

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE WAUSAU COMMON COUNCIL
held on Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 6:00 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall.
Mayor Katie Rosenberg presiding.

Roll Call

11/10/2020

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
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 (<i>WebEx</i>)

Proclamations

Mayor Rosenberg encouraged all citizens of the community to participate in safe patriotic activities on **November 11, 2020** by celebrating **VETERANS DAY** and to recognize the valor and sacrifice of all United States Veterans.

Mayor Rosenberg proclaimed **November 2020** as **Election Worker Appreciation Month** in Wausau, and commended its observance to all residents.

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

- 1) Tricia Zunker, 1404 Golf Club Rd, spoke in favor of a citywide mask mandate ordinance.
- 2) William Harris, 316 ½ N 3rd St, Marathon County Board Supervisor District 3 and member of the Health & Human Services Committee spoke in favor of a citywide mask mandate ordinance.
- 3) Bruce Grau, 1115 N 10th St, spoke in support of a mask mandate.
- 4) Meg Ellefson, 4711 Rib River Trl, spoke regarding negative treatment of people who don't wear masks and in opposition to a mask mandate.

Presentation: Update – Wausau Downtown Airport

John Chmiel, Airport Director, presented a PowerPoint update regarding the growth and success of the airport. This presentation can be viewed on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3i2_Pky1v88

Consent Agenda

11/10/2020

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

20-1001 Minutes of previous meeting (10/27/20)

20-0105 Resolution of the Public Health & Safety Committee Approving or Denying Various Licenses

80-0828 Ordinance of the Public Health & Safety Committee Amending Section 9.04.025 Consumption or possession of intoxicants on streets.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

PUBLIC HEARING: Proposed 2021 City of Wausau Budget

Mayor Rosenberg opened the floor to testimony:

- 1) Joe Pepowski, 1104 Augusta Ave, Proprietor of the Mint Café, spoke in support of budgeting the Mall Project.
- 2) William Bertram, 2207 Mount View Blvd, Co-founder of Ironbull, spoke in support of investing in the Mall Project.
- 3) Mark Craig, 330 N 3rd St, Ste 701, Compass Properties, read letters from John & Patty Noel and from Bob Weirauch in support of the WOZ Mall Project.
- 4) Blake Opal-Wahoske, 903 Franklin St, Executive Director of Wausau River District, spoke of the future success of the downtown and in support of the Mall Project.

- 5) Chuck Ghidorzi, One Corporate Dr, encouraged support for the vision of the WOZ Mall Project.
- 6) Lori Weyers, President of Northcentral Technical College, 1005 Campus Dr, spoke in favor of the investment in the WOZ Mall Project for the revitalization of Wausau.
- 7) Pete Valiska, 316 Scott St, Board President of Wausau Events, spoke of the impact of the mall redevelopment and encouraged support.
- 8) Laura Bladow, 609 N 10th Ave, realtor, spoke of recruiting young professionals and encouraged support of budgeting for the WOZ redevelopment of the mall.
- 9) Owen Jones, 7003 Executive Ct, Weston, Board Member of the Chamber of Commerce, owner of Tommy Knocks, and real estate broker, spoke in favor of approving the funding for the mall project.

Mayor Rosenberg closed the Public Hearing.

20-1103

11/10/2020

Motion by Peckham, second by Neal to confirm the Mayor's Appointments to the Liberation and Freedom Committee and the Plan Commission.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

20-0317 Amendment #1

11/10/2020

Motion by Peckham, second by Rasmussen to Amend the Resolution of the Public Health & Safety Committee Approving COVID-19 Related Mask Requirement City Wide- to the sentence: Face covering means a manufactured or homemade cloth.... to add "or synthetic material."

Rasmussen stated the mask mandate resolution would only take effect if the Governor's order does not renew or is struck down. She noted it also has a sunset date of January 31, 2020. She pointed out it is a resolution, not an ordinance, but an ordinance is ready to go if people do not comply. *Council discussion followed.*

Peckham asked for the amendment because many masks are made of synthetic materials.

