

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE WAUSAU COMMON COUNCIL

held on Wednesday August 12, 2020 at 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Mayor Katie Rosenberg presiding.

Roll Call

08/12/2020

Roll Call indicated 11 members present.

<u>District</u>	<u>Aldersperson</u>	<u>Present</u>
1	Peckham, Patrick	YES
2	Martens, Michael	YES
3	Kilian, Tom	YES
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	YES

Proclamations

Mayor Rosenberg proclaimed **August** as **Adrenal Cancer Awareness Month** and encouraged the public to celebrate and recognize Adrenal Cancer Awareness Month each August and around the world.

Mayor Rosenberg proclaimed **August 6, 2020** as **55th ANNIVERSARY OF THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 1965** in Wausau and called on all residents to make their voices heard at the polls and exercise their right to vote.

Mayor Rosenberg invited all residents to celebrate and recognize the **100th Anniversary** of the passage of the **19th Amendment** to the United States Constitution providing for women's suffrage that honors the role of the ratification of the 19th Amendment in promoting the core values of our democracy as set forth in the Constitution of the United States and reaffirms our desire to continue strengthening democratic participation and to cherish and preserve the historic precedent established by the 19th Amendment.

Public Comment or Suggestions for pre-registered citizens for matters appearing on the agenda or other public comment:

None.

Consent Agenda

08/12/2020

Motion by Neal, second by Peckham to approve all the items on the Consent Agenda as follows:

20-0701 Minutes of previous meetings, (7/14/20)

20-0805 Resolution of the Capital Improvement & Maintenance Committee Approving Temporary Limited Easement for grading at 3505 Stewart Avenue

11-1213 Resolution of the Human Resources Committee Approving extension of City of Wausau Biometric Health Assessment Program incentive to all employees from May 2020 until end of April 2021

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

97-0425 Ordinance of the Public Health & Safety Committee Repealing Section 12.44.030 Obstruction by railroads; and, amending Section 1.01.025(c)(1)(B) Schedule of cash deposits

03-0311 Resolution of the Wausau Water Works Commission--Wastewater Division Reviewing the 2019 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report for the Wastewater Plant. Adopted 11-0.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

19-0409

08/12/2020

Motion by Neal, second by Kilian to adopt the Resolution of the Mayor's Welcoming & Inclusivity Committee Approving a Name Change for Mayor's Welcoming & Inclusivity Committee

Rasmussen commented she questioned whether the name they chose accurately depicts the scope of what they are trying to achieve. She suggested that by picking the Freedom & Liberation wording they were in some way restricting themselves. The original vision for the committee was to think of ways and propose initiatives that would make Wausau a more welcoming community for everybody. It wasn't necessarily about race, but how we make Wausau an attractive place for everyone to come and live. She hoped they would continue on the path of welcoming and including everyone.

Mayor Rosenberg read a memo from Blake Opal-Wahoske explaining and read their mission statement. Neal commented the Freedom & Liberation words really relate to barriers or things that get in the way of people achieving fulfillment.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

20-0804 08/12/2020

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Larson to adopt the Resolution of the Capital Improvement & Street Maintenance Committee Approving State/Municipal Agreement for Stewart Avenue from South 72nd Avenue to South 48th Avenue

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

20-0806 08/12/2020

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Wadinski to adopt the Resolution of the Capital Improvement & Street Maintenance Committee Approving Temporary Limited Easement for the construction of a trail at 800 North 1st Street (Doctors Park LLP) and 810 North 1st Street (Doctors Park Partnership)

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

20-0807 08/12/2020

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Herbst to adopt the Resolution Providing for the Sale of Approximately \$5,445,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2020D

Maryanne Groat, Finance Director, explained there were two debt issues before the Council: this one is for the city's regular capital projects with a 10 year note; the second one is refinancing debt that was taken out for the business campus expansion where Great Lakes Cheese and Wausau Chemical are now located.

Kilian stated the costs and budget items were initiated in 2019 by the last Council and the new members had nothing to do with that approval. He asked for an estimate of the cost for the Riverside Park Trail. Groat noted a 10 year issue and interest rates are at historic lows and she felt all Councils are in a situation where they have to carry forward decisions that have been made by others. The projects that are being undertaken with this borrowing are mainly street projects, which is important to our constituents.

