



**OFFICIAL MINUTE PROCEEDINGS**  
REGULAR MEETING

**MEETING:** Common Council  
**DATE/TIME:** Tuesday, May 12, 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.**

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

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

**2 Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call and Proclamations.**

National Public Works Week Proclamation

Memorial Day Proclamation

**ALS Awareness Month Proclamation**

**3 Presentations.**

**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 Lukens, to approve all items outlined below.

Yes 11, No 0, Abstained 0

**MOTION PASSED.**

**April 21, 2026** Organizational Common Council Minutes

**April 28, 2026** Regular Common Council Minutes

**5 Reading of the City of Wausau Public Comment Statement.**

**6 Comments and suggestions from preregistered citizens.**

**7 Committee reports (standing and nonstanding).**

*Reports placed on file.*

**Board of Public Works** Insurance Claims October 2025 - December 2025

**Board of Public Works** Insurance Claims January 2026 - March 2026

**8 Consent agenda.**

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

Yes - Alderperson Lukens, Alderperson Martens, Alderperson Kilian, Alderperson Neal,

**Aldersperson Wiskowski, Aldersperson Slonski, Aldersperson Watson, Aldersperson Tierney, Aldersperson Larson, Aldersperson Trueblood**  
**No - Aldersperson Hoenecke**  
**Abstained - None**  
**Yes 10, No 1, Abstained 0**  
**MOTION PASSED.**

**26-0503** Ordinance from the Infrastructure & Facilities Committee Amending Section 10.20.080(a) Designating No Parking on the East Side of the 400 and 600 Blocks of North Second Street and Repealing Existing No Parking Ordinance on the West Side of the 500 and 600 Blocks of North 2nd Street.

**99-1104** Resolution from the Finance Committee Amending the Procurement Policy.

**26-0504** Ordinance from Plan Commission Rezoning 230 E. Thomas Street from a (NMU) Neighborhood Mixed-Use Zoning District to a (TF-10) Two-Flat Residential Zoning District.

**26-0505** Resolution from the Finance Committee Approving 2026 Community Development Block Grant Program Year Allocation.

**26-0506** Resolution from the Economic Development Committee Approving Consent to Transfer, Waiver of Right of First Refusal, Termination of Deed Restrictions and Approval of New Deed Restrictions for 725 S. 84<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

**9 Aldersperson request to call for a meeting of the entire Council as a committee of the whole.**

Approval of Request by Alder Watson and Alder Lukens, to Schedule a Committee of the Whole to Discuss the City's Budget Process.

Watson stated that the budget priorities are supposed to be outlined in March but that the process had never been followed and stated support for the Committee of the Whole to set those priorities.

Trueblood stated the budget priorities are set at the Common Council Retreat and stated opposition as the budget process was already set to start in the Finance Committee.

Slonski stated support to communicate to department heads what the council's priorities were in advance.

Martens stated support because, while the budget process starts in the Finance Committee, this would start at the head end so the Common Council is not blindsided by what the Finance Committee brings forward.

*Point of order raised by Aldersperson Watson that speakers who had already spoken were not being called on again in order of the speaking queue. Point of order was not well taken by the Chair.*

Wiskowski stated support because the priorities needed to be articulated into goals that project into a near-and long-term vision.

Neal stated support as many alders are not exposed to the budget until it comes to the full council after it has been laboriously discussed at the Finance Committee.

Hoenecke stated there was no substantial reason for a Committee of the Whole, outside of changing the process from what it had been. It was further stated opposition as the meeting would not make a tangible change in the way the city handles the budget.

Lukens stated support as the Common Council Retreat is not meant to be a meeting specifically to set budget priorities.

Kilian stated support for any Committee of the Whole meeting supported by two or more members because it is important that those voices are heard. It was requested that the date of the meeting be held off until after the Common Council Retreat and until staff are ready to present on the budget at the meeting.

Watson stated this would provide the ability to properly discuss different revenue streams more at length under the lens of the entire budget.

Trueblood stated opposition to the timing and methodology as opposed to the concept of the Committee of the Whole.

Lukens stated a preference for holding a meeting dedicated specifically to setting budget priorities in a separate Committee of the Whole.

Larson stated support to get some new ideas out there and for a better process for the budget. It was further stated support for a Committee of the Whole that was brought forward by two or more alders.

