

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE WAUSAU COMMON COUNCIL

held on Tuesday, July 12 2022, in Council Chambers, beginning at 6:30 p.m.,
Mayor Rosenberg presiding.

Roll Call

7/12/2022

Roll Call indicated 11 members present.

<u>District</u>	<u>Aldersperson</u>	<u>Present</u>
1	Lukens, Carol	YES
2	Martens, Michael	YES
3	Kilian, Tom	YES
4	Diny, Doug	YES
5	Gisselman, Gary	YES
6	McElhaney, Becky	YES
7	Rasmussen, Lisa	YES
8	Watson, Sarah	YES
9	Herbst, Dawn	YES
10	Larson, Lou	YES
11	Henke, Chad	YES

Presentation: Mall Redevelopment Update Video Available: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=00kmVkJgcek>

Liz Brodek, Community Development Director, provided a brief overview of what was taking place behind the scenes. She clarified WOZ (Wausau Opportunity Zone) is the owner of the of the mall site and selected T. Wall Enterprises as the developer for first two phases of the site only. She noted T. Wall established a new LLC for the project called The Foundry on 3rd Development LLC, which will be listed as the developer in the development agreement. (*Information can also be found in the meeting packet online.*) Mayor Rosenberg indicated they would set up a Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss the project in greater detail since there is a lot of public interest and questions.

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

None

Consent Agenda

7/12/2022

Motion by Watson, second by Larson to adopt all the items on the Consent Agenda as follows:

Doug Diny requested the minutes of the previous meeting be pulled off consent for a correction.

22-0704 Resolution of the Capital Improvements & Street Maintenance Committee Authorizing a public hearing to amend the Official City Map to establish the new exterior lines of the realignment of 28th Avenue from Hilltop Avenue to West Wausau Avenue

22-0706 Resolution of the Plan Commission Amending the General Development Plan at 111 North Bellis Street to allow for an institutional residential facility, in a PUD, Planned Unit Development Zoning District

22-0108 Resolution of the Public Health & Safety Committee Approving or Denying Various Licenses as Indicated

03-0311 Resolution of the Wausau Water Works Commission – Wastewater Division Reviewing the 2021 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report for the Wastewater Plant.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

22-0601 Amend

7/12/2022

Motion by Diny, second by Kilian to amend the minutes of the previous meeting on 6/14/2022 to add the summary provided by City Assessor Rick Rubow of valuation data for 180 E Wausau Avenue.

Lisa Rasmussen requested that it be an accurate depiction of what was actually said at the meeting that day.

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

<u>District</u>	<u>Aldersperson</u>	<u>Vote</u>
1	Lukens, Carol	NO

2	Martens, Michael	YES
3	Kilian, Tom	YES
4	Diny, Doug	YES
5	Gisselman, Gary	YES
6	McElhaney, Becky	YES
7	Rasmussen, Lisa	YES
8	Watson, Sarah	YES
9	Herbst, Dawn	YES
10	Larson, Lou	NO
11	Henke, Chad	YES

22-0601

7/12/2022

Motion by Henke, second by Rasmussen to approve the minutes as amended on Council floor.

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

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8	Watson, Sarah	YES
9	Herbst, Dawn	YES
10	Larson, Lou	NO
11	Henke, Chad	YES

22-0703

7/12/2022

Motion by Watson, second by Herbst to confirm the Mayor's Appointments of Jon Schroeder and Edward Jay Coldwell to the Sustainability, Energy and Environment Committee.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

03-1005

7/12/2022

Motion by Watson, second by Henke to adopt the Resolution from the Economic Development Committee Approving Fifth Amendment to Development Agreement with Entrepreneurial and Education Center Inc.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

21-1109B

7/12/2022

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Watson to adopt the Resolution from the Finance Committee Approving and Adopting the Budget for American Rescue Plan Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Funded Projects - Community Partners Campus.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

21-1109C

7/12/2022

Motion by Diny, second by Lukens to adopt the Resolution from the Finance Committee Approving and Adopting the Budget for American Rescue Plan Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Funded Projects - Wastewater Screening Improvements.

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

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7	Rasmussen, Lisa	YES
8	Watson, Sarah	YES
9	Herbst, Dawn	YES
10	Larson, Lou	YES
11	Henke, Chad	YES

21-1109D

7/12/2022

Motion by Herbst, second by Lukens to adopt the Resolution from the Finance Committee Approving and Adopting the Budget for American Rescue Plan Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Funded Projects - Storm water Lift Station Rehabilitation Project.

