



**OFFICIAL MINUTES**  
REGULAR MEETING

**MEETING:** Finance Committee  
**DATE/TIME:** Tuesday, November 25, 2025 at 5:15 PM  
**LOCATION:** Wausau City Hall – Council Chambers  
407 Grant Street, Wausau WI, 54403

**MEMBERS:**  
Michael Martens (C) Vicki Tierney (VC)  
Becky McElhaney Aaron Griner  
Sarah Watson

Members Present: Michael Martens, Vicki Tierney, Becky McElhaney , Sarah Watson, Aaron Griner  
Members Not Present:  
Members Excused:  
Present 5, Not Present 0, Excused 0

Noting the presence of a quorum, the Chairperson called the meeting to order at 05:16 PM.

- 1 **Public comment on agenda items and reading of the City of Wausau Public Comment Statement.**
- 2 **Consideration of the minutes of the preceding meeting(s).**

Motion by Alderperson Watson, seconded by Alderperson Griner, to approve all items outlined below.  
Motion Passed, 5-0.

**October 28, 2025 Regular Finance Committee Minutes**

**November 11, 2025 Regular Finance Committee Minutes**

- 3 **Discussion and possible action.**

- a. **Establishing the 2025 Property Tax Equivalent for Wausau Water Works.**

Motion by Alderperson Watson, seconded by Alderperson Griner, to approve PILOT payment.  
Motion Passed 5-0.

- b. **Amend the procurement policy to add construction contract bid approval**

Martens questioned if \$50,000 was an acceptable threshold to apply the procurement policy or if that amount should be increased or decreased. It was further stated that many projects above \$50,000 would likely go through the Capital Improvement Project process anyway.

Griner questioned if the small amount would become too taxing to continually bring items through the process.

Tierney stated a preference with starting at a \$50,000 threshold to see if that is manageable and, if not, make revisions.

Motion by Alderperson Tierney, seconded by Alderperson Griner, to to stay at \$50,000 threshold.  
Motion Passed 5-0.

- c. **Approving Credit Agreement with the Judd S. Alexander Foundation, Inc. – 201 N. 1st Avenu**

McElhaney stated that when this item went through the Common Council originally, the information provided was not available and that the information provided now prompted questions. It was further stated that there are concerns with the agreement pigeon-holing the city into a specific use for the property of affordable housing. McElhaney stated the property should be utilized in a manner that is of best use for the city and stated opposition due to the additional unanswered questions and concerns.

Tierney stated this current agreement was not what was originally presented to the Common Council and stated there was a lack of transparency which prompted opposition.

Griner stated the state of affairs with the property without a plan caused concerns especially if the objectives being asked of the city may not be achievable in the short timeframe.

Martens stated concern with the lack of details on this matter, especially when the agreement ties the city to a short timeframe.

Motion by Alderperson Watson, seconded by Alderperson Tierney, to table until the next scheduled meeting. Motion Passed 5-0.

**d. Approving Purchase of Animal Impoundment Services Agreement**

Motion by Alderperson Watson, seconded by Alderperson Tierney, to approve. Motion Passed 5-0.

**e. Approving Municipality Held for Cause Services Agreement between the Humane Society of Marathon County, Inc. and the City of Wausau from January 1, 2026 through December 31,**

Motion by Alderperson Tierney, seconded by Alderperson Watson, to approve. Motion Passed 5-0.

**f. Approving Joint Powers Agreement with Marathon County regarding E911/NG-911 System.**

Motion by Alderperson Watson, seconded by Alderperson Griner, to approve. Motion Passed 5-0.

**g. Approving Budget modification for Legal Department.**

Motion by Alderperson Watson, seconded by Alderperson McElhaney, to approve the budget modification. Motion Passed 5-0.

**h. Approving lease extension with Church of the Resurrection Parish.**

Watson questioned the intended use of the property. It was stated that when the property was originally purchased, there was a plan for a park in the space but the funding never materialized to develop and that at this time the property was planned to remain a green space.

Motion by Alderperson Griner, seconded by Alderperson Tierney, to approve the lease extension. Motion Passed 5-0.

**j. Approving Wausau Downtwon Airport land lease.**

*Without objection*, this item was taken out of order.

*Without objection*, this item was pulled from consideration.

**i. Extending the life of Tax Increment District Number 7 for affordable housing.**

Tierney questioned what would happen if affordable housing did not materialize at the MBX site if the extension was already granted. It was stated that the granting of any extension should be broad as to allow that funding to be utilized for any affordable housing development and not a particular project.

Martens questioned if there was a time limit on spending the funds raised by TID. It was stated there is not a time limit on utilizing the funds for affordable housing or other things.

Watson questioned if this item could be brought back at the next committee meeting and be brought to the Common Council the same night, and after the Economic Development Committee could consider this as well.

Griner questioned if there were any earmarked projects that could be funded through this extension. It was stated there are no specific projects slated for funding, but there are a number of ongoing affordable housing projects that will need future funding.

*Without objection*, this item will be considered at the next committee meeting.

#### 4 Adjournment.

Motion by Alderperson Watson, seconded by Alderperson Griner, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 06:04 PM.



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