OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE WAUSAU COMMON COUNCIL

held on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, in Council Chambers, beginning at 6:30 p.m.,
Mayor Doug Diny presiding.

Roll Call **06/10/2025**

Roll Call indicated 11 members present.

District	Alderperson	Vote
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	YES

Proclamations **06/10/2025**

The Mayor of the City of Wausau Proclaims:
Elder Abuse Awareness Day (June 10, 2025)

Communications and Recommendations from the Mayor **06/10/2025**

Mayor Doug Diny made a Statement.

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

District	Alderperson	Vote
1	Lukens, Carol	NO
2	Martens, Michael	YES
3	Kilian, Terry	YES
4	Neal, Tom	ABSTAIN
5	Gisselman, Gary	NO
6	McElhaney, Becky	ABSTAIN
7	Rasmussen, Lisa	NO
8	Watson, Sarah	YES
9	Tierney, Vicki	YES
10	Larson, Lou	NO
11	Henke, Chad	YES

Yes Votes: 5 No Votes: 4 Abstain: 2 Not Voting: 0 Result: FAILED

Mayor Doug Diny continued to make a statement.

Consent Agenda **06/10/2025**

Without objection, item 25-0311 was pulled from the consent agenda by the request of the Mayor.

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

25-0605 Ordinance from the Plan Commission Rezoning 1339 Curling Way from Medium Industrial (MI) Zoning District to Heavy Industrial (HI) Zoning District.

25-0603 Joint Resolution from the Finance Committee and Airport Committee Authorizing the Execution of Airport Ground Lease – DeJong Properties.

25-0604 Resolution from the Finance Committee Approving the 2025 Community Development Block Grant Program Allocation and the Community Development Block Grant 5-Year Consolidated Plan.

24-1109 Resolution from the Finance Committee Approving Change and Addition to the City of Wausau Comprehensive Fee Schedule for the Portable Stage and Stage Canopy.

25-0606 Resolution from the Economic Development Committee Approving Quit Claim Deed – Beacon Resources, LLC – 731 N. 3rd Street.

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

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

25-0311 **06/10/2025**

Motion by Watson, seconded by Henke, to adopt the Resolution from the Public Health & Safety Committee Approving Amendment to Special Events Policy and Application Relating 400 Block Private Event Rentals.

Kilian stated the resolution was not clear and questioned if there should be an additional clause that should be added to the resolution to make it clear that the 400 Block would no longer be rentable to small groups.

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

25-0602 **06/10/2025**

Motion by Watson, seconded by Henke, to confirm the Mayor's Appointment to the Community Development Authority Board, the Marathon County Metropolitan Planning Commission Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee, and the Wausau Water Works Commission.

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

Suspend the Rules **06/10/2025**

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

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

03-0311 **06/10/2025**

Motion by Watson, seconded by Rasmussen, to adopt the Resolution from the Wausau Water Works Commission Reviewing the 2024 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report for the Wastewater Plant.

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

25-0112 **06/10/2025**

Motion by Watson, seconded by Larson, to adopt the Resolution of the Committee of the Whole Approving Continued Engagement of CVMIC Appointed Legal Counsel to Represent the City and Unelected City Staff in the Matter Currently Pending before the City's Ethics Board Pertaining to the Citizen Complaint Filed against Mayor Diny and Related Actions.

Rasmussen stated that the legal counsel was appointed at a top-end fee which has topped out for legal services provided to the city for potential legal liability pertaining to the drop box matter. It was stated that the matter was not wrapped up and that it was the decision of the Common Council to continue to provide appropriation for legal counsel to city employees while the matter moves through the Ethics Board complaint process.

Lukens stated that Cities and Villages Mutual Insurance Company had not determined that legal counsel was no longer needed, but instead that the initial services provided had topped it's top-end fee requiring additional appropriation to continue to provide those services to city employees during this matter.

The Chair stated that CVMIC not paying for the legal counsel beyond the top-end fee without additional appropriation is the same as CVMIC determining that legal counsel is no longer needed.

Point of order raised by Lukens that the Chair was offering voluntary commentary that misrepresents CVMIC's termination of coverage without vacating the chair. *Point of order was not well taken by the Chair.*

Motion by Lukens, seconded by Larson, to appeal the ruling of the Chair.

Motion by Neal, seconded by Tierney, to lay the appeal to the ruling of the Chair to the next meeting.

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1	Lukens, Carol	NO
2	Martens, Michael	NO
3	Kilian, Terry	YES
4	Neal, Tom	YES
5	Gisselman, Gary	NO
6	McElhaney, Becky	NO
7	Rasmussen, Lisa	NO
8	Watson, Sarah	NO
9	Tierney, Vicki	YES
10	Larson, Lou	NO
11	Henke, Chad	NO

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

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1	Lukens, Carol	YES
2	Martens, Michael	YES
3	Kilian, Terry	NO
4	Neal, Tom	ABSTAIN
5	Gisselman, Gary	NO
6	McElhaney, Becky	YES
7	Rasmussen, Lisa	YES
8	Watson, Sarah	YES
9	Tierney, Vicki	ABSTAIN
10	Larson, Lou	YES
11	Henke, Chad	NO

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

Rasmussen stated that the legal services provided under this appropriation are capped at $10,000 and additional services above that cap would need additional approval by the Common Council. It was further stated this was not a blank check and the goal is to reduce costs and the consumption of time if the legal services are retained.

Call the question raised by Henke. Without objection, the question was called.

Neal stated this was specifically for the benefit of city employees to be provided with legal services when going into potential depositions regarding this legal matter. It was stated the city employees should not have to go into legal proceedings without proper representation.

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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	YES

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

24-0915 **06/10/2025**

Motion by Watson, seconded by Henke, to adopt the Resolution from the Finance Committee Proceeding with Airport Terminal Renovations Construction Change Orders as Temporarily City Only Funded Project Administered by Wisconsin Bureau of Aeronautics (BOA) with Approximately 95% of Project Costs to Be Ultimately Reimbursed with FAA Funding, Contingent on Assurance from BOA that FAA Reimbursement will Occur: Cost of $135,000.

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

24-1109J **06/10/2025**

Motion by Watson, seconded by Tierney, to adopt the Resolution from the Finance Committee Adopting 2025 Budget Modification for Hot Mix to Complete Additional Mill and Overlay Street Maintenance.

Larson questioned which roads would get the overlay and stated a preference for one-block roads that are often neglected to be provided for this overlay. It was stated the plan for overlay would be briefed before the Infrastructure & Facilities Committee while prioritizing roads that are experiencing lead line replacements.

Neal stated a preference for the plan for overlay to come before the Infrastructure & Facilities Committee and prioritize streets that recently experienced lead line replacements.

Rasmussen stated a preference for the Infrastructure & Facilities Committee to approve the plan for overlay and that this item does not come before the Common Council as the approval would be provided with the adoption of this resolution.

Gisselman stated a preference for the Infrastructure & Facilities Committee to review the plan for overlay with the consideration of the condition of the road network as a whole and push for a long-term plan.

Tierney stated concerns that lesser traveled roads were not being considered for the plan for overlay.

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

Public Comment & Suggestion **06/10/2025**

1. Gunner McCarthy, address not provided – Spoke on attendance of the Common Council meeting to attain a merit badge for Boy Scouts of America.

Adjourn **06/10/2025**

Motion by Watson, second by Henke, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Doug Diny, Mayor
Kaitlyn Bernarde, City Clerk