



OFFICIAL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING

MEETING: Finance Committee
DATE/TIME: Tuesday, April 14, 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, 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 05:18 PM.

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

1. Alder Tierney - spoke in opposition on any item on the agenda that spends or borrows money.

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

Motion by Watson, seconded by Tierney, to approve all items outlined below. Motion Passed, 5-0.

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3 Discussion and possible action.

- a.** Approving the authorization for the issuance and establishing parameters for the sale of not to exceed \$10,560,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2026A.

Tierney stated concerns that items were being jammed through before the end of the council term, which prompted the motion to postpone.

Martens stated that this is part of the budgetary process that was signed on when the annual budget was passed in November and that this was the tail end of a procedural step.

Watson questioned if the bond schedule would need to be reissued if this is delayed. It was stated that the bond schedule would need to be reissued.

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

Motion by Tierney, seconded by Griner, to postpone consideration of this item to the next meeting. Motion Failed 1-4, with Tierney in support.

Motion by Alderperson Watson, seconded by Alderperson Griner, to approve the authorization and issuance. Motion Passed 4-1, with Tierney opposed.

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

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

- c.** Approving budget amendment for revised carryover of 2025 Project Funds to the 2026 Budget.

Martens stated this is money that is already on hand unspent from the previous budget.

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

- d.** Approving budget amendment for Wausau Metro Ride for Wausau Area Transit Feasibility Study

McElhane stated support as this was a long-term project. It was further stated that the city is at capacity at the transit facility, which leaves no room to improve and expand transit at that current capacity. McElhane stated that the study would also look to find efficiencies with the study itself being grant funded.

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

Motion by Watson, seconded by Griner, to approve the feasibility study for Wausau Metro Ride. Motion Passed 5-0.

- e.** Approving of and participating in the Six Remnant Defendants National Opioid Settlement Agreement.

Watson questioned how the money from the settlement could be spent. It was stated there are a number of opioid-related services and mitigation efforts that could be funded through a potential settlement.

Martens stated there was no risk to joining the agreement prompting support.

Motion by Watson, seconded by Tierney, to approve participate in the settlement agreement. Motion Passed 5-0.

- f.** Approving 2026 scope of work and budget from GHD Services, Inc. for the Wausau Water Supply Superfund Site.

Martens questioned if there was a funding source for this item. It was stated it comes out of the environmental fund.

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

- g.** Approving Sole Source Request for the completion of the phase II investigation and ongoing site investigation work from REI Environmental for the former MBX Property located at 201 North 1st Ave, DNR BRRTS # 02-37-598480.

Martens questioned if there was a funding source for this item. It was stated this was funded through the Tax Incremental District funding for which that property is within.

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

- h.** Approving Fixed Price Product & Services Maintenance Support Agreement with GMV Synchronomatics Corp. for CAD/AVL at Metro Ride.

Martens questioned if this was a rider amenity to track buses for riders at each stop and better scheduling. It was stated this will improve scheduling and rider ability to track bus locations to particular stops.

Motion by Watson, seconded by Tierney, to approve the Fixed Price Product & Services Maintenance Support Agreement with GMV Syncromatics Corp. Motion Passed 5-0.

i. Approving amendment to the Procurement Policy.

Watson requested the procurement policy be brought back on the agenda to continue a discussion on making improvements.

Tierney stated a preference for postponing consideration until next month to have a larger discussion on the policy along with this change that aligns with state law.

Watson stated the proposed policy change was in state law and that delaying it would not be helpful if our policy was out of step from state law.

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

j. Approving 2026 Community Development Block Grant program year allocation.

Motion by Watson, seconded by Tierney, to approve the CDBG program year allocation. Motion Passed 5-0.

k. 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.

Martens stated that the committee could go into closed session to further discuss the negotiations of these purchases.

Tierney stated that there were a number of property owners that wanted to sell but a number of owners that did not want to sell, and further stated it would not be advantageous to only purchase the properties from the willing sellers to make improvements to the facility. Tierney stated opposition to taking properties by eminent domain.

Watson stated this is part of a larger discussion on the public works facility and that it is up to the next council to make that determination.

Motion by Watson, seconded by Tierney, to postpone consideration of this item to the second meeting in May with a joint meeting with the Infrastructure & Facilities Committee. Motion Passed 5-0.

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 Discussion.

a. Update on the 2026 Lead Service Line Replacement project and funding allocations.

Discussion was held. No action was taken.

7 Adjournment.

Motion by Watson, seconded by Griner, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 06:28 PM.

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