

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE WAUSAU COMMON COUNCIL

held on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Mayor Katie Rosenberg presiding.

Roll Call

05/26/2020

Roll Call indicated 8 members present; 2 members entered the meeting after roll call bringing the members present up to 10.

<u>District</u>	<u>Aldersperson</u>	<u>Present</u>
1	Peckham, Patrick	YES (<i>WebEx</i>)
2	Martens, Michael	YES
3	Kilian, Tom	YES (<i>WebEx</i>)
4	Neal, Tom	NO
5	Wadinski, Jim	YES
6	McElhaney, Becky	YES
7	Rasmussen, Lisa	YES
8	Watson, Sarah	YES
9	Herbst, Dawn	YES
10	Larson, Lou	YES
11	Ryan, Debra	YES (<i>WebEx</i>)

Proclamations:

Mayor Rosenberg proclaimed **Saturday, June 6, 2020**, as **World Migratory Bird Day**, and urged all citizens to celebrate this observance with the Wausau Bird Club on a 6:30 AM bird walk at the Monk Botanical Gardens. She asked all citizens to support all efforts to protect and conserve migratory birds and their habitats in our community and the world at large. Sue Haug, Wausau Bird Club, accepted the proclamation and announced that Wausau was again awarded “Bird City” designation.

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

None

Communications and recommendations from the Mayor: Strategic Planning

Mayor Rosenberg reviewed information on strategic planning that was added to the Council packet. She indicated she wanted to work with the Council to determine where the city wants to be in the next five to seven years and to chart out a road map to get there. She asked for the Council’s and the community’s guidance to pull it all together and share with goals and measurable criteria. She indicated if they were interested in moving forward she would work with them and staff to develop a general statement and then present five to six outcomes that they’d like to achieve. Following this, an oversight group will be convened consisting of people who have done this before. She suggested former County Administrator Brad Karger and former County Board Member Ken Day. An actualized purpose will be presented to the Council and when it is the way they want it she will work with staff to get our professional strategic planner (consultant) on board.

Following discussion, consensus of Council was to move forward with strategic planning.

Consent Agenda

05/26/2020

Motion by McElhaney, second by Martens to approve all the items on the Consent Agenda as follows:

Ryan requested file number 19-1109 be removed from Consent and taken separately.

20-0501 Minutes of previous meeting. (5/13/20)

20-0507 Ordinance of the Capital Improvements & Street Maintenance Committee Amending Section 10.20.080(a) designating no parking on the west side of North 4th Street from the south curb line on McIndoe Street to a point 175 feet south

20-0104 Final Resolution of the Capital Improvements & Street Maintenance Committee and the Plan Commission Vacating and discontinuing the east 235 feet of alley lying west of 912 North 9th Street

20-0317 Resolution of the Public Health & Safety Committee temporarily suspending W.M.C. 5.64.036 Drive-Up Sales for a period expiring on October 31, 2020, 11:59 p.m.

Yes Votes: 10 No Votes: 0 Not Voting: 1 Result: PASS

19-1109

05/26/2020

Motion by Wadinski, second by Rasmussen to adopt the Resolution of the Finance 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) (2020 Comprehensive Fee Schedule).

Discussion regarding private wells and the increase in permit fees.

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

<u>District</u>	<u>Aldersperson</u>	<u>Vote</u>
1	Peckham, Patrick	YES
2	Martens, Michael	YES
3	Kilian, Tom	YES
4	Neal, Tom	NV
5	Wadinski, Jim	YES
6	McElhaney, Becky	YES
7	Rasmussen, Lisa	YES
8	Watson, Sarah	YES
9	Herbst, Dawn	YES
10	Larson, Lou	YES
11	Ryan, Debra	NO

20-0503

05/26/2020

Motion by McElhaney, second by Herbst to confirm the Mayor's Appointments to the Safer Elections Task Force.

