



**OFFICIAL MINUTES**  
REGULAR MEETING

**MEETING:** Economic Development Committee  
**DATE/TIME:** Tuesday, February 3, 2026 at 5:30 PM  
**LOCATION:** Wausau City Hall — Council Chambers  
407 Grant Street, Wausau WI, 54403

**MEMBERS:**  
Carol Lukens (C) Chad Henke (VC)  
Tom Neal Vicki Tierney  
Terry Kilian

Members Present: Carol Lukens, Chad Henke, Tom Neal, Terry Kilian, Vicki Tierney

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 05:31 PM.

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

Chair Lukens read the public comment statement.

1. Tom Kilian, 133 E Thomas St - provided comments on the environmental site assessment for the Thomas Street infill lots.

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

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Motion by Alderperson Neal, seconded by Alderperson Kilian, to approve the January 6, 2026 minutes. Motion Passed 5-0.

**3 Discussion and possible action.**

**4 Discussion.**

**a. Thomas Street residential infill update**

Fifrick gave an update on the Phase II environmental site assessment received from Ramboll Americas Engineering Solutions, Inc.. The DNR has reviewed the assessment and will send a responsible party letter to the City outlining the required next steps. Area A, the area north of Thomas Street and west of Emter St, will require additional investigation and cleanup. Areas B, C and D will not require any additional action. Staff hopes to have the DNR present at the next meeting to be available to answer questions.

**b. 1300 Cleveland Ave public participation**

Fifrick gave an update on the public participation meeting that happened last Thursday, January 29, 2026. The meeting had over 40 participants including property owners, neighbors, business owners and city officials and staff. The survey that was distributed at the meeting will be available online and in print until March 1, 2026, for those who wish to provide their input but couldn't make the meeting. To date, there have been 29 physical and 6 online surveys completed.

**c. Wausau Business Campus available properties portal**

Gatterman gave the committee members a walk-through of the new, interactive Business Campus map which shows available properties with property details.

**5 Closed Session.**

**Adjourn to Closed Session** pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute § 19.85(1)(e) for deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session in regard to the sale of 424 Burns Street, Wausau.

Motion by Alderperson Neal, seconded by Alderperson Henke, to adjourn to closed session.  
Motion Passed 5-0.

*The Economic Development Committee convened into Closed Session.*

**Reconvene into Open Session**, if necessary, to take action on Closed Session items.

*The Economic Development Committee did not reconvene into Open Session.*

**6 Adjournment.**

Motion by Alderperson Neal, seconded by Alderperson Henke, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 06:10 PM.

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