



OFFICIAL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING

MEETING: Finance Committee
DATE/TIME: Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at 5:30 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 05:30 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 Watson, seconded by Griner, to approve all items outlined below. Motion Passed, 4-0.

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3 Discussion and possible action.

- a.** Approving Alleged Claim for Recovery of Unlawful Tax for Green Acres at Greenwood Hills, LLC - Outlot 1.

Motion by Watson, seconded by Griner, to approve the claim for recovery. Motion Failed 0-4.

- b.** Approving consent to transfer title to buildings and improvements and waiver of first right of refusal to purchase the buildings and improvements at 939 Woods Place.

McElhaney was present for the rest of the meeting.

Motion by Watson, seconded by Griner, to approve the consent to transfer title to buildings. Motion Passed 5-0.

- c.** Terminating Airport Ground Lease with Wynn O. Jones at 939 Woods Place.

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

- d.** Approving Airport Ground Lease with Owen Jones at 939 Woods Place.

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

- e.** Approving Airport Ground Lease with Cole Lundberg.

Motion by Griner, seconded by Watson, to approve the Airport Ground Lease with Cole Lundberg. Motion Passed 5-0.

f. Approving of and participating in the Six Remnant Defendants National Opioid Settlement Agreement.

Tierney stated concerns with entering into a suit without knowing the attorney fees involved upfront.

Watson questioned how many parties will be involved in the suit in order to gauge how much in compensation the city could be awarded.

McElhaney questioned where the lawsuit action had come from. It was stated a law firm leading this class action had sent out a notice to the City Attorney's Office that the city might be an affected member of this class action. McElhaney stated concerns with moving forward with approving the participation without additional information.

Motion by Griner, seconded by Tierney, to postpone approving participating in the Six Remnant Defendants National Opioid Settlement Agreement to the next scheduled meeting. Motion Passed 5-0.

g. Approving budget amendment for the Wausau Water Works for 2025 Lead Service Line Replacement project to cover costs not funded by the WDNR subsidized loan.

Watson stated concerns of if this would be charged back to the utility and if that would push undue stress onto the utility in an unmanageable way. It was stated that this could be charged back to the utility and that the discussion of how the utility could manage that cost could be discussed at a later time.

Tierney stated opposition to adding more debt and stated an inclination to utilize reserves to fund the cost.

Griner questioned when the second round of the per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) settlement would be arriving to assess if that funding could be used to pay for this. It was furthered stated support for funding this at this time and reimbursing it when the settlement funding installment comes through.

Tierney stated that there needed to be discussion on how to spend the PFAS settlement before obligating it to this specific item.

Griner questioned if the failure to secure the funding meant that the project itself would be slowed. It was stated that it would mean that funding would need to be found in other ways but not slow the progress of the project.

Motion by Watson, seconded by Griner, to postpone consideration of this item to the next meeting. Motion Passed 5-0.

h. Approving budget amendment for the carryover of funds from 2025 to 2026.

Motion by Watson, seconded by Griner, to approve the budget amendment for the carryover of funds from 2025 to 2026. Motion Passed 5-0.

i. Review of 2025 Motor Pool Fund financial results and related budget amendment.

Watson questioned if not purchasing vehicles had increased costs in other cost areas in terms of contracting equipment to make up for the lack of service.

Griner was excused for the rest of the meeting.

k. Review of 2025 General Fund Financial Results.

Without objection, this item was taken up at this time out of order of the agenda.

Martens questioned if the committee wanted to approve the transfer of the GEMT revenues to the motor pool fund, recycling fund, airport fund, and parking fund to cover those shortfalls.

Motion by Tierney, seconded by Watson, to approve to transfer the funds. Motion Passed 4-0.

j. Approving 2026 General Obligation Promissory Note for Capital Improvements.

Martens questioned if the lead service line replacement went into the 2026 borrowing, would this have to be amended. It was stated this would have to be amended. Martens further stated the committee could approve the entire borrowing or just approve the schedule for the final borrowing approval to come at a later date.

Motion by Watson, seconded by Martens, to approve to the calendar. Motion Passed 4-0.

l. Considering purchasing the following properties adding additional land to the Department of Public Works Streets Division: 108 Adolph Street, 112 Adolph Street, 112-1/2 Adolph Street and 233 Myron Street.

Motion by Watson, seconded by Tierney, to postpone consideration the purchase of those properties until next meeting. Motion Passed 4-0.

4 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, for the purpose of purchasing the following properties adding additional land to the Department of Public Works Streets Division: 108 Adolph Street, 112 Adolph Street, 112-1/2 Adolph Street and 233 Myron Street.

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

6 Adjournment.

Motion by Watson, seconded by Tierney, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 06:24 PM.

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