

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE WAUSAU COMMON COUNCIL
held on Tuesday, October 12, 2021, in Council Chambers, beginning at 6:30 p.m.
Mayor Katie Rosenberg presiding.

Roll Call

10/12/2021 6:30:52 PM

Roll Call indicated 10 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	YES

Proclamations

Mayor Rosenberg proclaimed **October 15, 2021**, as **White Cane Safety Day** in the City of Wausau, State of Wisconsin, and commended this observance to all citizens, and acknowledged the importance of pedestrian safety year-round.

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

- 1) Bob Reinertson, 1220 Highland Park Blvd, Member of the Board of the Wausau Cemetery Association, regarding the renewal of the lease by the city for snow disposal. He asked they extend the lease on its current provisions without removing the 3% minimum annual rent increase.
- 2) Allan Solomonson, 1016 Nina Ave, President of Wausau Cemetery Association, indicated they have an excellent relationship with the City of Wausau and thanked them for their support. He also requested that the 3% minimum increase remain in the agreement.

Consent Agenda

10/12/2021 6:43:56 PM

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

Mayor Rosenberg indicated she is removing File #01-0906 regarding the cemetery from the Consent Agenda to vote on separately.

21-0901 Minutes of the previous meeting (9/28/21).

12-1106 Resolution of the Capital Improvements 8 Street Maintenance Committee Authorizing Downtown Snow/Ice Removal 2021-2022.

01-0904 Resolution of the Economic Development Committee Approving Citys Waiver of First Right of Refusal to Repurchase property at 500 N. 72nd Avenue and 7300 International Drive (Eastbay) from Stettin Investors Group, LLP and termination of dead restriction requiring such waivers for future conveyances.

21-0108 Resolution of the Public Health 8 Safety Committee Approving or Denying Various Licenses as Indicated.

20-1205 Ordinance of the Public Health 8 Safety Committee Amending Section 17.10.030 Third party inspections and reporting systems.

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

01-0906

10/12/2021 6:55:37 PM

Motion by Larson, second by Neal to adopt the Resolution of the Finance Committee Approving First Amendment to Agreement Between the City of Wausau and the Wausau Cemetery Association regarding lease of a snow disposal site.

Sarah Watson stated she was the Finance Committee member that suggested removing the 3% minimum rent increase and only have it based on the CPI. She noted over the last decade the CPI hasn't really gone over 2% and is slated to be approximately 4.8% for 2021. She indicated she thought to remove it because lots of things in our economy are adjusted by COLA and it would have been a savings of \$1,000 - \$2,000 per year. She questioned where the funding comes from for the site.

Maryanne Groat stated it becomes part of our transportation budget. She explained when the Cemetery Association came to the city many years ago, they were in a difficult financial situation. The statutes provide that if there is not the financial resources for a cemetery to function, then it is the job of the city to take over responsibility. It was approximately \$35,000 per year to fortify their budget to meet their operating expenses. The city recommended establishing our annual payment to the cemetery as a snow dump site payment, which was eligible for Transportation Aids. It is used for snow removal for our streets, so it is a valid transportation cost. She noted our transportation aids would go down if we stopped making the same investment in our transportation costs. The city's cost would be much higher if we were performing those duties with the city staff.

Lisa Rasmussen stated there is tremendous value to our road maintenance crews being able to have an east side location to unload snow, versus having to take it further and/or find an alternate site. She commented none of us want to be in the cemetery maintenance business.

Attorney Anne Jacobson clarified the rental increase will be based on CPI so it could change every year, but it will have a minimum of no less than 3%. She stated if the Council approves this resolution it will include the 3% minimum.

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

21-1003 10/12/2021 6:56:17 PM

Motion by Kilian, second by Rasmussen to confirm the Mayor's Appointments of Doug Diny to the Airport Committee and Gizo Ujarmeli to the Business Improvement District (BID) Board.

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

21-1005 10/12/2021 7:03:05 PM

Motion by Neal, second by Kilian to adopt the Resolution of the Economic Development Committee Authorizing Participation in the Metro Wausau Housing Assessment through North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission.

Deb Ryan indicated she supported participation in this program, but also felt the topic of affordable housing should be looked into further by the entire Council through a Committee of the Whole meeting. Tom Kilian agreed it was very important to act on these issues whenever the opportunity arises, and Committee of the Whole discussion is a good suggestion.

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

21-1006 10/12/2021 7:03:32 PM

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Neal to adopt the Resolution of the Economic Development Committee Approving the sale of 906 South Seventh Avenue.

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

21-1004 10/12/2021 7:04:04 PM

Motion by Neal, second by Martens to adopt the Resolution of the Plan Commission Approving Certified Survey Map for 3015 Townline Road.

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

21-1004 10/12/2021 7:04:43 PM

Motion by Herbst, second by Wadinski to adopt the Ordinance of the Plan Commission Rezoning 3015 Townline Road from I, Institutional Zoning District to SR-2, Single Family Residential-2 Zoning District, RH-35, Rural Holding-35 Zoning District and PUD, Planned Unit Development Zoning District.

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

Suspend the Rules 10/12/2021 7:05:12 PM

Motion by Neal, second by Wadinski to Suspend Rules 6(B) Filing and 12(A) Referral of Resolutions

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

01-0725

10/12/2021 7:14:23 PM

Motion by Neal, second by Rasmussen to adopt the Resolution of the Common Council Authorizing the Proper City Official(s) to Divide the City Into 22 Wards, based on the 2020 Census and Resulting Redistricting.

Maryanne Groat explained every 10 years when the Federal government performs a census redistricting occurs, which is basically managed by the County and the State of Wisconsin initially. The schedule is running very late this year because the census was delayed due to Covid. Boundaries are modified due to growth that occurs and the County adopts proposed Supervisory Districts. She indicated we try to have the same Aldermanic Districts as the Supervisory Districts. She noted there were not a lot of changes this time, as opposed to 10 years ago when the city went from twelve districts to eleven. The next step, if this resolution is approved, is to go back to County Board for step three which is their final approval of the Supervisory Districts.

Mary Goede, Deputy Clerk, stated after the County finishes step three an Ordinance will be brought back to Council formally adopted the wards and districts. The city currently has over 50 wards and this reduces it to 22 wards with fairly equal population. She commented this also greatly reduces election paperwork which is typically done by ward.

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

12-0217

10/12/2021 7:15:11 PM

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Wadinski to adopt the Joint Resolution of the Human Resources Committee and the Finance Committee fully Implementing the 2019 Wage Study.

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

12-1012

10/12/2021 7:16:07 PM

Motion by Larson, second by Martens to adopt the Joint Resolution of the Human Resources Committee and the Finance Committee Authorizing health, dental and supplemental insurance plan design for 2022.

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

12-1012

10/12/2021 7:18:38 PM

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Larson to adopt the Resolution of the Human Resources Committee Authorizing CCIT Inclusion on the City's health, dental, vision and supplemental Insurance plan design for 2022 and 2023.

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

Public Comment or Suggestions:

None

Adjourn

10/12/2021 7:20:08 PM

Motion by Larson, second by Neal to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Katie Rosenberg, Mayor
Mary Goede, Deputy City Clerk