



OFFICIAL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING

MEETING: Infrastructure & Facilities Committee
DATE/TIME: Thursday, January 8, 2026 at 5:15 PM
LOCATION: Wausau City Hall – Council Chambers
407 Grant Street, Wausau WI, 54403

MEMBERS:
Chad Henke (C) Lou Larson (VC)
Tom Neal Sarah Watson
Michael Martens

Members Present: Chad Henke, Lou Larson, Tom Neal, Michael Martens, Sarah Watson
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.

No one appeared for public comment.

2 Consent agenda.

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

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Motion by Alderperson Neal, seconded by Alderperson Watson, to Approve. Motion Passed 5-0.

4 Discussion and possible action.

a. Encroachment permit for 201 Forest St LLC for ramp at 201 Forest St

Engineers discovered this while doing a topographic survey on 2nd St, for reconstruction this year. With the building being remodeled, the ramp was out onto the right of way by about 2ft, the ramp comes out onto the sidewalk a little bit, so an encroachment permit approval would be needed to keep the ramp out in the right of way. Wesolowski did talk with the builder and the owner would like to keep the ramp there since it's already constructed. If approved by this committee, a legal description and encroachment document would be prepared before it goes to council. Martens voiced concerns about the space between the ramp and the light post being quite narrow. Is that an adequate width for bicycles, wheelchairs, or other assisting devices? Wesolowski stated that it still leaves about 4ft, which is a legal sidewalk width.

Motion by Alderperson Larson, seconded by Alderperson Neal, to Approve. Motion Passed 5-0.

b. Parking restrictions on the south side of Kickbusch St on the 1600 block

There is a map in the Agenda packet. This was brought to our attention by First Student bussing. When the buses exit the parking lot, if there are cars parked on the south side of Kickbusch, they have a hard time making that turn. First Student is requesting No Parking on the south side of Kickbusch to allow for their buses to make the turn out of that parking lot. Engineering does not have any issues with the request. It will be west of the crosswalk for about 75ft.

Motion by Alderperson Larson, seconded by Alderperson Martens, to Approve. Motion Passed 5-0.

c. Parking restrictions on West Eldred St from 3rd Ave to 4th Ave

A map is in the packet. Eldred St is almost like an alley between 3rd Ave to 4th Ave. Alder Rasmussen had requested that no parking be established on both sides of W Eldred St. Engineering does not have any issue with the parking restriction. All the lots on Eldred St do have parking available on either 3rd or 4th Ave. Larson supports this and item 4.d., because of how narrow Eldred St is and because it is a one-way street. Henke asked if letters were sent to residents making them aware of this meeting. Wesolowski stated that letters were sent to residents on the street, and he did not receive comments from anyone.

Motion by Alderperson Larson, seconded by Alderperson Watson, to Approve. Motion Passed 5-0.

d. Parking restrictions on Eldred St from Cherry St to 1st Ave

The request is for No Parking from Nov. 1st - Apr. 1st. Eldred is a one-way street westbound. This section of Eldred is a little wider and that allows room for parking in summer. Engineering is recommending No Parking from Nov. 1st - Apr. 1st.

Motion by Alderperson Larson, seconded by Alderperson Neal, to Approve. Motion Passed 5-0.

e. Parking restrictions on the south side of Strowbridge St from 2nd Ave to 3rd Ave

A map is included in the agenda packet to show this is another narrow street. Requested by Alder Rasmussen. Strowbridge is a one-way eastbound. On the north side, it is currently posted No Parking from Nov. 1st - Apr. 1st, posting the south side would keep it consistent with the rest of Strowbridge St. Since Strowbridge between 1st Ave and 2nd Ave is already posted No Parking Nov. 1st - Apr. 1st for both sides of the street, this would make it consistent for those two blocks.

Motion by Alderperson Neal, seconded by Alderperson Martens, to Approve. Motion Passed 5-0.

f. Parking restrictions on Greenfield Ave from Fernwood Dr to Summit Dr

Requested by Alder Rasmussen and a DPW plow truck driver, a map is included in the packet and pictures of what a plow driver typically encounters on Greenfield Ave. Recommendation from engineering is to post No Parking Nov. 1st - Apr. 1st, on the north (odd numbered) side. Letters were sent out like with the other streets. Two residents called Wesolowski. Kathy Hagenbucher — 709 Greenfield has no opposition to the parking restriction. Due to an issue with parties going on in the area and a lot of cars being parked on the streets, she recommends that anybody that has over 50 cars should get a permit. Wesolowski told her he would pass that along to this committee. An email was received from Nancy Jaecks - 718 Greenfield supporting parking on one side. She said it gets parked up, and she has a hard time getting out of her driveway. She was in support of eliminating parking on one side during the months requested. Engineering recommends approval of parking restrictions on the north side because corner lots can park on adjoining streets, creating less of an impact on residents. Neal expressed concern about the midpoint of Greenfield Ave with Beechwood Dr, what's the parking situation. Wesoloski stated there are no parking restrictions on Beechwood Dr and there were no complaints about parking on Beechwood Dr. There are parking restrictions on Fernwood Dr.

Motion by Alderperson Neal, seconded by Alderperson Larson, to Approve. Motion Passed 5-0.

5 Discussion.

a. Update on the railroad crossing gates on 17th Ave

Wesolowski reached out to the Office of the Commissioner of Railroads, and they stated they have looked at safety concerns. They do not have a decision yet, and they are continuing to

monitor. Wesoloski said his update is that they are not prepared to make a decision yet. Larson stated that this has been going on for over a year now and the email response seemed kind of generic, told him they are not really interested in it. Wesolowski said the comment was that they are going to continue to monitor the concern. Wesolowski will reply to the email they sent asking if they have a time frame for their decision, and bring it back as an update at the next meeting.

Henke, as long as we are on 17th Ave — the crosswalk that was approved last summer by the committee is in the budget for next year, he will expect to see that go in.

6 Adjournment.

Motion by Alderperson Watson, seconded by Alderperson Neal, to Approve. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 05:32 PM.

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