

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE WAUSAU COMMON COUNCIL
held on Tuesday, September 14, 2021, in Council Chambers, beginning at 6:30 p.m.,
Mayor Katie Rosenberg presiding.

Roll Call

9/14/2021 6:30:55 PM

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 stated the following Proclamations were on the city's website: Ovarian Cancer Month, National Rail Safety Week, National Suicide Prevention and Action Month, Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, International Week of Deaf People, Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and Hispanic Heritage Month.

Mayor Rosenberg proclaimed **September 17 – 23, 2021** as **Constitution Week** in the City of Wausau, State of Wisconsin, and commended this observance to all citizens, and encouraged them to demonstrate our commitment to the United States of America and appreciation for the liberty our constitutional framers secured for us.

The proclamation was accepted by Jane Johnson, 918 Franklin St, on behalf of the Wausau Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

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

- 1) Dan Barth, 206540 Hrebik Ln, Mosinee, spoke regarding the 1300 Cleveland Avenue property in relation to Environmental Justice. He suggested other options for the property to be used for a solar garden to produce cleaner electricity, and electronic car charging stations.
- 2) Terry Kilian, 133 E Thomas St, Co-spokesperson for Citizens for Clean Wausau, stated they are strongly opposed to the funding for the DPW feasibility study for 1300 Cleveland Avenue. Citizens want it remediated to the highest standards and no more industrial expansion.
- 3) Thomas Brown, 715 N 5th Ave, addressed the Council to require city employees be vaccinated or identified as non-vaccinated and tested weekly. He also suggested doing all the proclamations for the year at one time.

Consent Agenda

9/14/2021 6:41:44 PM

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

Mayor Rosenberg stated he had a request to remove 21-0104 from the Consent Agenda to consider separately.

21-0801 Minutes of the previous meetings (8/10/21 & 8/12/21)

21-0914 Joint Resolution of the Airport Committee and the Capital Improvements & Street Maintenance Committee Approving electrical and telecommunications easement with Wisconsin Public Service and Charter Communications, LLC of the converting of overhead electric facilities to underground electric facilities over the north side of the airport parking lot near the Zimmerman Street entrance and installing telecommunications at the Wausau Downtown Airport.

21.0905 Resolution of the Capital Improvements & Street Maintenance Committee Approving Agreement for the Management and Maintenance of a Stormwater Facility (Aspinus 716 North 3rd Street).

21-0906 Ordinance of the Capital Improvements & Street Maintenance Committee Designating two restricted parking stalls on the 300 Block of N. 3rd Street from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Thursday through Saturday for valet parking purposes only.

21-0907 Ordinance of the Capital Improvements & Street Maintenance Committee Amending Section 10.20.080(a) designating no parking on the north side of Highland Park Boulevard from the east side of the driveway at 1220 Highland Park Boulevard 50 feet east toward Highland Court.

21-0108 Resolution of the Public Health & Safety Committee Approving or Denying Various Licenses as Indicated.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

21-0104 Amendment

9/14/2021 6:43:29 PM

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Wadinski to amend the Final Resolution of the Capital Improvements & Street Maintenance Committee Levying Special Assessments for the 2021 Street Construction Projects - to remove "North 3rd Avenue from Randolph to Bos Creek" from the first Whereas

Lisa Rasmussen indicated she requested the item be pulled from Consent because the special assessments include the project that is currently underway on North 3rd Avenue, which continues to be severely delayed based on the conduct of the contractor. The engineering team indicated today that based on the completion date of the project it would be more important to levy those special assessments to the residents of North 3rd Avenue at a later date.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

21-0104

9/14/2021 6:49:45 PM

Motion by Peckham, second by Larson to adopt the Final Resolution of the Capital Improvements & Street Maintenance Committee Levying Special Assessments for the 2021 Street Construction Projects, as amended on Council floor.

Deb Ryan felt the assessment would be difficult for many people and they should have more time to pay it off or look for other options to make it more affordable.

Rasmussen stated the assessment rate is set at the beginning of year and are fairly assessed based on the amount of frontage for each home. Residents receive advance notice to prepare and are allowed to spread the payment out over three years. Anne Jacobson clarified the resolution states if assessments are \$300 - \$20,000 it is a five-year payment schedule, and if assessments are over \$20,000 it is a ten-year payment schedule.

Ryan felt payment schedules for assessments of \$3,000 - \$5,000 should be put on a ten-year plan and moved to table this resolution until that can be done. Motion died for lack of a second.

Yes Votes: 10 No Votes: 1 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	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	NO

21-0903

9/14/2021 6:56:26 PM

Motion by Wadinski, second by Neal to confirm the Mayors Appointments to the Citizens Advisory Committee - Community Development Block Grant.

Ryan felt there should be representatives in the populations of disabled, hearing and visually impaired, homeless or previously homeless. She felt Emily Voss had a conflict of interest and moved to table the appointments until there was more information of the qualifications of the appointees. Mayor Rosenberg stated we do not collect data points on gender identity, ethnicity or income level. Motion died for lack of a second.

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

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7	Rasmussen, Lisa	YES
8	Watson, Sarah	YES
9	Herbst, Dawn	YES
10	Larson, Lou	YES
11	Ryan, Debra	NO

21-0809

9/14/2021 6:59:45 PM

Motion by Neal, second by Watson to adopt the Resolution of the Economic Development Committee Approving contract with Aplomb PR to canard campaign through February, 2022.