**Motion by Alderperson Watson, seconded by Alderperson Lukens, to approve the request by Alder Watson and Alder Lukens, to schedule a Committee of the Whole to discuss the city's budget process.**

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

**No - Alderperson Hoenecke, Alderperson Trueblood**

**Abstained - None**

**Yes 9, No 2, Abstained 0**

**MOTION PASSED.**

## **10 Ordinances and resolutions.**

**01-0907** Resolution from the Plan Commission Approving Adoption of the Public Participation Plan for the City of Wausau Comprehensive Plan.

Kilian stated support as the survey would be offered in multiple languages and that the neighborhood group leaders would be contacted instead of just alders representing those neighborhoods for outreach.

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

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

**MOTION PASSED.**

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

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

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

**MOTION PASSED.**

**26-0502** Confirming Appointments of the Mayor of the City of Wausau to the Historic Preservation Commission, Wausau Water Works Commission, Room Tax Commission, Capital Improvements Projects Commission, Building Advisory Board, Citizens Advisory Committee, Airport Committee, and Police and Fire Commission.

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

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

**MOTION PASSED.**

## **11 Announcement from Mayor and Alderpersons.**

1. Mayor Diny - stated Kristin Slonski would be selected as the Chairperson of the Transit Commission and stated the removal of Alder Vicki Tierney for Alder Kristin Slonski on the Infrastructure & Facilities Committee.

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

1. Matthew Barnes, Wausau Police Chief - spoke on a bagpipe event honoring National Police Week.

**13 Adjournment.**

Motion by Alderperson Watson, seconded by Alderperson Lukens, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 07:35 PM.

The recording of this meeting may be viewed on YouTube [@CityofWausauMeetings](#)



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**To:** Kaitlyn Bernarde, City Clerk

**From:** Board of Public Works

**Date:** April 1, 2026

**Subject:** Insurance Claims – October 2025 – December 2025  
06-1215

The Board of Public Works has settled, compromised, or denied the following claims during the months of October 2025 – December 2025

<b>Date of Incident</b>	<b>Claimant</b>	<b>Claim Details</b>	<b>Amount of claim</b>	<b>Action</b>
7/15/25	Erie Insurance subrogated for Caleb Braxton	Fire truck turned corner and hit another vehicle – fender bender	\$827.91	Approved 11/18/25
9/18/25	Jamie Burger 241104 Fromm Fir, Athens	Limb from blvd. tree fell on car	\$2,393.61	Deny 10/22/25
10/28/25	Mary Dalton 500 Grand Ave. Apt. 304	Slip and fall @ fire station – Grand Ave.	\$119.00	Deny 12/2/25
11/12/25	Richard Gleason 918 Parcher St.	Leaf collecting – damaged retaining wall near curb of road	\$368.00	Deny 12/2/25



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11/13/25	Marathon County Corp. Counsel	Ambulance backed into Mar. Cty. Jail sallyport garage door	\$691.52	Approved 1/27/26
1/6/26	Jayne Wood 902 Adams St	Hit pothole – Grand Ave (by Townline Rd.)	\$159.26	Deny 1/27/26
1/7/26	Narvana Whitehead 707 Grand Ave.	Hit pothole – Grand Ave. & Thomas St.	\$934.38	Deny 1/27/26
1/6/26	Paula Halkoski 4903 Tanya St. Weston	Hit pothole – Grand Ave. (by Kwik Trip)	\$499.25	Deny 1/27/26
1/8/26	Paula Schultz 1713 Garfield Ave.	Hit pothole – Grand Ave. (by cemetery)	\$735.34	Deny 1/27/26
1/14/26	Molly Vandergeest 6406 Dominika St. Weston	Hit pothole – Grand Ave. (by Firestone)	\$545.96	Deny 1/27/26
12/7/25	WIDOT Damage Claims	Officer in pursuit, slide around corner – hit traffic signal pole	\$1,118.83	Approved 2/3/26
1/14/26	Darrin Chapman 20 Becker St. #9, Rothschild	Hit pothole – Grand Ave. (by Midas)	\$155.99	Deny 2/24/26
1/19/26	Mary Swearingen 4312 Briarwood Ave.	DPW plow truck wing hit car parked on street – damage to back side panel	\$5,354.45	Approved 3/3/26