



OFFICIAL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING

MEETING: Finance Committee
DATE/TIME: Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at 5:30 PM
LOCATION: Wausau City Hall — Council Chambers
407 Grant Street, Wausau WI, 54403

MEMBERS:
Tom Neal Vicki Tierney
Michael Martens Matt Hoenecke
Sarah Watson

Members Present: Sarah Watson, Tom Neal, Michael Martens, Vicki Tierney, Matt Hoenecke

Members Not Present:

Members Excused:

Present 5, Not Present 0, Excused 0

Noting the presence of a quorum, Acting City Clerk Kody Hart called the meeting to order at 05:35 PM.

1 Call to Order by the Clerk.

2 Elect Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for the 2026-2028 term of the Finance Committee.

Nominations for Chairperson were opened.

Watson nominated Michael Martens. Martens accepted the nomination.

Tierney nominated Sarah Watson. Watson accepted the nomination.

Nominations were closed and a vote was taken by secret ballot.

Michael Martens was elected as Chairperson on a vote of 3-2 for the 2026-2028 term.

Nominations for Vice Chairperson were opened.

Neal nominated Sarah Watson. Watson accepted the nomination.

Nominations were closed without any other nomination.

Motion by Tierney, seconded by Neal, to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Sarah Watson as the Vice Chair for the 2026-2028 term.

3 Establish regular meeting date and time for the 2026-2028 term of the Finance Committee.

Watson questioned the necessity of two meetings a month. Watson further stated a preference for starting at 5:15pm and requested that the meeting start time remain consistent.

Motion by Neal, seconded by Watson, to keep regular meeting dates of the second and fourth Tuesday of each month starting at 5:15pm. Motion 5-0.

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

5 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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6 Discussion and possible action.

- a. Waive the fees for the Firework Display permit and the Temporary "Class B" Picnic License for the Man of Honor Annual Raffle Event.

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

- b. Budget amendment for the Department of Public Works for City Hall sidewalk and Central Fire Station apron repair/replacement projects.

Watson stated that this fixes an issue that could be considerably more expensive down the road.

Martens stated concerns about deferring the chimney liner project and the impact on the Capital Improvement Program.

Motion by Neal, seconded by Watson, to approve the amended budget for both projects. Motion Passed 5-0.

- c. Approving Interlocal Agreement between the City of Wausau and Marathon County for the 2025 Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program Award.

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

- d. Approving counteroffer for the purchase of property at 8101 International Drive for the Business Campus Trail E/W Connector.

7 Closed Session.

Adjourn to Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute § 19.85(1)(e) for the purpose of 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 approving counteroffer for the purchase of property at 8101 International Drive for the Business Campus Trail E/W Connector.

Motion by Neal, seconded by Watson, to adjourn into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute § 19.85(1)(e) for the purpose of 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 approving counteroffer for the purchase of property at 8101 International Drive for the Business Campus Trail E/W Connector.

Yes - Watson, Neal, Martens, Tierney, Hoenecke

No - None

Abstained - None

Motion Passed 5-0.

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

9 Adjournment.

Motion by Watson, seconded by Neal, to adjourn in closed session. Motion carried.

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