

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE WAUSAU COMMON COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

held on Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers,
Mayor Rosenberg presiding.

Roll Call

04/21/20

Roll Call indicated 10 members present.

<u>District</u>	<u>Aldersperson</u>	<u>Present</u>
1	Peckham, Patrick	YES (<i>WebEx</i>)
2	Martens, Michael	YES (<i>WebEx</i>)
3	Kilian, Tom	YES (<i>WebEx</i>)
4	Neal, Tom	NV
5	Wadinski, Jim	YES
6	McElhaney, Becky	YES (<i>WebEx</i>)
7	Rasmussen, Lisa	YES (<i>WebEx</i>)
8	Watson, Sarah	YES
9	Herbst, Dawn	YES
10	Larson, Lou	YES
11	Ryan, Debra	YES

Suspend the Rules

04/21/20

Motion by Larson, second by Ryan to Suspend the Rules.

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

02-0432 Council Rules

04/21/20

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Martens to adopt the Council Rules for the 2020-2022 term.

McElhaney commented often members have received the packet with a lot of information a day before a particular committee meeting, which makes it difficult to review it all and be prepared to vote. She pointed out the Rule 6 states the packets for council and committees should be available no less than six days prior to the meetings. Although sometimes there are exceptions, she felt they (*committee chairs and/or staff*) need to make an effort to adhere to this rule as good practice.

Kilian stated Rule 6, Section B, should be followed unless there is good cause and it is impossible or impractical, not only to enable Council members to digest information in an appropriate period of time and to also have time to consult with constituents and gather their input.

**A technical break was taken to enable Aldersperson Neal to enter the meeting via WebEx.*

Discussion continued regarding council and committee packets and the six day rule.

Motion by Kilian, second by Ryan to amend Rule 6 Introduction of Business. B. Filing -- to strike "or chairperson of the committee."

Kilian explained he felt the rule was allowing too many people to waive it and wanted the Mayor to be the only person allowed to waive it.

Rasmussen stated the rules were amended in the past to empower the chairperson because the committee chair needs to have agenda control within committees. The intent was to give the chair the power to approve whether something can go on an agenda or be held for the next meeting. She commented if we don't leave the committee chair with some control, then the only control is going to the Mayor and the Council President and we maybe want to keep that power spread out.

Peckham suggested putting it on our schedule to revisit the six day rule in six months and if we can't do better, we may need to re-evaluate how those calls are being made.

Vote on amendment to Rule 6(B)

Yes Votes: 3 No Votes: 8 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	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

Motion by Ryan to change the meeting time from 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm. *Motion dies for lack of second.*

Ryan stated there were Committee of the Whole meetings in the past where public comment was not allowed and she did not feel that was appropriate. Rasmussen commented it has typically been up to the chair whether to allow public comment. Normally at Committee of the Whole meetings the Council is either receiving information as a group, but not taking final action

Motion by Ryan, second by Kilian to amend Rule 16(A) Citizens Right to Address Council to add “or Committee of the Whole.”
Motion carried 10-1

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	NO
10	Larson, Lou	YES
11	Ryan, Debra	YES

Motion by Larson, second by Peckham to adopt the Rules of the Common Council as amended.

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	NO
10	Larson, Lou	YES
11	Ryan, Debra	YES

02-0433 Council Elections

04/21/20

Larson nominated Becky McElhaney for Council President and Peckham nominated Tom Neal.
Council voted by secret ballot elected and elected Becky McElhaney as Council President 8-3.

Rasmussen nominated Tom Neal to the Plan Commission, there were no other nominations. Neal was elected 9-2.

Neal nominated Dawn Herbst to the Wausau Water Commission, there were no other nominations and she was elected by a unanimous consent.

02-0434

04/21/20

Motion by Peckham, second by Herbst to adopt the Resolution Designating the Wausau Daily Herald as the Official Newspaper.

Mayor Rosenberg stated she looked into this and the state statute is pretty clear in that you need to have a paid subscription in order to be considered a qualifying newspaper.

Ryan felt the newspaper subscription of over \$51 a month is too expensive for many seniors and wished the state would reconsider and allow online or weekly papers that people read for free. Herbst responded the Wausau Daily Herald can be obtained for a reduced rate of \$25 -\$30 per month if people call and explain their situation. She also noted many elderly people do not have access to computers and prefer a paper copy.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

02-0435

04/21/20

Motion by Peckham, second by Watson to adopt the Resolution Designating Public Depositories.

Groat explained the list of depositories reflects all of the financial institutions that the city uses. She stated we have accounts at most of the banks in the city because during tax collection time a taxpayer can bring their tax bill and payment directly to a bank. The bank deposits it directly into the city's account at that financial institution and forwards the remittance and a listing of all of the payments they have accepted. The city also invests in the local financial institutions through CDs, etc. She noted US Bank is the primary financial institution for all of our accounts payable checks, payroll processing, wires, ACH, and direct deposits established run through them.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

Adjournment

Mayor Rosenberg adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm.

Katie Rosenberg, Mayor
Leslie M. Kremer, City Clerk