

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE WAUSAU COMMON COUNCIL
held on Tuesday, September 28, 2021, in Council Chambers, beginning at 6:30 p.m.,
Mayor Katie Rosenberg presiding.

Roll Call

9/28/2021 6:31:06 PM

Roll Call indicated 9 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	NV
7	Rasmussen, Lisa	YES
8	Watson, Sarah	YES
9	Herbst, Dawn	YES
10	Larson, Lou	YES
11	Ryan, Debra	NV

Proclamations:

Mayor Rosenberg proclaimed October 2021 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City of Wausau and commended this observance to all citizens and called upon them to stand together against domestic violence and to offer compassion, support and understanding to survivors. Jane Graham- Jennings, Executive Director of the Women's Community, accepted the proclamation.

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

- 1) Bruce Grau, 1115 N 10th St, spoke in support and urged passing of the Environmental Justice Resolution.
- 2) Terry Kilian, 133 E Thomas, Co-spokesperson for Citizens for a Clean Wausau, spoke in favor of the Environmental Justice Resolution and thanked the Council for their support.
- 3) Rita Pachal, 1310 Maple Hill Rd, spoke of the importance of Environmental Justice Resolution and asked Council to vote yes.
- 4) Gary Gisselman, 319 Park Ave, former Aldersperson District 5, spoke in support of adoption of the Environmental Justice Resolution.

Presentation: Jerry Deschane, Wisconsin League of Municipalities: Role of City Council Members

Mayor Rosenberg introduced Jerry Deschane who explained the purpose of the league is to help Councils do their job. The presentation can be viewed on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NBekT6XedX4>

Consent Agenda

9/28/2021 7:03:44 PM

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

21-0901 Minutes of the previous meeting (9/14/21).

21-0908 Resolution of the Capital Improvements & Street Maintenance Committee Establishing Assessment Rates for 2022 New Street Construction Projects.

21-0909 Resolution of the Capital Improvements & Street Maintenance Committee Approving temporary limited easement with Wausau Opportunity Zone, Inc. at 301 Washington Street.

21-0910 Resolution of the Capital Improvements & Street Maintenance Committee Approving utility easement with Green Acres at Greenwood Hills LLC at 3115 Townline Road.

21-0912 Resolution of the Capital Improvements & Street Maintenance Committee Accepting Easement with Wisconsin Public Service to install underground utility facilities at 1801 Burek Avenue.

21-0911 Ordinance of the Capital Improvements & Street Maintenance Committee Amending Section 10.20.080 No parking and restricted parking areas designated.

Yes Votes: 9

No Votes: 0

Not Voting: 2

Result: PASS

21-0903

9/28/2021 7:04:16 PM

Motion by Kilian, second by Watson to confirm the Mayor's Appointment of Chris Norfleet to the Liberation and Freedom Committee.

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

21-0808

9/28/2021 7:12:09 PM

Motion by Neal, second by Kilian to adopt the Resolution of the Committee of the Whole in Support of Environmental Justice.

Council member's comments on this final resolution: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NBekT6XedX4>

Yes Votes: 8 No Votes: 1 Abstain: 0 Not Voting: 2 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	NV
7	Rasmussen, Lisa	YES
8	Watson, Sarah	YES
9	Herbst, Dawn	NO
10	Larson, Lou	YES
11	Ryan, Debra	NV

20-1109

9/28/2021 7:13:40 PM

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Neal to adopt the Resolution of the Finance Committee Authorizing the execution of contracts related to the Enterprise Resource Planning System (ERR) and related 2021 budget modification and establishing the project priority in the 2022 budget.

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

20-1109

9/28/2021 7:14:14 PM

Motion by Watson, second by Herbst to adopt the Resolution of the Finance Committee Approving the 2021 budget modification for Open Meeting Technologies Meeting Manager electronic voting software.

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

20-1109

9/28/2021 7:14:44 PM

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Herbst to adopt the Resolution of the Finance Committee Authorizing the 2021 budget modification for the Motor Pool Fund to transfer 2020 surplus.

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

Suspend the Rules

9/28/2021 7:15:12 PM

Motion by Watson, second by Wadinski to Suspend Rule 5(B) Filing.

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

12-0219

9/28/2021 7:16:29 PM

Motion by Wadinski, second by Larson to adopt the Resolution of the Human Resources Department Amending Employee Handbook Section 5.08 Shift Differential.

Rasmussen stated the city has been struggling with issues of recruitment and retention. She noted this passed unanimously in Finance Committee and these adjustments should put the city in a position to lead the market and compete with the private sector for talent.

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

Motion by Neal, second by Herbst to adopt the Joint Resolution of the Room Tax Commission and the Finance Committee Approving Tourism Entity Agreement between the City of Wausau, Room Tax Commission and the Wausau Central Wisconsin Convention & Visitors Bureau, Inc.

Anne Jacobson noted the updated resolution in the packet reflects the changes made by the Room Tax Commission last night and subsequently approved by Finance Committee just before this Council meeting. She summarized, rather than being able to terminate the contract without cause 30 days prior to any calendar quarter, CVB asked that be changed to 30 days before the 4th calendar quarter. Mayor Rosenberg noted the contract will start January 1, 2022 for one year to coincide with the city budget.

Tom Neal stated the State of Wisconsin requires room tax dollars to be used with this sort of entity. The city is not staffed with a department that takes on this kind of responsibility daily and we need this type of entity in the background churning out on our behalf. He noted this new agreement puts us in a very strong position of ensuring that we can measure success and also deal with lack of success.

Lisa Rasmussen stated next September the Room Tax Commission will be looking to verify that we are getting the results that we expect from the agreement prior to renewal.

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

Public Comment or Suggestions:

- 1) Chris Norfleet, addressed the Council to thank them for adopting the Environmental Justice Resolution and for what they do for the community. He hoped this would bring people together.
- 2) Randy Radtke, 244 Wyatt St, thanked the Council for the job they did on the Environmental Justice Resolution.

Closed Session

9/28/2021 7:25:10 PM

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Larson to convene in Closed Session pursuant to Wis. Stat Section 19.55n)(g) for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved, for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel regarding a mediated settlement in Marathon County Case No. 19CV162 (Kenneth Stankowski).

Roll Call Vote:

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

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Adjournment

9/28/2021

The meeting was adjourned in Closed Session at 8:00 pm.

Katie Rosenberg, Mayor
Mary Goede, Deputy City Clerk