



OFFICIAL MINUTE PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING

MEETING: Common Council
DATE/TIME: Tuesday, March 24, 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 06:33 PM.

Roll Call indicated 9 members present.
Members Present - Michael Martens, Terry Kilian, Tom Neal, Becky McElhaney , Lisa Rasmussen, Sarah Watson, Vicki Tierney, Lou Larson, Chad Henke
Members Absent -
Members Excused - Carol Lukens, Aaron Griner
Present 9, Absent 0, Excused 2

2 Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call and Proclamations.

Sarah Ruffi Day (March 31, 2026)

3 Presentations.

Mayoral Citation Recognition of Exemplary Service City of Wausau Department of Public Works Plow Crews and Support Team

Mayor Diny presented the citation to Department of Public Works Plow Crew Supervisors Kevin Koester and Josh Borelli.

Sustainability, Energy, & Environment Committee Award to Kolbe & Kolbe Millwork Co., Inc.

Christine Daniels, member of the Sustainability, Energy & Environment Committee, presented the Sustainability, Energy & Environment Committee Award to Kolbe & Kolbe.

4 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 Tierney, to approve all items outlined below.

Yes 9, No 0, Abstained 0

MOTION PASSED.

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5 Reading of the City of Wausau Public Comment Statement.

Clerk Bernarde read the public comment statement.

6 Comments and suggestions from preregistered citizens.

1. Rolly Lokre, 805 Creske Road, Rothschild - spoke in favor of item 25-1011.
2. Mark Craig, 3246 N 8th Street - spoke in favor of item 25-1011.

7 Consent agenda.

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

Yes 9, No 0, Abstained 0
MOTION PASSED.

26-0308 Ordinance from the Parks & Recreation Committee Amending Section 9.20.070 Fires, Fireworks, Firearms, Missiles.

92-0623 Resolution from the Finance Committee Approving Renewal of Parking Lot Lease with Colonial Property 4, LLC (Grant and 3rd Streets).

8 Ordinances and resolutions.

25-1011

Joint Resolution from the Economic Development Committee and the Infrastructure & Facilities Committee Approving Development Agreement and Amended and Restated Parking Agreement with 11 Scott Street, LLC for Waterside Place at 11 Scott Street.

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

Rasmussen stated support for this to move the project forward to have this property occupied and increase its taxable value. It was stated that city planning is moving towards having the downtown core support residents instead of offices as work from home becomes more popular. Rasmussen further stated this supports middle-value housing needs.

Neal stated support for middle-value housing needs and supported the downtown by bringing people downtown to live as more office workers work from home. It was further stated this would help the associated Tax Incremental District close on time by increasing the taxable property value within the district.

Larson stated that the city needs to get everything it could out of its assets and that this development agreement discounted the parking services.

Tierney stated the city would not be able to meet the parking obligations outlined within this agreement.

Motion by Alderperson Watson, seconded by Alderperson Rasmussen, to approve.
Yes - Alderperson Martens, Alderperson Neal, Alderperson Rasmussen, Alderperson Watson, Alderperson Tierney, Alderperson Henke
No - Alderperson Kilian, Alderperson McElhaney , Alderperson Larson
Abstained - None
Yes 6, No 3, Abstained 0
MOTION PASSED.

26-0302 Confirming Appointments of the Mayor of the City of Wausau to the Plan Commission, Affordable Housing Task Force, and the Business Improvement District Board.

Motion by Alderperson Neal, seconded by Alderperson Watson, to approve.
Yes 9, No 0, Abstained 0
MOTION PASSED.

92-1009 Resolution from the Finance Committee Approving Residential Solid Waste and Recycling Service Agreement with Harter's Fox Valley Disposal LLC.

Motion by Alderperson Neal, seconded by Alderperson Watson, to approve.
Yes 9, No 0, Abstained 0
MOTION PASSED.

26-0203 Resolution from the Finance Committee Approving Airspace Obstruction Removal Agreement with Schofield Ridgeland Legacy LLC – 724 and 732 Ridgeland Avenue, Schofield and Related Budget Modification.

Motion by Alderperson Larson, seconded by Alderperson Neal, to approve.
Yes 9, No 0, Abstained 0
MOTION PASSED.

26-0204 Resolution from the Finance Committee Approving Airspace Obstruction

Removal Agreement with Zachary Lange – 811 Ridgeland Avenue, Schofield and Related Budget Modification.

**Motion by Alderperson Watson, seconded by Alderperson Rasmussen, to approve.
Yes 9, No 0, Abstained 0
MOTION PASSED.**

25-1109A Resolution from the Finance Committee Adopting 2026 Budget Modification for the Wausau Police Department to Use the Proceeds of the Sale of a Thompson Sub-Machinegun to Purchase Red-Dot Optics.

**Motion by Alderperson Watson, seconded by Alderperson Larson, to approve.
Yes 9, No 0, Abstained 0
MOTION PASSED.**

9 Suspend Rule 1(D) Transmission of Committee business to the Council, 6(B) Filing, and 12(A) Referral of resolutions.

Motion by Alderperson Rasmussen, seconded by Alderperson Watson, to suspend rule 1(D) Transmission of Committee business to the Council, 6(B) Filing, and 12(A) Referral of resolutions for all items outlined below.

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

No - Alderperson Kilian, Alderperson Tierney

Abstained - None

Yes 7, No 2, Abstained 0

MOTION PASSED.

90-1136 Ordinance from the Public Health & Safety Committee Repealing and Recreating Wausau Municipal Code Chapter 6.44 Solid Waste Disposal.

**Motion by Alderperson Henke, seconded by Alderperson Rasmussen, to approve.
Yes 9, No 0, Abstained 0
MOTION PASSED.**

26-0309 Joint Resolution from the Human Resources Committee and the Finance Committee Approving Paid Duty Time for Out of Country Training for a Wausau Police Department Officer.

**Motion by Alderperson Kilian, seconded by Alderperson Neal, to approve.
Yes 9, No 0, Abstained 0
MOTION PASSED.**

26-0310 Joint Resolution from the Human Resources Committee and the Finance Committee Approving Community Outreach Professional Shelter Operations Duty Premium Differential.

**Motion by Alderperson Larson, seconded by Alderperson Henke, to approve.
Yes 9, No 0, Abstained 0
MOTION PASSED.**

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).

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

**Motion by Alderperson Neal, seconded by Alderperson Watson, to Approve.
Yes - Alderperson Martens, Alderperson Kilian, Alderperson Neal, Alderperson McElhaney , Alderperson Rasmussen, Alderperson Watson, Alderperson Tierney, Alderperson Henke**

No - Alderperson Larson

Abstained - None

Yes 8, No 1, Abstained 0

MOTION PASSED.

10 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).

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

12 Announcement from Mayor and Alderpersons.

1. Alder Kilian - spoke on the neighborhood group meeting with the Wausau Fire Chief and wished the outgoing alders well.
2. Alder Henke - spoke on wishing luck to the alders seeking re-election in April.
3. Finance Director Groat - spoke on this being the last meeting the city clerk would be a part of and wished the outgoing city clerk well.

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

14 Adjournment.

Motion by Alderperson Tierney, seconded by Alderperson Larson, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:33PM.

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