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

<u>District</u>	<u>Aldersperson</u>	<u>Vote</u>
1	Peckham, Patrick	YES
2	Martens, Michael	YES
3	Kilian, Tom	NO
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

20-0808 08/12/2020

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Herbst to adopt the Resolution Providing for the Sale of Approximately \$6,740,000 Taxable General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2020E

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

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1	Peckham, Patrick	YES
2	Martens, Michael	YES
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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

08/12/2020

Motion by Neal, second by Watson to adopt the Resolution Approving the 2020 budget modification for Police Capital Projects

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

20-0811

08/12/2020

Motion by Larson, second by Martens to adopt the Resolution Approving Amendment to the City's Position Management System

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

20-0808

08/12/2020

Motion by Larson, second by Herbst to adopt the Resolution Approving granting Paramedic Incentive Pay to Fire Battalion Chiefs

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

20-0310

08/12/2020

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

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

20-0814

08/12/2020

Motion by Neal, second by Wadinski to adopt the Resolution Approving the sale of 1.92 acres of Wausau Business Campus land to Diversified Companies for \$1 for the construction of a fleet maintenance facility at 1078 S. 84th Avenue

Sean Fitzgerald explained the parcel is being broken off of an existing piece of land in the Industrial Park and in order to create a certified survey map of that parcel the city needed to do a wetland delineation, which happened this spring.

Kilian was concerned with the consistent sale of city land for \$1 and that the asking rate for an acre in that area is \$12,500. The city has expressed concerns with revenue and budgets and yet time and time again city owned land is being sold for \$1. He believed the land should be sold at asking or market rate.

Yes Votes: 5 No Votes: 6 Abstain: 0 Not Voting: 0 Result: FAIL

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Suspend the Rules

08/12/2020

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

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

20-0812

08/12/2020

Motion by Neal, second by Peckham to adopt the Resolution of the Common Council Creating Wausau Policing Task Force

Mayor Rosenberg stated she created this task force to talk through our processes and give some opportunity for deliberate inquiry into our training and practices.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

20-0803

08/12/2020

Motion by Kilian, second by Watson to confirm the Mayor's Appointments.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

02-0432

08/12/2020

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Herbst to adopt the Ordinance of the Common Council Amending Chapter 2.16 Standing Rules of the Common Council Rule 2 – Quorum Required

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

20-0813

08/12/2020

Motion by Larson, second by Herbst to adopt the Ordinance of the Common Council Creating Section 1.08.035 Split shifts for election officials

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

20-0809

08/12/2020

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Herbst to adopt the Resolution of the Finance Committee Approving contract for backup residential inspection services with the Town of Rib Mountain

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

20-0809

08/12/2020

Motion by Larson, second by Martens to adopt the Resolution of the Finance Committee Approving contract for commercial inspection services with the Town of Rib Mountain

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

19-1109

08/12/2020

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Martens to adopt the Resolution of the Finance Committee Approving engagement of additional services with ACT Services and related budget modification.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

19-0406

08/12/2020

Motion by Martens, second by Herbst to adopt the Resolution of the Finance Committee Adopting Statement for purposes of ADA Title II Compliance

Kilian was concerned about the status of this item in terms of whether there is something we can do about closed captioning. David Dickenson, Public Access, explained this is an annual process we engage in and we are currently claiming that with our \$70,000 budget the closed captioning services would blow us out of the water. The process will be reviewed annually and if it becomes feasible to afford, we will do it. He pointed out they are also broadcasting on YouTube and closed captioning can be used there for free. He felt going from that free service to a closed captioning which would be ADA compliant is not money well spent at this time. Kilian requested this be part of the Finance budget discussion for future funding. *Discussion followed.*

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Wadinski to adopt the Resolution of the Finance Committee Approving Interlocal Agreement between the City of Wausau and Marathon County for the 2020 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program Award

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

Public Comment or Suggestions

Mayor Rosenberg stated she was working with the Marathon County Board on a joint implicit bias training which can be taken virtually, on August 27, 2020. She indicated more information will follow.

Adjourn**08/12/2020**

Motion by Herbst, second by Kilian to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Katie Rosenberg, Mayor
Leslie M. Kremer, City Clerk