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

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9	Herbst, Dawn	YES
10	Larson, Lou	YES
11	Henke, Chad	YES

21-1109E to Refer Back

7/12/2022

Motion by Watson, second by Lukens to refer the Resolution Approving and Adopting the Budget for American Rescue Plan Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Funded Projects - Homebuyer Education Counseling and Closing Assistance - back to the Finance Committee.

Becky McElhaney indicated she did not support this because although it is a very good program, she felt this strayed away from using ARPA funds to touch as many people as possible. She stated this project is for a very narrow scope of people, but there is a water issue to solve that has a big gap and is number one in our community. The water issue and the water rates touch every person in the city. She reiterated this project was a good project but was concerned we were nickel and diming the ARPA funds away.

Lisa Rasmussen commented one of our goals is to help low to moderate income residents find sustainable long-term housing solutions and that doesn't always mean renting. She felt people in the community trying to become homeowners need that education and assistance. She stated this is a relatively small request that can make an impact in the community.

Lengthy discussion continued and is available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=00kmVkJgcek>

Rasmussen suggested referring it back to the Finance Committee and they could put this program request on hold for now.

Vote to send back to committee:

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21-1109F

7/12/2022

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Martens to adopt the Resolution from the Finance Committee Approving and Adopting the Budget for American Rescue Plan Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Funded Projects - Transit Fuel System Upgrade.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

03-1111

7/12/2022

Motion by Herbst, second by Lukens to adopt the Joint Resolution from the Human Resources & Finance Committees Authorizing a 2% general wage adjustment for non-represented employees effective July 24, 2022.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

12-0219

7/12/2022

Motion by Lukens, second by Herbst to adopt the Joint Resolution from the Human Resources & Finance Committees Approving Creation of Retirement Notice Incentive.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

21-1109

7/12/2022

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Herbst to adopt the Joint Resolution of the Human Resources & Finance Committees Approving Modification of the 2022 Budget for the Compensation Study.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

22-0705 Lay on Table

7/12/2022

Motion by Diny, second by Larson to table the Ordinance of the Plan Commission Rezoning 520 North 1st Avenue from TF-10, Two Flat Residential-10 Zoning District to UMU, Urban Mixed-Use Zoning District – until the next Council meeting.

Lisa Rasmussen indicated the City Assessor sent an email earlier this afternoon recommending against this particular zoning change, looking at the future taxable value of the site, assuming that it would perhaps become a parking lot or adjacent property that supports the Bridge Street Mission. She questioned what the discussion was at the Plan Commission.

Sarah Watson stated this new zoning option was suggested to give the opportunity to have mixed uses, but she believed the discussion at Plan Commission indicated parking was not preferred. Eric Lindman thought a parking lot in that area would require a conditional use.

Doug Diny felt if there was no urgency on this matter that staff review it and bring the Council more information.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

22-0709

7/12/2022

Motion by Rasmussen, second b Henke to adopt the Resolution of Economic Development Committee approving the sale of a City-owned building and property at 180 E Wausau Avenue to Asch Properties, LLC with deed restrictions to establish a public indoor green space business.

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

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Suspend Rules7/12/2022

Motion by Watson, second by Lukens to Suspend Rule 6(B) Filing.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

21-1109G7/12/2022

Motion by Herbst, second by Watson to adopt the Resolution of the Finance Committee Approving Modification of the 2022 Budget - Parks Drinking Fountains.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

16-07047/12/2022

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Watson to adopt the Resolution of the Finance Committee Authorizing Execution of the Department of Natural Resources Principal Forgiven Financial Assistance Agreement.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

22-07077/12/2022

Motion by Lukens, second by Herbst, to adopt the Resolution of the Finance Committee Approving 2022 State Operating Assistance Grant Agreement - Metro Ride.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

22-07087/12/2022

Motion by Lukens, second by Watson to adopt the Resolution of the Finance Committee Approving 2022 State Paratransit Supplemental Aid Grant Agreement.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

Public Comment or Suggestions

None

Adjournment7/12/2022

Motion by Herbst, second by Larson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Katie Rosenberg, Mayor
Kaitlyn Bernarde, City Clerk