

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE WAUSAU COMMON COUNCIL**  
held on Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall.  
Mayor Katie Rosenberg presiding.

**Roll Call**

10/27/2020

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 ( <i>WebEx</i> ) |
| 4               | Neal, Tom           | YES ( <i>WebEx</i> ) |
| 5               | Wadinski, Jim       | YES                  |
| 6               | McElhaney, Becky    | YES                  |
| 7               | Rasmussen, Lisa     | YES                  |
| 8               | Watson, Sarah       | YES ( <i>WebEx</i> ) |
| 9               | Herbst, Dawn        | YES                  |
| 10              | Larson, Lou         | YES                  |
| 11              | Ryan, Debra         | YES ( <i>WebEx</i> ) |

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

None

**Presentation: Domestic Violence Awareness (Women's Community)**

LaTanya Campbell, Women's Community, presented and Officer Bedish presented on the Victims Resource Unit. It can be accessed on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hTVff9hX12E>

**Consent Agenda**

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

*McElhaney requested File #20-1020 be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion.*

**20-1001** Minutes of the previous meeting (10/13/20).

**20-1015** Ordinance of the Capital Improvement & Street Maintenance Committee Repealing Section 10.01.025 Stop sign locations designated and recreating as Section 10.01.025 Establishment of certain traffic limitations and rules; repealing Section 10.01.030 Yield right-of-way intersections, Section 10.01.060 One-way streets, Section 10.01.070 Accident reports, Section 10.24.010 Right turns, Section 10.24.020 Left turns, Section 10.24.030 U-turns

**20-0509** Ordinance of the Public Health & Safety Committee Amending temporary ordinance Section 5.90.010 Purpose and intent, Section 5.90.040 Temporary amendment of licensed premises, and Section 5.90.060 Temporary outdoor operation for bars and taverns, to extend all expiration dates until December 31, 2020.

Yes Votes: 11    No Votes: 0    Result: PASS

**20-1020**

10/27/2020

Motion by Wadinski, second by Rasmussen to adopt the Resolution of the Capital Improvements & Street Maintenance Committee Designating No Right Turn on Red at the Pick N Save parking lot exit for traffic proceeding onto eastbound Bridge Street. Adopted 10-1.

McElhaney questioned if there was anything else that can be done to stop traffic besides a "no turn on red" sign. She commented there will be people continuing to turn on red and it will be difficult to try to change behavior. She was concerned it would back traffic up into the parking lot, which is very busy with both Culver's and Pick 'N Save traffic. Eric Lindman responded this is just one step and indicated they will also be looking at the timing of the traffic light once the pedestrian crossing is put into place.

Rasmussen noted the traffic detection loops have been moved back behind the line. There has been a major concern for vehicular and pedestrian conflict through that sidewalk. McElhaney stated the sign needs to be very visible to everyone, or possibly flashing, so drivers are not harassed by people behind them who are used to turning.

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       | NO          |
| 9               | Herbst, Dawn        | YES         |
| 10              | Larson, Lou         | YES         |
| 11              | Ryan, Debra         | YES         |

**20-1003**

10/27/2020

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Peckham to confirm the Mayor's Appointment to the Ethics Board.

Yes Votes: 11      No Votes: 0      Result: PASS

**12-1106**

10/27/2020

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Wadinski to adopt the Resolution of the Capital Improvements & Street Maintenance Committee Authorizing Downtown Snow/Ice Removal 2020-2021.

Yes Votes: 11      No Votes: 0      Result: PASS

**20-1019**

10/27/2020

Motion by Wadinski, second by Larson to adopt the Resolution of the Capital Improvements & Street Maintenance Committee Authorizing Sale of City-Owned Property at 510 South 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue.

Herbst commented the city truly needs a senior citizen center and she was hoping that a foundation would help this go forward. Groat explained when Council asked for a pause on the sale of this property last time it was to allow Mr. Robinson's daughter and some of his peers to put together a fundraiser for the redevelopment into a senior center, but they just were not able to accomplish it. Groat indicated they have notified the city they are ending that project and without a champion that property is going to sit vacant, which is not in the best interests of the taxpayers. It would have to be heated all winter and it will continue to decline and put pressure on the city's fixed resources.

Yes Votes: 11      No Votes: 0      Result: PASS

**20-1016 Postpone action**

10/27/2020

Motion by Larson, second by Kilian to postpone action on the Ordinance of the Capital Improvements & Street Maintenance Committee Authorizing installation of stops signs at Bopf Street and S. 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, to the next Council meeting.