Vote on amendment:

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

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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	NO
11	Ryan, Debra	YES

20-0317 Amendment #2

11/10/2020

Motion by Kilian, second by Peckham to Amend the Resolution of the Public Health & Safety Committee Approving COVID-19 Related Mask Requirement City Wide- to direct PH&S to discuss educational opportunities and the facilitation of access to masks.

Watson stated there are other options besides fines to encourage mask wearing, such as education. She also suggested providing free masks for people that can't afford them. Kilian suggested the PH&S Committee have discussion on the education aspect and resources for masks.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

20-0317

11/10/2020

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Peckham to adopt the Resolution of the Public Health & Safety Committee Approving COVID-19 Related Mask Requirement City Wide, as amended on Council floor.

Yes Votes: 8 No Votes: 3 Abstain: 0 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	YES
6	McElhaney, Becky	YES
7	Rasmussen, Lisa	YES
8	Watson, Sarah	YES
9	Herbst, Dawn	NO
10	Larson, Lou	NO
11	Ryan, Debra	NO

20-1016

11/10/2020

Motion by Larson, second by Kilian to adopt the Resolution of the Capital Improvements & Street Maintenance Committee Authorizing installation of stops signs at Bopf Street and S. 8th Avenue.

Larson reviewed the additional police reports of speed enforcement that were missing from the packet at the last meeting. He felt the speed limit cannot be enforced and speeding is increasing, so he supported the four way stop signs. He noted the residents want them.

Rasmussen stated in her 12 years' experience as a member of the CISM Committee it has been reiterated many times by both our engineers and police that you do not use stop signs to control speeding, you use targeted enforcement. If the city does not have the resources for targeted enforcement, perhaps they should consider Wadinski's suggestion of the formation of a Traffic Bureau within the Police Department to target problem areas. She stated we have to follow MUTDC (Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices) standards and placing signs at this intersection violates those standards.

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

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

19-1109

11/10/2020

Motion by Neal, second by Watson to adopt the Resolution of the Finance Committee Approving the 2020 budget modification for \$50,000 for strategic planning consulting services.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

19-1109

11/10/2020

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Neal to adopt the Resolution of the Finance Committee Authorizing 2020 Annual Budget Adjustment.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

20-1104

11/10/2020

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Watson to adopt the Joint Resolution of the Economic Development Committee and the Finance Committee Approving tax increment financing incentives of \$175,000 and the sale of 920 North First Street for \$140,000 to Cherry Street Dental for the construction of a \$2.2 million clinic facility in the Riverlife district.

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

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10	Larson, Lou	YES
11	Ryan, Debra	NO

20-1104

11/10/2020

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Watson to adopt the Resolution of the Plan Commission Amending the General Development Plan at 920 North 1st Street to allow for a 6,100 square foot dental clinic, in a PUD, Planned Unit Development Zoning District.

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

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11	Ryan, Debra	NO

Suspend the Rules

11/10/2020

Motion by Watson, second by Neal to suspend Rule 12(A) Referral of Resolutions.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

0-0317

11/10/2020

Motion by Wadinski, second by Peckham to adopt the Resolution of the Common Council Ratifying the Emergency Proclamation of the Chief Executive Officer pertaining to the Covid-19 Pandemic and Declaration of Emergency.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

20-0317

11/10/2020

Motion by Neal, second by Larson to adopt the Resolution of the Common Council Ratifying Executive Declaration No. 8 under City of Wausau Proclamation of State of Emergency pursuant to Stat. §323.14(4)(b) relating to limitations on public gatherings in government facilities.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

Public Comment or Suggestions

None

Adjourn

11/10/2020

Motion by Wadinski, second by Watson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Katie Rosenberg, Mayor
Leslie M. Kremer, City Clerk