

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE WAUSAU COMMON COUNCIL
held on Monday, December 30, 2024, in Council Chambers, beginning at 4:50 p.m.,
Mayor Doug Diny presiding.

Roll Call

12/30/2024

Roll Call indicated 11 members present.

<u>District</u>	<u>Aldersperson</u>	<u>Vote</u>
1	Lukens, Carol	YES
2	Martens, Michael	YES
3	Kilian, Terry	YES
4	Neal, Tom	YES
5	Gisselman, Gary	YES
6	McElhaney, Becky	YES
7	Rasmussen, Lisa	YES
8	Watson, Sarah	YES
9	Tierney, Vicki	YES
10	Larson, Lou	YES
11	Henke, Chad	YES

Suspend the Rules

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Motion by Watson, seconded by Lukens, to Suspend Rule 6(B) Filing and/or 12(A) Referral of Resolutions.

Yes Votes: 11

No Votes: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

Result: PASSED

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Motion by Larson, seconded by Watson, to adopt the Resolution from the Common Council Authorization to execute an interagency agreement with the Wausau Police Department in the amount not to exceed \$400,000 to purchase services and incur expenses for day shelter, night shelter, transportation, case management and other programs or services for people experiencing homelessness and related budget modification as amended.

Kilian questioned how members of the public would be notified for the public participation process. It was stated this would be a process that invites organizations to an informal meeting and the Police Department would make that notification clear and transparent. Kilian stated support for the organizations and those experiencing homelessness to be included in those meetings.

Tierney questioned if this was a placeholder for funding or if the full allocated amount would go toward homelessness alleviation efforts. It was stated funding that was underspent in American Rescue Plan Act funds but were encumbered would go towards this allocation up to \$400,000. Tierney stated that if this resolution was not passed the funds would go towards motor pool instead of homelessness and no money would go back to the federal government.

Motion by Tierney, seconded by Kilian, to add into the sixth paragraph under the Now Therefore clause in the agreement, "provide reports and supporting documents on a quarterly basis to the Mayor's Office, the Public Health and Safety Committee or as requested by the US Department of the Treasury."

Yes Votes: 11

No Votes: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

Result: PASSED

Tierney stated uncomfortableness with allocating funding to the Police Department without oversight of how the funding is spent.

Rasmussen stated the intention of the Police Department was to follow the procurement process and not spend funds on any new homelessness initiative without bringing that matter to the Finance Committee and the Common Council per regular spending practices. It was stated this would give the city the conduit to spend funds on homelessness initiatives into the future.

Neal stated support.

Kilian stated similar sentiments to Tierney for allocating funding without accountability and concern of the funding being spent on other things outside of homelessness initiatives.

Yes Votes: 11

No Votes: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

Result: PASSED

Adjourn

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Motion by Henke second by Lukens, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

Doug Diny, Mayor

Kaitlyn Bernarde, City Clerk