



OFFICIAL MINUTE PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING

MEETING: Common Council
DATE/TIME: Tuesday, April 14, 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.

Mayor Doug Diny presided.
The meeting was called to order at 06:43 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

2 Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call and Proclamations.

Mayor's Monarch Proclamation

The Week of the Young Child Week Proclamation was also read by Mayor Diny.

3 Reading of the City of Wausau Public Comment Statement.

Mayor Diny read the public comment statement.

4 Comments and suggestions from preregistered citizens.

1. Orlando Alfonso, 1015 Brown Street - spoke on opposition to items on the agenda.

5 Consent agenda.

Without objection, item 26-0404 was pulled from the Consent Agenda by the Chair.

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

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

No - Alderperson Tierney

Abstained - None

Yes 10, No 1, Abstained 0

MOTION PASSED.

21-0518 Joint Resolution from the Infrastructure & Facilities Committee and the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee to Approve Securing Sponsorship Funds for the Wausau Bikeshare Program to Expand the Program.

14-0206 Ordinance from the Public Health and Safety Committee Repealing Wausau Municipal Code Section 10.01.012 Use of Hand-Held Mobile Telephones and Mobile Electronic Devices While Driving Prohibited.

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

26-0403 Resolution from the Infrastructure & Facilities Committee Approving the State/Municipal Financial Agreement for Business 51 Stewart Avenue to County Highway U.

26-0405 Joint Resolution from the Public Health & Safety Committee and the Sustainability, Energy, & Environment Committee for a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Wausau and the Midwest Renewable Energy Association (MREA) to Partner in the Operation of the Grow Solar Central Wisconsin Group Buy Program.

26-0406 Joint Resolution from the Infrastructure & Facilities Committee and Plan Commission for Transportation Project Plat for Project 370-40-40, Grand Avenue Signal Replacements, Sturgeon Eddy Road and Townline Road.

04-0113 Joint Resolution from the Finance Committee and Airport Committee Approving Consent to Transfer Title to Buildings and Improvements and Waiver of First Right of Refusal to Purchase the Buildings and Improvements, Terminating Airport Ground Lease with Wynn O Jones and Approving Airport Ground Lease with Wynn O Jones – 939 Woods Place.

26-0407 Joint Resolution from the Finance Committee and Airport Committee Approving Airport Ground Lease with Cole Lundberg.

26-0408 Resolution from the Economic Development Committee Approving Sale of City Owned Property located at 921 S. 19th Avenue to Habitat for Humanity of Wausau.

6 Ordinances and resolutions.

26-0404 Resolution from the Infrastructure & Facilities Committee Approving the Utility Easement with Beacon Resources LLC at 731 N 1st Street.

Motion by Alderperson Henke, seconded by Alderperson Watson, to approve.

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

No - Alderperson Kilian, Alderperson Tierney

Abstained - None

Yes 9, No 2, Abstained 0

MOTION PASSED.

26-0402 Confirming Appointments of the Mayor of the City of Wausau to the Wausau Arts Commission and the Airport Committee.

Motion by Alderperson Watson, seconded by Alderperson Martens, to approve.

Yes 11, No 0, Abstained 0

MOTION PASSED.

26-0409 Resolution from the Finance Committee Approving Alleged Claim for Recovery of Unlawful Tax for Green Acres at Greenwood Hills, LLC - Outlot 1.

Martens stated opposition in order to allow for the proper process for an alleged claim for recovery of unlawful tax to move forward.

Motion by Alderperson Martens, seconded by Alderperson Lukens, to approve.

Yes 0, No 11, Abstained 0

MOTION FAILED.

25-1109C Resolution from the Finance Committee Adopting 2026 Budget Modification to Transfer a Combined Total of \$494,000 to the Recycling Fund, Airport Fund, and Parking Fund.

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

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

No - Alderperson Kilian, Alderperson Tierney

Abstained - None
Yes 9, No 2, Abstained 0
MOTION PASSED.

7 Suspend Rule 1(D) Transmission of Committee business to the Council.

Motion by Alderperson Watson, seconded by Alderperson Martens, to suspend rule 1(D) Transmission of Committee business to the Council.

Yes - Alderperson Lukens, Alderperson Martens, Alderperson Neal, Alderperson McElhaney, Alderperson Rasmussen, Alderperson Watson, Alderperson Larson, Alderperson Henke

No - Alderperson Kilian, Alderperson Griner, Alderperson Tierney

Abstained - None

Yes 8, No 3, Abstained 0

MOTION PASSED.