Larson stated there was some information he had turned in that was missing from the packet. It only contains the 2020 police report of enforceable violations and is missing the 2017 and 2018 reports. He felt action should be deferred to the next meeting so this information can be added to the packet. *Discussion followed.*

Yes Votes: 8      No Votes: 2      Abstain: 1      Not Voting: 0      Result: PASS

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|-----------------|---------------------|-------------|
| 1               | Peckham, Patrick    | YES         |
| 2               | Martens, Michael    | YES         |
| 3               | Kilian, Tom         | YES         |
| 4               | Neal, Tom           | YES         |
| 5               | Wadinski, Jim       | ABS         |
| 6               | McElhaney, Becky    | YES         |
| 7               | Rasmussen, Lisa     | NO          |
| 8               | Watson, Sarah       | YES         |
| 9               | Herbst, Dawn        | NO          |
| 10              | Larson, Lou         | YES         |

**20-1017**

10/27/2020

Motion by Neal, second by Wadinski to adopt the Ordinance of the Capital Improvements & Street Maintenance Committee Amending Section 10.20.080(a) designating no parking on the west side of the 100 block of S. 7<sup>th</sup> Street.

Martens stated 7<sup>th</sup> Street between Kickbusch and Forest is quite narrow, so he understood why parking is only allowed on one side of the street. If this is passed the residents of the apartments would not have a place to park or would have to walk more than a half block from the residence.

Rasmussen pointed out part of the reason there is a parking problem for this property is because the landlord is using the off-street parking space for some of his own storage preventing the tenants from using that area and forcing parking onto the street. She noted the request came because there are significant access and egress issues with the driveways for the body shop. *Discussion followed.*

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

| <u>District</u> | <u>Aldersperson</u> | <u>Vote</u> |
|-----------------|---------------------|-------------|
| 1               | Peckham, Patrick    | YES         |
| 2               | Martens, Michael    | NO          |
| 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          |

**19-1109**

10/27/2020

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Martens to adopt the Resolution of the Finance Committee Approving the 2020 budget modification for \$10,000 for emergency government consulting services.

Mayor Rosenberg explained this is meant as a way to supplement what we are already doing; there is an emergency management office through the county. This will allow the city to work with the county office to create more comprehensive plans, training, table exercises, etc.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

**Suspend the Rules**

10/27/2020

Motion by Neal, second by Wadinski to Suspend Rule 6(A) Filing.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

**20-1018**

10/27/2020

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Herbst to adopt the Resolution of the Finance Committee Approving settlement offer to settle claim filed with Zagster, Inc.

Rasmussen explained Zagster is the company the city intended to operate the bike share program on the riverfront through a grant and an allocation from a foundation. Shortly after the contract was negotiated Zagster collapsed. The city currently has possession of the bikes that are being leased through another entity, which may have some viability for future use. The representative from the settlement company for Zagster offered the city \$900 on an \$18,000 claim. The Finance Committee denied this offer and has decided to wait.

Yes Votes: 0 No Votes: 11 Abstain: 0 Not Voting: 0 Result: FAIL

| <u>District</u> | <u>Aldersperson</u> | <u>Vote</u> |
|-----------------|---------------------|-------------|
| 1               | Peckham, Patrick    | NO          |
| 2               | Martens, Michael    | NO          |
| 3               | Kilian, Tom         | NO          |
| 4               | Neal, Tom           | NO          |

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|----|------------------|----|
| 5  | Wadinski, Jim    | NO |
| 6  | McElhaney, Becky | NO |
| 7  | Rasmussen, Lisa  | NO |
| 8  | Watson, Sarah    | NO |
| 9  | Herbst, Dawn     | NO |
| 10 | Larson, Lou      | NO |
| 11 | Ryan, Debra      | NO |

**02-1217**10/27/2020

Motion by Larson, second by Rasmussen to adopt the Joint Ordinance of the Human Resources Committee and the Finance Committee Approving bargaining agreement between the City of Wausau and Wausau Firefighter Association for January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2022.

Yes Votes: 11    No Votes: 0    Result: PASS

**20-1021**10/27/2020

Motion by Larson, second by Neal to adopt the Joint Ordinance of the Human Resources Committee and the Finance Committee Authorizing Reclassification of Senior Property Appraiser to Deputy Assessor.

Yes Votes: 11    No Votes: 0    Result: PASS

**Public Comment or Suggestions**

None

**Adjourn**10/27/2020

Motion by Wadinski, second by Kilian to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Katie Rosenberg, Mayor  
Leslie M. Kremer, City Clerk