

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE WAUSAU COMMON COUNCIL

held on Tuesday, May 24, 2022, in Council Chambers, beginning at 6:30 p.m.,
Mayor Rosenberg presiding.

Roll Call

5/24/2022 6:39:57 PM

Roll Call indicated 9 of 11 Council 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	NV
5	Gisselman, Gary	YES
6	McElhaney, Becky	YES
7	Rasmussen, Lisa	NV
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

- 1) Benjamin Ericksen, 2702 Merrill Ave, spoke in support of the Community Outreach Specialist but asked the Council to send it back to HR Committee to find another department to place the position under rather than the Police Department.
- 2) Sandra Kelch, 802 Augusta Ave, commented on the video shown at PH&S meeting regarding the homelessness and no longer supported the Community Outreach Specialist position under the supervision of the Police Department.
- 3) Amanda Ladecki, 616 Sumner St, spoke regarding the video shown at PH&S meeting showing homeless individuals interactions with police officers.

Consent Agenda

5/24/2022

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

22-0501 Minutes of previous meeting (5/10/2022).

22-0511 Resolution of the Capital Improvements & Street Maintenance Committee Approving sanitary sewer and watermain easement with Christiana Gandy and Zachary Gandy at 109 Freedom Way

22-0512 Resolution of the Capital Improvements & Street Maintenance Committee Approving Agreement for the Management and Maintenance of a Stormwater Facility (PIP JV LLC - 2025 County Road U)

13-0309 Resolution of the Capital Improvements & Street Maintenance Committee Authorizing the modification of fees to the City of Wausau Fees and Licenses Schedule adopted pursuant to Wausau Municipal Code §3.40.010(a) for Lot 5 Overnight Parking

02-1118 Ordinance of the Capital Improvements & Street Maintenance Committee Amending Section 10.48.120 Violations

02-1118 Ordinance of the Capital Improvements & Street Maintenance Committee Amending Section 10.48.090 Annual and monthly permits

94-0825 Ordinance of the Public Health & Safety Committee Amending Section 8.08.010 Certain creatures forbidden (subsection (d) Exceptions).

Yes Votes: 9 No Votes: 0 Not Voting: 2 Result: PASS

19-0921 Reconsideration

5/24/2022

Motion by McElhaney, second by Watson to reconsider the Resolution of the Economic Development Committee Approving Second Amendment to the Development Agreement for the Wausau Center Mall redevelopment project with Greater Wausau Prosperity Partnership, LTD and Wausau Opportunity Zone, Inc.

Attorney Anne Jacobson explained at the last meeting an amendment was made and failed based on a statement she made that turned out to be inaccurate. The resolution was approved unamended and will require someone from the prevailing side to make a motion to reconsider it and put it back on the table.

Becky McElhaney stated she spoke to the City Attorney the day after the last Council meeting regarding possible reconsideration of Lou Larson's amendment to the resolution to state if the city relinquished use of the parking ramp WOZ would need to pay market rate. Jacobson explained the entire question is brought back because the resolution was passed unamended. They can put the amendment back on the floor for a vote and then the resolution would be voted on again.

Vote to reconsider and place back on the table for discussion:

Yes Votes: 8 No Votes: 1 Abstain: 0 Not Voting: 2 Result: PASS

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

Liz Brodek reviewed the documents provided in the Council Packet with an overview of the timeline, beginning on page 37:
https://www.ci.wausau.wi.us/Portals/0/Departments/Council/Archives/Council/Council/2022/COUN_20220524_Packet.pdf

19-0921 Amendment

5/24/2022

Motion by Larson, second by Kilian to Amend the Resolution of the Economic Development Committee Approving Second Amendment to the Development Agreement for the Wausau Center Mall redevelopment project with Greater Wausau Prosperity Partnership, LTD and Wausau Opportunity Zone, Inc - to change the clause that if the City ceases to operate one or both of the parking lots, WOZ has the opportunity to buy either lot for fair market value instead of \$1.00.

Lengthy discussion: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YQliWGPaoRs>

Yes Votes: 8 No Votes: 1 Abstain: 0 Not Voting: 2 Result: PASS

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1	Lukens, Carol	YES
2	Martens, Michael	NO
3	Kilian, Tom	YES
4	Diny, Doug	NV
5	Gisselman, Gary	YES
6	McElhaney, Becky	YES
7	Rasmussen, Lisa	NV
8	Watson, Sarah	YES
9	Herbst, Dawn	YES
10	Larson, Lou	YES
11	Henke, Chad	YES

19-0921

5/24/2022

Motion by Herbst, second by Henke to adopt the Resolution of the Economic Development Committee Approving Second Amendment to the Development Agreement for the Wausau Center Mall redevelopment project with Greater Wausau Prosperity Partnership, LTD and Wausau Opportunity Zone, Inc., as amended on Council floor.