25-1109B Resolution from the Finance Committee Adopting 2026 Budget Modification for the Carryover of Funds from 2025 to 2026.

Martens stated this is not new money but instead the transfer of unspent funds from the previous year to the current year's budget.

Motion by Alderperson Watson, seconded by Alderperson Rasmussen, to approve.

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

No - Alderperson Kilian

Abstained - None

Yes 10, No 1, Abstained 0

MOTION PASSED.

25-1109E Resolution from the Finance Committee Adopting 2026 Budget Modification for the Wausau Water Works for 2025 Lead Service Line Replacement Project to Cover Costs Not Funded by the WDNR Subsidized Loan.

Watson stated the expense comes from a budget transfer and as a water utility windfall and not from borrowing, prompting support. Watson further stated the state should reimburse water utilities for the administrative and outreach costs of lead service line replacement programs.

Motion by Alderperson Lukens, seconded by Alderperson Watson, to approve.

Yes 11, No 0, Abstained 0

MOTION PASSED.

26-0306 Resolution from the Finance Committee Adopting 2026 Budget Modification for Wausau Metro Ride for Wausau Area Transit Feasibility Study.

Martens stated there was a need for the feasibility study to support the future of Wausau Metro Ride and that the state has been accommodating with the delay of approving the study.

Watson stated that if the city wanted to be a place where people want to live, there needs to be a strong public transportation system prompting support for the study.

Without objection, a scrivener's error was noted within the resolution and the error will be corrected as part of the approval. The error was the title of the resolution as a 2025 budget modification when it should be a 2026 budget modification.

Motion by Alderperson Watson, seconded by Alderperson Griner, to approve.

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

No - Alderperson Kilian, Alderperson Tierney, Alderperson Larson

Abstained - None

Yes 8, No 3, Abstained 0

MOTION PASSED.

26-0410 Resolution from the Finance Committee Approving Fixed Price Product & Services Maintenance Support Agreement with GMV Syncromatics Corp. for CAD/AVL at Metro Ride.

Motion by Alderperson Lukens, seconded by Alderperson Henke, to approve.

Yes 11, No 0, Abstained 0

MOTION PASSED.

25-1010 Resolution from the Finance Committee Approving of and Participating in the Six Remnant Defendants National Opioid Settlement Agreement.

Motion by Alderperson Lukens, seconded by Alderperson Watson, to approve.

Yes 11, No 0, Abstained 0

MOTION PASSED.

25-0520 Resolution from the Human Resources Committee Approving 2026 Summer Hours Program.

Motion by Alderperson Watson, seconded by Alderperson Lukens, to approve.

McElhaney stated opposition as the Human Resources Director had another plan for summer hours that opens city hall on a Tuesday later in the day which was not the plan presented. It was further stated that a survey of residents resulted in a preference for later hours to better accommodate working people.

Lukens withdrew the second to the motion. Watson withdrew the motion.

Motion by Alderperson Watson, seconded by Alderperson Larson, to refer the item back to the Human Resources Committee.

Yes 11, No 0, Abstained 0

MOTION PASSED.

26-0411 Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Establishing Parameters for the Sale of Not to Exceed \$10,560,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2026A.

Rasmussen stated that this is the same type of parameters motion in the past that gave the city the best possible interest rate to complete projects in a timely manner to get those projects completed before next winter.

Martens stated that while the city was taking on roughly \$10 million in debt this year, it was retiring \$12 million in debt, which drove down the overall obligation. It was further stated that this was already approved and built into the 2026 budget.

Motion by Alderperson Watson, seconded by Alderperson Martens, to approve.

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

No - Alderperson Kilian, Alderperson Tierney

Abstained - None

Yes 9, No 2, Abstained 0

MOTION PASSED.

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

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

8 Announcement from Mayor and Alderpersons.

1. Mayor Diny - spoke to recognize outgoing members of the Common Council - Aaron Griner, Chad Henke, Becky McElhaney, and Lisa Rasmussen.
2. Alder Martens - spoke on the community's continuing support.
3. Alder Lukens - spoke on the outgoing members of the Common Council.
4. Alder Kilian - spoke on the outgoing members of the Common Council.
5. Alder Neal - spoke on the outgoing members of the Common Council.
6. Alder Watson - spoke on the outgoing member of the Common Council.
7. Alder Tierney - spoke on the outgoing members of the Common Council.
8. Alder Larson - spoke on the outgoing member of the Common Council.

10 Adjournment.

Motion by Alderperson Henke, seconded by Alderperson Rasmussen, to adjourn. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 07:55 PM.

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