Ryan felt it was time to put out an RFP to have other women and minority contractors rather than keeping the same people and not opening it up. Rasmussen stated there was a short term extension of the contract to give our new Director time to get settled and after which time an RFP would be put out.

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

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7	Rasmussen, Lisa	YES
8	Watson, Sarah	YES
9	Herbst, Dawn	YES
10	Larson, Lou	YES
11	Ryan, Debra	NO

16-0112

9/14/2021 7:00:17 PM

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Herbst to adopt the Resolution of the Finance Committee Approving the adoption of vehicle lease pricing from Sourcewell.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

20-1109 Amendment

9/14/2021 7:47:46 PM

Motion by Kilian, second by Peckham to Amend the Resolution of the Finance Committee Approving 2021 funding to perform engineering conceptual layouts to determine feasibility of a proposed new Fleet Facility Maintenance Shop; review of properties located at 1300 Cleveland Ave, 213-233 Myron St and 400 Myron St – to add in the Now Be it Resolved "with the exception of 1300 Cleveland Ave"

NOTE: Full discussion can be accessed at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9EqmV0a_0MI

Deb Ryan stated she was on both Finance Committee and CISM and following the consultant's presentation she had questioned if they should be looking at different locations around the city or even have multiple locations because DPW is somewhat landlocked where it is currently located. She was surprised that these three locations, that are less than a mile from the current DPW, are the only recommended plans. She felt this should go back to CISM to look at other options since the residents have made it clear they don't want anything industrial in the Cleveland Avenue neighborhood.

Tom Kilian expressed concern that 1300 Cleveland Avenue was being considered. He pointed out the results of the second round of soil and groundwater tests from that property have not yet been received. He stated without those results they don't have a complete

picture of what is happening with that property or the nature and extent of contamination. We have absolutely no idea the full condition of that property and this address should be removed from consideration.

Lisa Rasmussen felt they needed to keep all three options active in their research because the Council has requested a robust plan for testing that is already in progress. She believed testing can happen in parallel with the feasibility study because it is not final action nor is it a site selection. She pointed out this is following a similar track for site selection that they followed with Fire Station #2. She commented we need information to make decisions and all this is doing is determining if that site is useful or not; is it the right size or not; is the access a challenge, etc. The study in the end may find that the Cleveland Avenue site is no good for it, but if we don't fund the study we can't get those answers.

Lou Larson disagreed and questioned why they would spend money on a property that is not available. He was in full support of removing 1300 Cleveland Avenue, which borders his district. He was afraid it could lead to a bait and switch whereby the property would not be cleaned up to residential standards if DPW used it.

Pat Peckham questioned if engineering feasibility work had already begun on 1300 Cleveland Avenue. Eric Lindman stated it did start on 1300 as well as on the existing site with funds in the Engineering Professional Services Account. This was to start gathering information but they will have to take something off of the study if they don't get additional money.

Peckham questioned if 213 - 233 Myron Street would acquisition of residential properties. Lindman stated one parcel was commercial and four small residential lots would need to be purchased. He noted the consultant recommended 10 - 12 acres for what we are asking and the Cleveland Avenue property is 6.5 acres. Peckham questioned if it is too small, why spend money studying it? Lindman responded the thought was possibly putting just the shop or storage there and use other property, too; just looking at all the options other than just one site. *Discussion continued.*

Vote on Amendment to remove 1300 Cleveland Avenue:

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

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4	Neal, Tom	YES
5	Wadinski, Jim	NO
6	McElhaney, Becky	YES
7	Rasmussen, Lisa	NO
8	Watson, Sarah	YES
9	Herbst, Dawn	NO
10	Larson, Lou	NO
11	Ryan, Debra	YES

20-1109

9/14/2021 7:48:30 PM

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Martens to adopt the Resolution of the Finance Committee Approving 2021 funding to perform engineering conceptual layouts to determine feasibility of a proposed new Fleet Facility Maintenance Shop; review of properties located at ~~1300 Cleveland Ave~~, 213-233 Myron St and 400 Myron St., as amended on Council floor.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

20-0310

9/14/2021 7:50:40 PM

Motion by Herbst, second by Neal to adopt the Resolution of the Human Resources Committee Ratifying Revised Policy for Employees with Symptoms or Exposure of Novel COVID-19 (Coronavirus).

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

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2	Martens, Michael	NO
3	Kilian, Tom	NO
4	Neal, Tom	YES
5	Wadinski, Jim	YES

6	McElhaney, Becky	YES
7	Rasmussen, Lisa	NO
8	Watson, Sarah	YES
9	Herbst, Dawn	YES
10	Larson, Lou	YES
11	Ryan, Debra	YES

Suspend the Rules

9/14/2021 7:51:13 PM

Motion by Neal, second by Kilian to Suspend Rule 12(A) Referral of Resolutions.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

09-0213

9/14/2021 7:52:41 PM

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Neal to adopt the Resolution of the Common Council Approving Termination of Memorandum of Developer Agreement with Union Station of Wausau II, LLC and 411 Westwood Drive, LLC.

Anne Jacobson explained this is out by Rasmussen College and the memorandum was recorded as a summary of the developer agreement. We have been asked to terminate the development agreement because all of the obligations have been met.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

Public Comment or Suggestions:

Pat Peckham encouraged attendance at La Fiesta, Saturday afternoon and evening, at Brockmeyer Park, sponsored by the Hispanic Organization.

Adjourn

9/14/2021

Motion by Larson, second by Peckham to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Rosenberg declared the meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Katie Rosenberg, Mayor
Mary Goede, Deputy City Clerk