  | NO  |
| 6  | McElhaney, Becky | YES |
| 7  | Rasmussen, Lisa  | YES |
| 8  | Watson, Sarah    | YES |
| 9  | Herbst, Dawn     | YES |
| 10 | Larson, Lou      | YES |
| 11 | Henke, Chad      | YES |

#### **Adjournment**

5/09/2023

Motion by Watson, second by Lukens to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.

Katie Rosenberg, Mayor  
Kaitlyn Bernarde, City Clerk