

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE WAUSAU COMMON COUNCIL
held on Wednesday, August 10, 2022, in Council Chambers, beginning at 6:30 p.m.,
Mayor Rosenberg presiding.

Roll Call

8/10/2022

Roll Call indicated 10 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	YES
8	Watson, Sarah	YES
9	Herbst, Dawn	YES
10	Larson, Lou	YES
11	Henke, Chad	YES

Proclamations:

Mayor Rosenberg proclaimed **September 2022** as **Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month** in the City of Wausau and commended the observance to all citizens

Presentations: City of Wausau Strategic Plan Presentation - BerryDunn

Michelle Kennedy, BerryDunn, presented a PowerPoint on the Strategic Plan, followed by Council discussion.

Presentation can be viewed online at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0PVISG7P0po>

A hard copy of the PowerPoint is also available in the online Council packet, pages 6 - 25:

https://www.ci.wausau.wi.us/Portals/0/Departments/Council/Archives/Council/Council/2022/COUN_20220810_Packet.pdf

Public Comment: Pre-registered citizens for matters appearing on the agenda

None.

Consent Agenda

8/10/2022

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

22-0701 Minutes of the previous meeting (7/12/22).

22-0106 Resolution of the Capital Improvements & Street Maintenance Committee Approving Agreement for the Management and Maintenance of a Storm water Facility (Badger Liquor Co. Inc. -9913 Innovation Way)

22-0804 Resolution of the Capital Improvements & Street Maintenance Committee Approving State/Municipal Agreement for East Wausau Avenue from North 6th Street to North 18th Street

21-1105A Resolution of the Finance Committee Approving Grant Agreements for the Neighborhood Investment Fund Grant Program for the Community Partners Campus project in the amount of \$1,500,000

21-1105B Resolution of the Finance Committee Approving Grant Agreements for the Neighborhood Investment Fund Grant program for the Gorman & Company -- Westside Battery Redevelopment project in the amount of \$1,750,000

21-0811 Resolution of the Finance Committee Approving Advance Ordering of 2023 Vehicles and Equipment

22-0108 Resolution of the Public Health & Safety Committee Approving or Denying Various Licenses as Indicated

12-0607 Ordinance of the Public Health & Safety Committee Amending Section 8.08.120 Number of dogs and cats limited.

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

Motion by Henke, second by Lukens to confirm the Mayor's Appointment of John Wagnman to the Community Development Authority.

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

22- 0105

8/10/2022

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Henke to adopt the Resolution from the Economic Development Committee Advancing the Proposal from S.C. Swiderski for a mixed-use development in the north zone of the Riverlife District at approximately 1200 N. River Drive, including Lots 6, 7, and 8.

Jacqui McElroy, Director of Business Development and Kortni Wolf, Business Development Manager at S.C. Swiderski, presented on the project. *It can be viewed online at:* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0PVISG7P0po>

Lisa Rasmussen stated the plan has direct local impact both during and after the construction with the use of a local developer, and prior projects by S.C. Swiderski in the community have all been well received. She liked that the surface parking supports visitors and the retail space, but not so much that it is a waste of land.

Lou Larson questioned if the studio apartments were going to larger than the required 400 square feet. Jacqui McElroy responded the smallest starts at 450 sq ft, but there are actually 16 different floor plans and about five are studios with various sizes. Larson questioned why there were no 3-bedroom and up apartments. McElroy stated they offer a lot of 3-bedroom units in Wausau at our Westwood Estates properties. She explained these units are smaller because at Riverlife they have traditional size units, and we are trying to offer something different.

Larson questioned why there were no financials and shown to be budget neutral. Liz Brodek stated at this point as a concept it is budget neutral. This resolution is to approve authorization for staff to negotiate a development agreement as a preliminary step.

Carol Lukens and Tom Kilian raised concerns about space on riverfront. Gary Gisselman believed the Council had originally envisioned the riverfront to have a small village, some retail, some mixed use and some smaller units. He felt this 6-7 floor building will diminish the riverfront whether you are walking on the river street or even on the trail. He indicated he was opposed to the project because he felt it was too much for the riverfront and that it was denying the citizens greenspace. *Discussion continued.*

Yes Votes: 6 No Votes: 4 Abstain: 0 Not Voting: 1 Result: PASS

<u>District</u>	<u>Aldersperson</u>	<u>Vote</u>
1	Lukens, Carol	YES
2	Martens, Michael	YES
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5	Gisselman, Gary	NO
6	McElhaney, Becky	YES
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8	Watson, Sarah	YES
9	Herbst, Dawn	NO
10	Larson, Lou	NO
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15-0709

8/10/2022

Motion by Watson, second by Rasmussen to adopt the Resolution from the Economic Development Committee Approving Assumption of TIF #6 loan to Wausau World Market LLC by 4 Star Market located at 828 South Third Avenue.

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

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22-0806

8/10/2022

Motion by Lukens, second by Watson to adopt the Resolution from the Finance Committee Approving contract with Granicus, LLC for website design and hosting services.

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

21-1109A

8/10/2022

Motion by Martens, second by Larson to adopt the Resolution from the Finance Committee Approving Modification of the 2022 Budget for the Torney Avenue Project.

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

21-1109B

8/10/2022

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Watson to adopt the Resolution from the Finance Committee Approving Modification of the 2022 Budget for Parking Ramp Capital Repairs and Improvements.

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

19-0921 Table

8/10/2022

Motion by Watson, second by Herbst to table the Resolution from the Plan Commission Amending the General Development Plan at 301 & 411 Washington Street to allow for a mixed-use development with underground parking, commercial on the first floor and apartments above, in a PUD, Planned Unit Development Zoning District – until the development agreement is ready to be considered.

Liz Brodek explained they felt it would be best for the development agreement and the general development plan to go forward together. There was some confusion both on Council and in the community about where this is going. It is the recommendation of staff that this be tabled for further consideration when the development agreement is ready to go and all the financials are put together.

Lisa Rasmussen questioned if they tabled it, how confident were they to meet the statutory 60-day obligation by then. Brodek it just needed to be put on the Council agenda within the 60 days and then it could be tabled to allow the development agreement to come together in a longer time span. She indicated she anticipated being able to bring it back to Council next month.

Vote to Table:

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

22-0805

8/10/2022

Motion by Watson, second by Henke to adopt the Ordinance from the Plan Commission Rezoning 601 North 12th Street and 602 North 13th Street from SR-5, Single Family Residential-5 Zoning District to I, Institutional Zoning District.

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

22-0705

8/10/2022

Motion by Herbst, second by Watson to adopt the Ordinance from the Plan Commission Rezoning 520 North 1st Avenue from TF-10, Two Flat Residential-10 Zoning District to UMU, Urban Mixed-Use Zoning District.

Gary Gisselman questioned this change because he felt they were starting to blend into the business part of North 1st Avenue from Bridge Street, and he was worried about the deterioration and/or potential deterioration of moving south on 1st from Bridge Street. He felt they had to be careful of our neighborhoods.

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Suspend Rules

8/10/2022

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

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

21-1109C

8/10/2022

Motion by Watson, second by Rasmussen to adopt the Resolution from the Finance Committee Approving Modification of the 2022 Budget for Riverside Park Preliminary Remediation Work.

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

07-0306

8/10/2022

Motion by McElhaney, second by Herbst to adopt the Resolution from the Human Resource Committee Approving bargaining agreement between the City of Wausau and Amalgamated Transit Union for July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2024.

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

Public Comment or Suggestions

None

Adjournment

8/10/2022

Motion by Watson, second by Henke to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Katie Rosenberg, Mayor
Kaitlyn Bernarde, City Clerk