

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE WAUSAU COMMON COUNCIL

Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Mayor Katie Rosenberg presiding.

Roll Call

12/08/2020

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

Proclamations

Mayor Rosenberg proclaimed **December 3, 2020** as “**International Day of Persons with Disabilities**” in Wausau and called on residents to observe the day and the United States Congress to ratify the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Mayor Rosenberg proclaimed **December 2020** as **Hmong New Year Virtual Celebration Month** in Wausau and encouraged residents to celebrate the season by learning about Hmong history, commit to cultivating improved cultural understanding and relationships, and support our Hmong neighbors in Wausau and beyond.

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

None.

Consent Agenda

12/08/2020

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

20-1101 Minutes of previous meetings. (11/24/20)

03-0717 Resolution of the Finance Committee Approving Purchase of Animal Impoundment Services Agreement for the impoundment, care, treatment and/or humane disposal of non-dog strays taken into custody by law enforcement or humane officers, between the Humane Society of Marathon County, Inc. and the City of Wausau, from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

20-0108 Resolution of the Public Health & Safety Committee Approving or Denying Various Licenses.

20-1204 Ordinance of the Public Health & Safety Committee Creating Chapter 5.50 Practice of massage or bodywork therapy

82-1252 Ordinance of the Public Health & Safety Committee Amending Section 1.01.025(c)(1)(B) Schedule of cash deposits.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

20-1015

12/08/2020

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Herbst to adopt the Ordinance of the Capital Improvements & Street Maintenance Committee Amending Section 10.01.025 Establishment of certain traffic limitations and rules.

Rasmussen commented since CISM absorbed the duties of the previous Parking & Traffic Committee there has been some spirited discussion about placement of traffic controls and felt there must be a better way to accomplish it. She stated as a committee they are completely dependent upon the engineering staff who employ the MUTDC standards (Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices) in the placement of these items. She pointed out we can create liability for the city if they are placed incorrectly.

Rasmussen explained this ordinance assigns the placement of traffic controls to the City Engineer, who has the skill set to employ the proper standards. She noted at any time the City Engineer can have a conversation with an Aldersperson on what they and/or their

residents feel need to happen. The CISM Committee would still maintain parking regulations, but placement of controls would be delegated to the City Engineer who would report on an annual basis of modifications that were made.

Ryan commented there were times when Alderpersons disagreed with the analysis made from surveys taken because they felt they were limited or at the wrong time of the year. She believed they should still have the right to oversight or to overrule.

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

<u>District</u>	<u>Alderperson</u>	<u>Vote</u>
1	Peckham, Patrick	YES
2	Martens, Michael	YES
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	NO
11	Ryan, Debra	NO

16-0311

12/08/2020

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Wadinski to adopt the Ordinance of the Capital Improvements & Street Maintenance Committee Amending Section 10.52.020 Police administration, Section 10.52.040 Police to investigate accidents and receive accident reports, Section 10.52.050 Traffic division to keep and use a driver file; and repealing Section 10.52.070 Official traffic control devices, Section 10.52.080 Designating crosswalks, safety zones and traffic lanes, Section 10.52.090 Designating no left turns and methods of turns, Section 10.52.100 Zones of quiet and play streets, Section 10.52.110 Loading zones, Section 10.52.120 Designating public carrier stands, Section 10.52.130 Determining certain parking limitations, Section 10.52.140 Erection of official traffic signs and signals.

Rasmussen explained when we make a delegation of responsibility, then we have to go through and clean up the Municipal Code everywhere there is a reference to such. This is basically a housekeeping ordinance following our previous decision.

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

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1	Peckham, Patrick	YES
2	Martens, Michael	YES
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

20-1205

12/08/2020

Motion by Wadinski, second by Herbst to adopt the Ordinance of the Public Health & Safety Committee Creating Section 17.10.030 Third party inspections and reporting systems; amending Section 17.08.010 Codes adopted, Section 17.10.010 Fees designated, Section 17.12.020 Approved, Section 17.16.010 Authority to enter premises, Section 17.16.030 Investigation of fires, Section 17.16.050 Annual report, Section 17.16.060 Modifications, Section 17.16.080 New materials, processes or occupancies which may require permits, Section 17.16.090 Fire equipment on private property, Section 17.20.010 Permissions granted—Limitations, Section 17.20.020 Approval before issuance, Section 17.24.010 General prohibition on outdoor burning and refuse burning, Section 17.24.020 Open fire and burning allowed by permit, Section 17.40.010 Orders to eliminate, Section 17.48.010 Inspection of exits, Section 17.49.010 Tents, Section 17.49.030 Access boxes, Section 17.49.060 Fireworks/pyrotechnics

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

Suspend the Rules

12/08/2020

Motion by Neal, second by Martens to Suspend Rule 12(A) Referral of Resolutions.

Yes Votes: 10 No Votes: 1 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	YES
10	Larson, Lou	YES
11	Ryan, Debra	NO

20-0315

12/08/2020

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Neal to adopt the Joint Resolution of the Economic Development and Finance Committees Authorizing the deferral of interest and principal payments on existing City-provided loans and ground lease payments due to the City of Wausau commercial properties and businesses for six (6) months to assist small businesses who request such during the COVID-19 pandemic emergency declaration.

Larson questioned what impact this has on the city's revenue and on payments the city needs to make. Maryanne Groat explained the majority of these loans are run through the Community Development Department Revolving Loan Funds. They only make new loans to the extent they have proceeds from either loan payments or a loan pay off. It will reduce their opportunity to give new loans, but it will not impact the city's operating budget.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

12-1214

12/08/2020

Motion by Neal, second by Wadinski to adopt the Resolution of the Finance Committee Approving Intergovernmental Humane Officer Services Agreement between the City of Wausau and Everest Metro Police Department from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

19-1109

12/08/2020

Motion by Herbst, second by Wadinski to adopt the Resolution of the Finance Committee Authorizing 2020 Budget Modification for the Wausau Police Department to purchase fire arm upgrades and additional radios

Mayor Rosenberg noted the resolution they will be voting on is a little different from what was presented in the packet. The Finance Committee considered it just prior to Council and amended it to approve only the firearms upgrades and additional radios, but not the non-lethal riot gear, such as pepper balls. Rasmussen noted the riot gear will be considered at Public Health & Safety Committee on December 21, 2020 and be brought back to Finance on the first meeting in January and to Council at the end of January. (NOTE: This was deferred to the January 18th PH&S Meeting by request of PD)

Lengthy discussion followed and can be accessed via the following link: [Wausau City Council Meeting 12/8/2020 - YouTube](#)

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	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	NO
11	Ryan, Debra	NO

20-1109

12/08/2020

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Peckham to adopt the Resolution of the Finance Committee Authorizing 2021 Budget Modification for the Wausau Fire Department to purchase an additional ventilator

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

Adjourn

12/08/2020

Motion by Wadinski, second by Larson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm.

Katie Rosenberg, Mayor
Leslie M. Kremer, City Clerk