Yes Votes: 8 No Votes: 1 Abstain: 0 Not Voting: 2 Result: PASS

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1	Lukens, Carol	YES
2	Martens, Michael	YES
3	Kilian, Tom	NO
4	Diny, Doug	NV
5	Gisselman, Gary	YES
6	McElhaney, Becky	YES
7	Rasmussen, Lisa	NV
8	Watson, Sarah	YES
9	Herbst, Dawn	YES
10	Larson, Lou	YES
11	Henke, Chad	YES

21-1109A

5/24/2022

Motion by Herbst, second by Watson to adopt the Resolution of the Finance Committee Approving and Adopting the Budget for American Rescue Plan Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Funded Projects - Fiber Connection Project.

Yes Votes: 9 No Votes: 0 Not Voting: 2 Result: PASS

21-1109B

5/24/2022

Motion by Watson, second by Lukens to adopt the Resolution Approving and Adopting the Budget for American Rescue Plan Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Funded Projects - Entrepreneurial and Education Center.

Yes Votes: 8 No Votes: 1 Abstain: 0 Not Voting: 2 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	NV
5	Gisselman, Gary	YES
6	McElhaney, Becky	YES
7	Rasmussen, Lisa	NV
8	Watson, Sarah	YES
9	Herbst, Dawn	YES
10	Larson, Lou	YES
11	Henke, Chad	YES

01-0832

5/24/2022

Motion by McElhaney, second by Henke to adopt the Ordinance of the Public Health & Safety Committee Amending Section 5.63.010 Intent and purpose, 5.63.020 Definitions, Section 5.63.030 Permit required, Section 5.63.060 Sidewalk Cafe standards, 12.44.040 Exceptions.

Gary Gisselman indicated he opposed this amendment. The attachment proposed by Lemongrass is a six-month attachment to what he considered one of the main historic blocks in the city. He stated the 300 and 600 blocks of 3rd Street are very historic, and he felt this attachment, which isn't temporary, will hinder how people walking come to see the unique architecture and features of the downtown buildings. He believed it will be a detriment to the block and the historic facades.

Yes Votes: 6 No Votes: 3 Abstain: 0 Not Voting: 2 Result: PASS

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1	Lukens, Carol	YES
2	Martens, Michael	NO
3	Kilian, Tom	NO
4	Diny, Doug	NV
5	Gisselman, Gary	NO
6	McElhaney, Becky	YES
7	Rasmussen, Lisa	NV
8	Watson, Sarah	YES
9	Herbst, Dawn	YES
10	Larson, Lou	YES

Suspend Rule

5/24/2022

Motion by Watson, second by Herbst to suspend 6(B) Filing.

Yes Votes: 9 No Votes: 0 Not Voting: 2 Result: PASS

19-0405

5/24/2022

Motion by Watson, second by Lukens to adopt the Resolution of the Finance Committee Approving Interlocal Agreement between the City of Wausau and Marathon County for the 2021 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program Award.

Yes Votes: 9 No Votes: 0 Not Voting: 2 Result: PASS

21-1109

5/24/2022

Motion by McElhaney, second by Lukens to adopt the Joint Resolution of the Human Resources Committee and Finance Committee Approving and Adopting the Budget for American Rescue Plan Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Funded Projects - Community Outreach Specialist Position.

Michael Martens stated this passed Finance unanimously 3-0 and when we ranked the request with the ARPA funding matrix it had an average score of 74, which is very high.

Tom Kilian stated this also passed Human Resources Committee and the rationale for placing the position under the Police Department at this time is that currently there is no Health Service Department in the city and there is an urgency of moving forward. He hoped that in the future there may be a way to fill that void to have a department more in line with this type of personnel.

Mayor Rosenberg noted the City of Wausau did have a Health Department in 1970's but gave that authority over to the County, so she did not know if statutorily we can take it back. Gary Gisselman suggested the HR Committee take this on in the future to try to find an appropriate place for this position.

Becky McElhaney, HR Chair, commented this position is best under the Police Department at this point as there is no other fit. She pointed out the Police Department had this position before through a sworn officer, which was successful, and we are now departing from a sworn officer to a social worker. She stated we have given away the Health Department to the County and we don't have a Social Services Department. She stated they will review it annually and perhaps down the road there may be a more appropriate place.

Yes Votes: 9 No Votes: 0 Not Voting: 2 Result: PASS

Public Comment or Suggestions:

- 1) Benjamin Ericksen, 2702 Merrill Ave, spoke again regarding the Community Outreach Specialist and wondered if in the future they might consider contracting the position out through the county. He reiterated that it was the video that upset him.
- 2) Sandra Kelch, 802 Augusta Ave, commented on what she felt was criminalizing homelessness and their trauma.

Adjournment

5/24/2022 7:46:22 PM

Motion by Herbst, second by Larson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm.

Katie Rosenberg, Mayor
Kaitlyn Bernarde, City Clerk