

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE WAUSAU COMMON COUNCIL

held on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Mayor Katie Rosenberg presiding.

Roll Call

7/14/2020

Roll Call indicated 10 members present.

<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	YES
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

Proclamations:

Mayor Rosenberg proclaimed July 25, 2020 as CHRISTMAS IN JULY in the City of Wausau and asked all citizens hold the spirit of Christmas in their hearts while sending their best wishes to the children in the Marshfield Children's Hospital and all children around the world that spend part of their childhood under special care.

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

- 1) Christine Salm Little, 3312 N 11th Street, spoke in support of the Mayor's formation of a Policing Task Force.
- 2) LaTonya Campbell, 808 N 2nd Avenue, spoke in support of the Mayor's formation of a Policing Task Force.

Communications and recommendations from the Mayor: Policing Task Force

Mayor Rosenberg presented her plan for a Policing Task Force. She asked the Council to take time to think about what they want to get out of this task force and to give her their input. She indicated she will also be asking the community for feedback, as well as reaction from members of the Police Department. Chief Bliven commented he was in support but felt it was important to look at local data versus national or big city data. Discussion can be viewed on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fZj5khxQ_bQ

Consent Agenda

7/14/2020

Motion by Neal, second by Herbst to adopt all of the items on the Consent Agenda as follows:

20-0601 Minutes of previous meetings. (6/09/20, 6/23/20 & 6/30/20)

20-0707 Resolution of the Capital Improvements & Street Maintenance Committee Accepting Easement with Wisconsin Public Service for facilities at 110 East Thomas Street.

19-0912 Resolution of the Capital Improvements & Street Maintenance Committee Approving revised permanent and temporary sanitary sewer easements at 400 East Thomas Street (Marathon County).

19-0812 Final Resolution of the Capital Improvements & Street Maintenance Committee and Plan Commission. Vacating and discontinuing South 18th Avenue from South 17th Avenue to South 18th Avenue.

20-0706 Resolution of the Economic Development Committee Approving the exchange of city-owned land parcels with Eye Clinic of Wisconsin for the construction of a connecting trail to the River Edge Trail system,

20-0706 Resolution of the Economic Development Committee Approving the exchange of city-owned land parcels with McDevco Inc. for the construction of a connecting trail to the River Edge Trail system.

20-0710 Resolution of the Plan Commission Approving preliminary plat for Siewert Park.

20-0705 Ordinance of the Plan Commission Rezoning 2811 West Wausau Avenue from SR-2, Single Family Residential Zoning District to DR-8, Duplex Residential-8 Zoning District.

20-0108 Resolution of the Public Health & Safety Committee Approving or Denying Various Licenses.

03-0119 Ordinance of the Public Health & Safety Committee Amending Section 17.24.020 Open fire and burning allowed by permit.

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

20-0711

7/14/2020

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Neal to adopt the Resolution of the Economic Development Committee Approving the sale of 8104 Enterprise Drive in the Wausau Business Campus to Fischer & Son Transport Inc., dba AC & Sons Party Tent Rentals for \$25,000 for the construction of a 15,400-sq. ft. office and warehouse building. Adopted 9-1.

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
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4	Neal, Tom	YES
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	NV

15-0708

7/14/2020

Motion by Watson, second by Larson to adopt the Resolution of the Economic Development Committee Authorizing execution of parking lot lease with Riverlife Wausau, LLC (Fulton Street between River's Edge Trail and North River Drive).

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

12-1017

7/14/2020

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Martens to adopt the Resolution of the Finance Committee Approving Amendment for storage space for Stone Mill historic saw mill structure with Andy Johnson.

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

20-0112

7/14/2020

Motion by Wadinski, second McElhaney to adopt the Resolution of the Human Resources Committee Approving Restructuring of Police Department Clerical Staffing.

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

20-0713

7/14/2020

Motion by Wadinski, second by Martens to adopt the Resolution of the Human Resources Committee Ratifying the City's DOT Alcohol and Anti-Drug Policy.

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

20-0704

7/14/2020

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Neal to adopt the Resolution of the Plan Commission Approving a conditional use at 200 Park Avenue to allow for community gardens, in a UMU, Urban Mixed-Use Zoning District.

Kilian was concerned that the garden is right next to a superfund site and a chemical factory, as well as some former industrial sites, like Wausau Energy that had some historical soil issues. Although he felt this was a great concept, given the surrounding area it would be both reasonable and wise to do a basic assessment of the disposition of the soil that surrounds these gardens.

