

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE WAUSAU COMMON COUNCIL
held on Tuesday, October 11, 2022, in Council Chambers, beginning at 6:30 p.m.,
Council President Becky McElhaney as Acting Mayor presiding.

Roll Call

10/11/2022

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	YES
5	Gisselman, Gary	YES
6	McElhaney, Becky	YES
7	Rasmussen, Lisa	YES
8	Watson, Sarah	YES
9	Herbst, Dawn	YES
10	Larson, Lou	NV
11	Henke, Chad	YES

Presentations: Community Foundation, Community Marketing Specialist

Cheryl Wolken introduced herself as recently hired as the Wausau Area Marketing Specialist with the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin. She presented on the primary objectives and goals of this position. *Video available on YouTube:*
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=goruVFZ3m38>

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

1. Amanda Patterson, 5509 Isaiah St, Weston, John Marshall School Principal, spoke against the designation of John Marshall School as a Historic Landmark. She invited the Council to the school's Centennial Celebration on Saturday, April 15, 2023.
2. Christine Martens, 1228 Arthur St, Historic Preservation Commission member, spoke in favor of the John Marshall School Historic designation in recognition of its architectural beauty and importance to the neighborhood.
3. Scott Seefeldt, 2007 Garth St, spoke in favor of the John Marshall School Historic Landmark designation.
4. Thomas Brown, 715 N 5th Ave, spoke against John Marshall School Historic Landmark designation.
5. Keith Hilt, 415 Seymour St, Wausau School District Superintendent, spoke against John Marshall School historic designation for the future of education.
6. Rick Lafrombois, 549 Sturgeon Eddy Rd, spoke against John Marshall School historic designation and recommended they either table it or deny it.

Consent Agenda

10/11/2022

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

22-0901 Minutes of previous meetings (9/13/22 & 9/27/22)

04-1006 Resolution of the Finance Committee Approving the 2023 Operating Plan for Business Improvement District (BID) No. 1

22-1007 Resolution of the Plan Commission Approving Royal View Estates 1st Addition Plat

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

22-1008 Resolution of the Wausau Water Works Commission Approving Agreement for Management of Pretreatment Requirements for Town of Stettin Users Discharging to the City of Wausau Wastewater Treatment Facility.

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

22-1004

10/11/2022

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Henke to adopt the Ordinance of the Capital Improvements & Street Maintenance Committee Repealing all existing parking ordinances on N. 3rd Street between E. Bridge Street and E. Wausau Avenue and amending Section 10.20.080(a) designating no parking on the west side of N. 3rd Street between E. Wausau Avenue and Chicago Avenue, no parking both sides of N. 3rd Street between Chicago Avenue and E. Bridge Street, and designating no parking here to corner on the east side of N. 3rd Street from a point 60 feet south of the crosswalk at E. Wausau Avenue back to E. Wausau Avenue.

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

22-1005

10/11/2022

Motion by Henke, second by Herbst Henke to adopt the Ordinance of the Capital Improvements & Street Maintenance Committee Amending Section 10.20.080(a) designating no parking on the north side of Grant Street beginning at the intersection of N. 7th Street extending east 210 feet.

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

22-1006 to Table

10/11/2022

Motion by Lukens, second by Herbst to table the Joint Ordinance of the Historic Preservation & Plan Commissions Amending Section 2.82.055 of the Wausau Municipal Code to include the designation of the John Marshall School, 1918 Lamont Street, as a local Historic Landmark for one month.

Lisa Rasmussen questioned in the referendum ask that just passed where the revenue was approved for upgrades to facilities throughout the district if there was funding requested for upgrades and retrofit at John Marshall in its existing building or was there plan at that time already to replace the structure.

Keith Hilts, Wausau School District Superintendent, stated there were some funds dedicated to John Marshall, but the School Board anticipated this conversation about possible restructuring, so they limited the investments at the elementary schools to either additions to deal with over capacity or with safety and security. Just the safety and security is designated for John Marshall at this point. Rasmussen questioned if there was a plan or a rendering of what a new building might look like, and Hilts responded that there was not.

Rasmussen commented it is a difficult decision because it is not just about money, but also about community engagement. She felt neighborhood schools matter and any kids ability to walk and bike to school matters. She did not think our neighborhood kids should have to be picked up by bus and shuttled somewhere else because their neighborhood school wasn't a practical option. She also believed community engagement needs to extend beyond 250 feet beyond the structure because people that may live a block away and may have a serious issue with it were never asked/notified for their input. She pointed out a similar situation with Grant Elementary School a couple years ago where it was to be demolished and combined with Lincoln Elementary. She indicated families from both schools were crying out about a lack of engagement and input, as well as feeling dismissed. She stated there needs to be a broader conversation about this and felt the Council should wait to take action for at least one month.

Gary Gisselman, representing Council on the Historic Preservation Commission, stated this process started earlier, possibly even last year. It went to the Plan Commission which gave the School Board seven months of feedback with regard to their plans, then it went back to Plan Commission and was forwarded to the Council. He felt there was ample opportunity for civic engagement from the beginning of the Plan Commission and the School Board administration knew this was coming. He believed the Historic Preservation Commission was fulfilling its obligation to safeguard our public spaces and buildings. John Marshall has been there for 100 years and is a historic building. He urged passage of this designation for this unique school building.

Carol Lukens indicated this school is in her district as well as close to where she lives, and residents of the neighborhood have told her they want the school to remain there. She indicated she has received more input in favor of the designation than against it. She questioned if the School District ever had plans to move students from John Marshall to Hawthorne Hills. Keith Hilts stated they had not, there may have been conversation but never an official plan. She agreed the residents of that neighborhood need to have more time to provide input and ask questions.

Vote to lay on table for a month:

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

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1	Lukens, Carol	YES
2	Martens, Michael	NO
3	Kilian, Tom	NO
4	Diny, Doug	NO
5	Gisselman, Gary	NO
6	McElhaney, Becky	YES
7	Rasmussen, Lisa	YES
8	Watson, Sarah	YES
9	Herbst, Dawn	YES

10	Larson, Lou	NV
11	Henke, Chad	YES

12-101210/11/2022

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Herbst to adopt the Joint Resolution of the Human Resources & Finance Committees Authorizing health, dental, vision and supplemental insurance plan design for 2023.

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

Suspend the Rules10/11/2022

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

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

21-110910/11/2022

Motion by Watson, second by Lukens to adopt the Resolution of the Common Council Approving leaf baling equipment contract with Baumann Dairy Farm LLC.

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

21-1109A10/11/2022

Motion by Watson, second by Diny to adopt the Resolution of the Finance Committee Approving Modification of the 2022 Budget to Move Funds from Seal Coat Budget to Hot Mix Budget.

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

Public Comment or suggestions.

None.

Adjournment10/11/2022

Motion by Watson, second by Henke to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Becky McElhaney, Acting Mayor

Kaitlyn Bernarde, City Clerk