Yes Votes: 10 No Votes: 0 Not Voting: 1 Result: PASS

92-0623

05/26/2020

Motion by Martens, second by Rasmussen to adopt the Resolution of the Finance Committee Approving renewal of parking lot lease with Colonial Property 4, LLC Grant and 3rd Streets.

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

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1	Peckham, Patrick	YES
2	Martens, Michael	YES
3	Kilian, Tom	YES
4	Neal, Tom	NV
5	Wadinski, Jim	YES
6	McElhaney, Becky	YES
7	Rasmussen, Lisa	YES
8	Watson, Sarah	YES
9	Herbst, Dawn	YES
10	Larson, Lou	YES
11	Ryan, Debra	NO

19-1109

05/26/2020

Motion by Watson, second by Larson to adopt the Resolution of the Finance Committee Approving Reallocation of \$25,000 Budgeted for Brockmeyer Park Parking Lot to JoJo's Jungle Playground in Brockmeyer Park.

Kilian stated at committee the resolution had been amended to attach a transportation facilitation program to and from the park. He questioned if that was going to be directed to an appropriate committee, perhaps Transit. He felt getting children and families there and back is also critical.

McElhaney responded there has been discussion regarding this with Peckham, Greg Seubert and Jamie Polley, however, currently MetroRide is dealing with COVID-19 and only allowing 10 people per bus on the regular routes. She indicated they will look at it on Transit Commission and consider how it will affect the budget, but it will take some time. Peckham confirmed it would be placed on the next Transit agenda.

Yes Votes: 10 No Votes: 0 Not Voting: 1 Result: PASS

20-0505

05/26/2020

Motion by Watson, second by Peckham to adopt the Resolution of the Finance Committee Approving the Community Development Block Grant Program Action Plan adding Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding and the Reprogramming Homeowner Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Funds into CARES initiatives.

Lengthy discussion. (Can be viewed online https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-Nigpdco_i8sq5FbbJD_aw)

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

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1	Peckham, Patrick	YES
2	Martens, Michael	YES
3	Kilian, Tom	NO
4	Neal, Tom	NV
5	Wadinski, Jim	YES
6	McElhaney, Becky	YES
7	Rasmussen, Lisa	YES
8	Watson, Sarah	YES
9	Herbst, Dawn	YES
10	Larson, Lou	NO
11	Ryan, Debra	YES

20-0509

05/26/2020

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Watson to adopt the Ordinance of the Public Health & Safety Committee Creating temporary ordinance Chapter 5.90 Relaxing Certain Code Requirements during COVID -19 Pandemic and Recovery for a period expiring on October 31, 2020, 11:59 pm: to provide for COVID-19 temporary outdoor restaurant seating areas; authorize City staff review and approval of temporary outdoor seating areas and temporary expansion of licensed premises for restaurants; temporarily amending Section 9.04.025 Consumption or possession of intoxicants on streets; and temporarily amending Special Events Policies and Procedures.

McElhaney questioned what streets were being closed for the Dining in the Streets event because she wanted to ensure the bus routes weren't disrupted. Mark Craig stated they would close the 300 and 400 block of 3rd Street, but not the cross streets and would not affect any bus routes.

Yes Votes: 10 No Votes: 0 Not Voting: 1 Result: PASS

Suspend the Rules

05/26/2020

Motion by Martens, second by Rasmussen to suspend Rule 6(B) Filing and 12(A) Referral of Resolutions.

Yes Votes: 10 No Votes: 0 Not Voting: 1 Result: PASS

20-0508

05/26/2020

Motion by Rasmussen, second by McElhaney to adopt the Resolution of the Common Council Approving Termination of Cross Easement and approving a Construction Easement with Thrive Properties LLC – 2105 N. 2nd Street.

Yes Votes: 10 No Votes: 0 Not Voting: 1 Result: PASS

Adjourn

05/26/2020

Motion by Herbst, second by Watson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Katie Rosenberg, Mayor
Leslie M. Kremer, City Clerk