Rasmussen stated it was her understanding when approving community gardens the vast majority of them resemble raised beds where garden soil was brought in and put into a wood framed structures in which they plant; they are not planting into the soil on site.

Kilian commented that still did not completely alleviate his concerns due to deposition of soil and dust from surrounding areas. He felt the city should be doing some due diligence so when residents are de-industrializing these areas and planting produce that at least some basic investigative work is done.

Peckham stated he was frequently in touch with the coordinator of the Community Gardens and the Director of the Bridge Community Clinic and will relay Kilian's concern to them.

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Suspend the Rules

7/14/2020

Motion by Neal, second by Watson to Suspend Rule 6(B) and 12(A).

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

20-310

7/14/2020

Motion by Martens, second by McElhaney to adopt the Resolution of the Common Council Ratifying Revised Policy for Employees with Symptoms or Exposure of Novel COVID-19 (Coronavirus).

Correction: It was noted this should be a Resolution of the Human Resources Committee which was approved 5-0.

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

08-0404

7/14/2020

Motion by Watson, second by Rasmussen to adopt the Ordinance of the Common Council Creating Section 1.08.060 Board of Absentee Ballot Canvassers.

Rasmussen commented having a central count is a very positive thing; processing of absentee ballots is very time consuming and makes for a very long election day for the poll workers on busy elections.

Leslie Kremer, City Clerk, stated central count of absentee ballots will definitely streamline the process and will allow our poll workers to focus on the polls on Election Day.

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

91-1008

7/14/2020

Motion by Watson, second by Rasmussen to adopt the Resolution of the Finance Committee Modifying the Revenue Policy.

Rasmussen explained this will use a state process to collect previously uncollectible debt and their efforts are a little more robust than what we have done in the past. The chance that all or most of the money will be collected is increased by the process.

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

91-1008

7/14/2020

Motion by Watson, second by Herbst to adopt the Resolution of the Finance Committee Modifying the Capital Policy.

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

20-0712

7/14/2020

Motion by Watson, second by Larson to adopt the Resolution of the Finance Committee Authorizing the installation of protective glass within the Clerk Customer Service area to protect the public health and reduce the risk of transmission in public facilities.

Maryanne Groat explained the glass will be installed from the counter all the way up to the ceiling and will incorporate microphones for better communication with the customers. Mayor Rosenberg noted the city will apply for reimbursement through a Covid grant.

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

20-0708

7/14/2020

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Herbst to adopt the Resolution of the Finance Committee Approving property lease agreement with Lunda Construction Co. at 180 E. Wausau Avenue.

Rasmussen stated Lunda Construction is the contractor who is performing the bridge deck work on the Bridge Street Bridge. They are looking for an area, which is a site the city owns, to stage supplies and equipment and have offered to pay for it.

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

19-1109

7/14/2020

Motion by Watson, second by Martens 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) Re: Pet licensing penalty.

Groat stated Finance Committee approved waiving the late fees for pet licensing through September 15, 2020. She noted the penalty can be as much as \$120 per pet and there have been a number of barriers to prevent people from licensing their pet on a timely basis, such as the stay at home order, the closure of City Hall, and the closure of Vet clinics.

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

19-1109

7/14/2020

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Herbst to adopt the Resolution of the Finance Committee Approving the 2020 budget modification for the increase of Hot Mix for 2020.

Rasmussen explained this is an adjustment so the street department can engage in more robust patch activity rather than just pothole filling. Skin patching of the streets can give five to seven additional years out of the pavement.

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

19-1109

7/14/2020

Motion by Martens, second by Neal to adopt the Resolution of the Finance Committee Approving the 2020 budget modification for the sign shop storage.

Rasmussen stated the sign shop has requested a better system to archive and store materials and supplies.

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

08-0609

7/14/2020

Motion by Watson, second by Larson to adopt the Resolution of the Finance Committee Approving parking space lease agreement with Balding Eagle, Inc. for Athletic Park parking.

Rasmussen stated for years overflow parking for Athletic Park was in the Wilson-Hurd lot which was gravel and not in great shape, but last year it was not able to be used at all. This agreement will allow parking there again if the city paves the lot.

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

Motion by Larson, second by McElhaney to adopt the Joint Resolution of the Finance Committee and the Human Resources Committee Creating a Sign-on Hiring Bonus.

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

Public Comment & Suggestions

None

Adjourn**7/14/2020**

Motion by Neal, second by Larsson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Katie Rosenberg, Mayor
Leslie Kremer, City Clerk