



OFFICIAL MINUTE PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING

MEETING: Common Council
DATE/TIME: Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 6:30 PM
LOCATION: Wausau City Hall — Council Chambers
407 Grant Street, Wausau WI, 54403

MEMBERS:
Carol Lukens Lisa Rasmussen
Michael Martens Sarah Watson
Terry Kilian Vicki Tierney
Tom Neal Lou Larson
Aaron Griner Chad Henke
Becky McElhaney

1 Call to order by the presiding officer.

2 Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call and Proclamations.

Mayor Doug Diny presided.
The meeting was called to order at 06:40 PM.

Roll Call indicated 11 members present.
Members Present - Carol Lukens, Michael Martens, Terry Kilian, Tom Neal, Aaron Griner, Becky McElhaney, Lisa Rasmussen, Sarah Watson, Vicki Tierney, Lou Larson, Chad Henke
Members Absent -
Members Excused -
Present 11, Absent 0, Excused 0

3 Consideration of the minutes of the preceding meeting, approval of the minutes if correct, and correction of mistakes if any.

Motion by Alderperson Watson, seconded by Alderperson Griner, to approve all items outlined below.

Yes 11, No 0, Abstained 0

MOTION PASSED.

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4 Reading of the City of Wausau Public Comment Statement.

The Chair read the public comment statement.

5 Comments and suggestions from preregistered citizens.

1. Rebecca Borke, 1809 N. 3rd Street - spoke in opposition to reconsider 24-0704.
2. Erin Andrews, 1310 McIndoe Street - spoke in opposition to reconsider 24-0704.
3. Robert Walsh, 1101 Grand Avenue - spoke in opposition to reconsider 24-0704.
4. Toufue Xiong, 1103 Sherman Street - spoke in opposition to reconsider 24-0704.
5. Corina Norrbom, 202500 DuBay Drive, Mosinee - spoke in opposition to reconsider 24-0704.
6. Tony Gonzales, 219 N. 4th Avenue - spoke on 24-0704

Point of order by Lukens that the public commenter made references to staff members against the public comment statement. Point of order was not well taken by the Chair.

6 Consent agenda.

Motion by Alderperson Watson, seconded by Alderperson Henke, to approve all items outlined below.

Yes 11, No 0, Abstained 0

MOTION PASSED.

26-0303 Ordinance from the Plan Commission Rezoning 731 N 1st Street from a (DPMU) Downtown Periphery Mixed Use Zoning District to a (DRMU) Downtown High-Rise Mixed-Use District.

26-0108 Resolution from the Public Health & Safety Committee Approving or Denying Various Licenses as Indicated.

26-0304 Ordinance from the Infrastructure & Facilities Committee Designating 15 Minute Loading Zone on the North Side of Jackson Street Between 3rd Street and 5th Street.

26-0305 Ordinance from the Infrastructure & Facilities Committee Amending Section 10.20.080(a) Designating No Parking on the South Side of Jackson Street Beginning at the Intersection with 5th Street and Extending West 300 Feet.

7 Ordinances and resolutions.

24-0704 Reconsideration of the Resolution from the Finance Committee authorizing 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.

Point of order raised by Alderperson Henke that was a point of clarification that the motion would be on the item as it originally stood and not to reconsider the item. Point of order was well taken by the Chair.

Rasmussen stated this is part of two separate steps to build the support capacity to educate the non-English speaking public on lead hazards and then remediate the lead hazards. It was further stated support for continuing the good work.

Tierney questioned the number of households that could be served and what the process is to abate lead hazards from those households. It was stated that the grant is to reach out to households to build capacity for future grants for remediation. Tierney further stated the item should be reconsidered because of the cost of administrative services to the contracted non-profits and stated opposition due to those associated costs. It was further stated that another request for proposal could bring the administrative costs down.

Kilian stated agreement with Tierney and stated that the RFP timeframe was not sufficient for adequate consideration.

Motion by Alderperson Henke to call the question. Without objection, the question was called.

Motion by Alderperson Larson, seconded by Alderperson Neal, to approve.

Yes - Alderperson Lukens, Alderperson Martens, Alderperson Neal, Alderperson Griner, Alderperson McElhaney , Alderperson Rasmussen, Alderperson Watson, Alderperson Tierney, Alderperson Henke

No - Alderperson Kilian, Alderperson Larson

Abstained - None

Yes 9, No 2, Abstained 0

MOTION PASSED.

Motion by Alderperson Griner, seconded by Alderperson Tierney, to reconsider the reconsideration of the Resolution from the Finance Committee authorizing 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.

Yes - Alderperson Kilian, Alderperson Larson, Alderperson Neal, Alderperson Griner, , Alderperson Tierney,

No - Alderperson Lukens, Alderperson Martens, Alderperson McElhaney , Alderperson Rasmussen, Alderperson Watson, Alderperson Henke

Abstained - None

Yes 5, No 6, Abstained 0

MOTION FAILED.

26-0302 Confirming Appointments of the Mayor of the City of Wausau to the Board of Review.

Motion by Alderperson Watson, seconded by Alderperson Lukens, to Approve.
Yes 11, No 0, Abstained 0
MOTION PASSED.

8 Suspend Rule 12(A) Referral of resolutions and 6(B) Filing.

Motion by Alderperson Neal, seconded by Alderperson Lukens, to Suspend Rule 12(A) Referral of resolutions and 6(B) Filing.
Yes - Alderperson Lukens, Alderperson Martens, Alderperson Neal, Alderperson Griner, Alderperson McElhaney , Alderperson Rasmussen, Alderperson Henke
No - Alderperson Kilian, Alderperson Watson, Alderperson Tierney, Alderperson Larson
Abstained - None
Yes 7, No 4, Abstained 0
MOTION FAILED.

26-0306 Joint Resolution from the Finance Committee and Transit Commission Approving Contract with Kueny Architects LLC for Wausau Area Transit Feasibility Study.

26-0307 Resolution from Common Council Approving Release of All Claims - Property Damage for Settlement of Counterclaim and Third Party Complaint – David Hoelzel v. City of Wausau (Marathon Co. Case No. 25-CV-594).

9 Closed Session.

Adjourn to Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute § 19.85(1)(g) to confer with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved, for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel regarding a settlement offer received in Marathon County Case No. 25-CV-594 (David Hoelzel).

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

11 Announcement from Mayor and Alderpersons.

1. Alderperson Watson - stated that the postcards letting voters in aldermanic districts 7 and 8 were being received in the mail and reminded those respective voters that their new polling location was at East Gate Marathon Park.

12 Comments and suggestions from citizens present during Public Comment occurring both before and after the business meeting.

13 Adjournment.

Motion by Alderperson Neal, seconded by Alderperson Tierney, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 07:44 PM.

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