



OFFICIAL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING

MEETING: Finance Committee
DATE/TIME: Tuesday, February 10, 2026 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, Sarah Watson, Aaron Griner
Members Not Present:
Members Excused: Becky McElhaney
Present 4, Not Present 0, Excused 1

Noting the presence of a quorum, the Chairperson called the meeting to order at 05:19 PM.

1 Public comment on agenda items and reading of the City of Wausau Public Comment Statement.

Martens read the public comment statement.

1. Tony Gonzalez, address not provided - spoke on agenda item 3 a.

Tierney was present for the rest of the meeting.

2 Consideration of the minutes of the preceding meeting(s).

Motion by Tierney, seconded by Griner, to approve all items outlined below. Motion Passed, 4-0.

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3 Discussion and possible action.

- a.** Authorization for entering into Memorandum of Understanding with both Healthy Opportunities for Latin Americans (HOLA) and New Beginnings Inc. through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Lead Hazard Reduction Capacity Building Grant.

Tierney stated there was a need to communicate effectively with non-English speaking residents as the community becomes more diverse.

Griner questioned if the Request For Proposals only received the two responses. It was stated these two organizations were the only two that responded.

Martens stated the two organizations seemed to be amenable to the services needed. Martens questioned whether the timings of the release for RFP over the holiday season was a concern. It was stated this was an initial concern but that delaying the release of an RFP would mean a delay in providing these services.

Motion by Watson, seconded by Tierney, to approve the MOU for HOLA and New Beginings. Motion Passed 4-0.

b. Approving Amendment to Professional Services Contract with EPLEX, LLC.

Martens stated this was a contract for services the same as usual, but it accounted for an increase in prices for the services.

Griner questioned if this was a cost increase due to the increase from the vendor for the services. It was stated this was an increase in cost due to the increase in cost from the vendor and that the cost would be passed to homeowners through an increase in fees for the service.

Motion by Watson, seconded by Griner, to approve the amendment to professional services contract with EPLEX, LLC. Motion 4-0.

c. Approving Amendment to the City of Wausau Comprehensive Fee Schedule Regarding Commercial Building and Plumbing Plan Reviews.

Motion by Watson, seconded by Griner, to approve the amendment to comprehensive fee schedule. Motion Passed 4-0.

d. Approving Airspace Obstruction Removal Agreement with Schofield Ridgeland Legacy LLC – 724 and 732 Ridgeland Avenue, Schofield.

Watson questioned the unknown budget source. It was stated the source had not been identified as the full cost of the obstruction removal remained unknown.

Griner questioned if the obstruction removal would be contracted out or done internally. It was stated that the question is still to be determined based on the cost analysis. Griner further stated concerns for ongoing maintenance.

Tierney questioned if the cost would come back to the committee. It was stated that it would come back for approval of the costs. Tierney stated a preference for delaying the agreement until the cost becomes known. Tierney further stated opposition.

Watson stated that approval of the agreement would not authorize the funding but move the matter forward to show the Federal Aviation Administration that the city was serious about reconstructing the main runway in accordance with regulations.

Griner questioned if the matter could be delayed while the city finds cost estimates to accompany the agreement. Griner also asked that zoning amendments be considered.

Motion by Griner, seconded by Watson, to postpone this item until the February 24, 2026 meeting. Motion Passed 4-0.

e. Approving Airspace Obstruction Removal Agreement with Zachary Lange – 811 Ridgeland Avenue, Schofield.

Motion by Griner, seconded by Watson, to move to postpone this item until the February 24, 2026 meeting. Motion Passed 4-0.

f. Approving Sixth Amendment to Advanced Physical Therapy and Sports Medicine, S.C. On-Site Health Services Agreement.

Watson stated that the increase is less than inflation.

Martens stated that it is likely that if the city went with another vendor, it would likely result in an increase in the cost to provide those services.

Motion by Griner, seconded by Tierney, to approve the Sixth Amendment to Advanced Physical Therapy and Sports Medicine, S.C. for the agreement. Motion Passed 4-0.

- g.** Approving Sole Source Request for the purchase of real estate acquisition services related to traffic signal relocation at the intersections of Grand Avenue/Townline Road and Grand Avenue/Sturgeon Eddy Road through Becher Hoppe for the Wausau Department of Public Works.

Motion by Watson, seconded by Tierney, to approve the source request for the purchase of real estate acquisition services related to traffic signal relocation at the intersections of Grand Avenue/Townline Road and Grand Avenue/Sturgeon Eddy Road through Becher Hoppe for the Wausau Department of Public Works. Motion Passed 4-0.

- h.** Approving lease of the Riverlife Park Concession Building to Sawmill Mini Golf, LLC for the operation of an ice cream business.

Watson stated there was a good discussion at the Parks & Recreation Committee that while this vendor may not tick off every want from the RFP, there was a need to fill that space with a food vendor.

Martens stated this will have an economic multiplying effect by having a food vendor occupying that space and drawing people to Riverlife Park.

Motion by Tierney, seconded by Watson, to approve lease of the Riverlife Park Concession Building to Sawmill Mini Golf, LLC for the operation of an ice cream business. Motion Passed 4-0.

4 Adjournment.

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

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