



## OFFICIAL MINUTE PROCEEDINGS ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

**MEETING:** Common Council  
**DATE/TIME:** Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at 6:30 PM  
**LOCATION:** Wausau City Hall — Council Chambers  
407 Grant Street, Wausau WI, 54403

**MEMBERS:**  
Carol Lukens      Matt Hoenecke  
Michael Martens      Sarah Watson  
Terry Kilian      Vicki Tierney  
Tom Neal      Lou Larson  
Andrew Wiskowski      Bruce Trueblood  
Kristin Slonski

### 1 Call to Order by the Presiding Officer.

Council Elect are seated by the Wausau Police and Fire Department Honor Guard.

Posting of the Colors by the Wausau Police and Fire Department Honor Guard.

Oath of Office for Elected Officials by Acting City Clerk.

Certification of Election was provided. The Alderpersons were sworn in with the Oath of Office by Acting City Clerk Kody Hart.

### 2 Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

Mayor Doug Diny presided.  
The meeting was called to order at 06:30 AM.

Roll Call indicated 11 members present.  
Members Present - Carol Lukens, Michael Martens, Terry Kilian, Tom Neal, Andrew Wiskowski, Kristin Slonski, Matt Hoenecke, Sarah Watson, Vicki Tierney, Lou Larson, Bruce Trueblood  
Members Absent -  
Members Excused -  
Present 11, Absent 0, Excused 0

### 3 Common Council Elections.

Wausau Common Council President.

Nominations for Wausau Common Council President were opened.  
Tierney nominated Terry Kilian. Kilian accepted the nomination.  
Lukens nominated Michael Martens. Martens accepted the nomination.  
Motion by Neal, seconded by Larson, to close nominations. Motion passed. A vote was taken by secret ballot.  
**Terry Kilian was elected as Wausau Common Council President on a vote of 6-5 for the 2026–2028 term.**

Common Council Member of the Plan Commission.

Nominations for the Common Council Member of the Plan Commission were opened.  
Larson nominated Sarah Watson. Watson accepted the nomination.  
Motion by Trueblood, seconded by Tierney, to close nominations. Motion passed.  
**Without objection, a unanimous ballot was cast for Sarah Watson to be the Common Council Member of the Plan Commission of the for the 2026–2028 term.**

Common Council Member of the Wausau Water Works Commission

Nominations for the Common Council Member of the Wausau Water Works Commission were opened.  
Watson nominated Tom Neal. Neal accepted the nomination.  
Tierney nominated Michael Martens. Martens accepted the nomination.  
Motion by Watson, seconded by Tierney, to close nominations. Motion passed. A vote was taken by secret ballot.

**Michael Martens was elected to be the Common Council Member of the Wausau Water Works Commission on a vote of 7-4 for the 2026–2028 term.**

#### **4 Ordinances and resolutions.**

**02-0432** Resolution from the Common Council Adopting Robert's Rules of Order and the Standing Rules of the Common Council for 2026 – 2028.

Motion by Neal to table this item.

*Point of order raised by Slonski* that the motion to table was not in order as the item before the body was not properly agendized and the item was not properly before the body due to the lack of a motion. *Point of order was not acted upon* by the Chair.

*Without objection, this item was postponed to the next meeting.*

#### **5 Suspend Rule 6(B) Filing and 12(A) Referral of resolutions.**

*Point of order by Watson* on if the question before the body was on the motion to suspend the rules and not item 26-0402. *Point of order was well taken* by the Chair.

**Motion by Alderperson Watson, seconded by Alderperson Trueblood, to suspend Rule 6(B) Filing and 12(A) Referral of resolutions.**

**Yes 11, No 0, Abstained 0**

**MOTION PASSED.**

**26-0402** Confirming Appointments of the Mayor of the City of Wausau to Boards, Commissions, and Committees as Indicated.

**Motion by Alderperson Kilian, seconded by Alderperson Watson, to approve.**

**Yes 11, No 0, Abstained 0**

**MOTION PASSED.**

**02-0434** Resolution from the Common Council Designating Official Newspaper.

Watson stated support for adding digital news outlets as the designated official newsletter.

Neal stated digital news outlets were not qualified by state law to be the designated official newspaper and requested that the Wausau Pilot and Review receive notifications the same as the designated official newspaper. It was stated that Wausau Pilot and Review was already subscribed to the email notifications for meetings and was already receiving those notifications as requested.

**Motion by Alderperson Watson, seconded by Alderperson Slonski, to approve.**

**Yes - Alderperson Lukens, Alderperson Martens, Alderperson Kilian, Alderperson Neal, Alderperson Wiskowski, Alderperson Slonski, Alderperson Hoenecke, Alderperson Watson, Alderperson Tierney, Alderperson Larson**

**No - Alderperson Trueblood**

**Abstained - None**

**Yes 10, No 1, Abstained 0**

**MOTION PASSED.**

#### **6 Communications, recommendations from the Mayor.**

Mayor's Appointments to Standing Committees for the 2026 - 2028 Common Council Term.

*Without objection, the communication was held until the next meeting.*

Lukens stated that because this item is outlined specifically in ordinance, the communication should be provided to make the committee appointments. It was further stated that if the committee structure was changed, those committee appointments could be changed as well. Lukens objected to the communication being held until the next meeting.

**Motion by Alderperson Lukens, seconded by Alderperson Neal, to Motion to suspend rules 13 (A) to postpone committee appointments to next week.**

**Yes - Alderperson Kilian, Alderperson Wiskowski, Alderperson Slonski, Alderperson Hoenecke, Alderperson Tierney, Alderperson Trueblood**  
**No - Alderperson Lukens, Alderperson Martens, Alderperson Neal, Alderperson Watson, Alderperson Larson**  
**Abstained - None**  
**Yes 6, No 5, Abstained 0**  
**MOTION FAILED.**

**7 Announcement from Mayor and Alderpersons.**

1. Mayor Diny - spoke to announce that there was cake and refreshments provided in the city hall lobby to commemorate the first meeting of this term of the Common Council.

**8 Adjournment.**

Motion by Alderperson Neal, seconded by Alderperson Kilian, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 07:45 PM.

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