



OFFICIAL MINUTE PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING

MEETING: Common Council
DATE/TIME: Tuesday, May 26, 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 06:50 PM.

Roll Call indicated 9 members present.
Members Present - Carol Lukens, Michael Martens, Terry Kilian, Kristin Slonski, Matt Hoenecke, Sarah Watson, Vicki Tierney, Lou Larson, Bruce Trueblood
Members Absent - None
Members Excused - Tom Neal, Andrew Wiskowski
Present 9, Absent 0, Excused 2

2 Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call and Proclamations.

Bike Month Proclamation

Hmong-Lao Veterans Day Proclamation

3 Consideration of the minutes of the preceding meeting, approval of the minutes if correct, and correction of mistakes if any.

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

Yes 9, No 0, Abstained 0

MOTION PASSED.

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4 Reading of the City of Wausau Public Comment Statement.

City Clerk Brown read the public comment statement.

5 Comments and suggestions from preregistered citizens.

1. Keith Montgomery, 1017 McIndoe Street - spoke on 26-0507.

6 Committee reports (standing and nonstanding).

Sustainability, Energy, & Environment Committee Council Report

Jesse Kearns, member of the Sustainability, Energy and Environment Committee presented an update on the committee.

Discussion was held. No action was taken.

7 Consent agenda.

Without objection, item 26-0507 was pulled from the Consent Agenda by the Chair.

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

Yes 9, No 0, Abstained 0

MOTION PASSED.

04-1115 Resolution from the Infrastructure & Facilities Committee Approving Partial Termination of Easement with Green Acres at Greenwood Hills, LLC Regarding a 15 Foot Wide Public Pedestrian Walkway.

25-0510 Resolution from the Finance Committee Approving Interlocal Agreement between the City of Wausau and Marathon County for the 2025 Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program Award.

25-0520 Resolution from the Human Resources Committee Approving 2026 City Hall Summer Hours Program from Memorial Day through Labor Day, 2026.

8 Ordinances and resolutions.

26-0507 Ordinance from the Infrastructure & Facilities Committee and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Repealing and Recreating Wausau Municipal Code Chapter 10.40 Bicycles and Repealing Chapter 10.41 Electric Scooters, Chapter 10.42 Go-Carts, Mini-Bikes, and Motorized Scooters, and Chapter 10.43 Motorized Bicycles.

Larson stated there were valid concerns raised by residents and further stated this was a matter that should have been brought forward to the Public Health & Safety Committee. It was encouraged to have the future joint meeting of the Public Health & Safety Committee and the Infrastructure & Facilities Committee to discuss this matter further.

Martens stated that e-bikes are here to stay and that there needed to be ordinances in place to regulate the use of motorized vehicles on the public right of way. Further concerns about such vehicles were stated in regard to the use of these on roads and multi-use trails. Martens stated support.

Lukens stated there were residents that had concerns about the safety of such e-bikes.

Slonski stated support because the ordinance needed to be updated to match state law and to create uniformity of law while e-bike users went from municipality to municipality in the metro area.

Watson suggested that having bicycles of any type be registered as a means of enforcement and education.

Trueblood stated this was meant as a jumping off point to create uniformity with state law and other municipalities. It was further stated that there should continue to be ongoing discussions on this matter.

Kilian stated there were concerns about enforcement.

Motion by Alderperson Honecke, seconded by Alderperson Tierney, to call the question on item 26-0507.

Yes 9, No 0, Abstained 0

MOTION PASSED.

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

Yes 9, No 0, Abstained 0

MOTION PASSED.

25-1109D Resolution from the Finance Committee Adopting 2026 Budget Modification for the Department of Public Works for City Hall Sidewalk and Central Fire Station Apron Repair/Replacement Projects.

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

Yes 9, No 0, Abstained 0

MOTION PASSED.

26-0502 Confirming Appointments of the Mayor of the City of Wausau to the Transit Commission, Sustainability, Energy & Environment Committee, Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee, Ethics Board, Joint Review Board, and Administrative Review

Board.

**Motion by Alderperson Hoenecke, seconded by Alderperson Trueblood, to approve with the exception of the appointments to the Transit Commission and Ethics Board.
Yes 9, No 0, Abstained 0
MOTION PASSED.**

Hoenecke stated there were no concerns with the appointee or any other appointees brought forward. It was further stated that previous appointments had not received such scrutiny.

Martens stated support for the appointee as a regular user of MetroRide.

Kilian stated support for the appointee as there were no concerns brought forward.

Larson stated opposition.

Tierney stated support for the appointee as a regular user of MetroRide.

**Motion by Alderperson Kilian, seconded by Alderperson Hoenecke, to approve the appointments to the Transit Commission.
Yes - Alderperson Lukens, Alderperson Martens, Alderperson Kilian, Alderperson Slonski, Alderperson Hoenecke, Alderperson Watson, Alderperson Tierney, Alderperson Trueblood
No - Alderperson Larson
Abstained - None
Yes 8, No 1, Abstained 0
MOTION PASSED.**

Larson did not state opposition to the appointees themselves but stated that there is an alternate of the Ethics Board that had applied to move up as a full member but is not being considered.

Motion by Lukens to amend 26-0502 to substitute "Mark Seidl" with "Jesse Kearns" and add the words "Mark Seidl 1st Term Replacing Jesse Kearns 04/30/2029" on the line below Jan Brown.

Motion ruled out of order by the Chair as appointments can only be confirmed or not confirmed by the Common Council.

Lukens stated that an alternate of the Ethics Board that had applied to be a full member had not been considered. Lukens stated opposition.

Point of order raised by Alderperson Trueblood that Alder Lukens had continued to speak after finishing speaking and without being recognized again. Point of order was well taken by the Chair.

Hoenecke stated it was not the responsibility of the Common Council to decide which appointees should be put forward but to approve or not approve the appointees brought forward. Hoenecke stated support.

Lukens stated the alternate of the Ethics Board was not being appointed as a full member due to their participation in a matter against the Mayor. It was further stated that the Common Council had the right to not approve an appointee.

Trueblood stated support as the appointee to the full member had the qualifications to serve on the Ethics Board.

Point of order raised by Alderperson Watson that Alder Hoenecke was recognized to speak over another alder who had not yet spoken. Point of order was well taken by the Chair.

Tierney stated the Common Council did not have the right to choose who should be appointed but only to confirm or not confirm who was appointed. Tierney stated support.

Motion by Alderperson Watson, seconded by Alderperson Trueblood, to call the question on item 26-0502.

Yes - Alderperson Martens, Alderperson Kilian, Alderperson Slonski, Alderperson Hoenecke, Alderperson Watson, Alderperson Tierney, Alderperson Larson, Alderperson Trueblood

No - Alderperson Lukens

Abstained - None

Yes 8, No 1, Abstained 0

MOTION PASSED.

Motion by Alderperson Slonski, seconded by Alderperson Watson, to approve the appointments to the Ethics Board.

Yes - Alderperson Martens, Alderperson Kilian, Alderperson Slonski, Alderperson Hoenecke, Alderperson Watson, Alderperson Tierney, Alderperson Trueblood

No - Alderperson Lukens, Alderperson Larson

Abstained - None

Yes 7, No 2, Abstained 0

MOTION PASSED.

9 Announcement from Mayor and Alderpersons.

1. Mayor Diny - stated there would not be a regular second monthly Common Council meeting in June, July, and August.
2. Alder Trueblood - stated that the Common Council Retreat should be the second monthly meeting of June.
3. Alder Watson - wished everyone a happy Dairy Month and Pride Month.

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

11 Adjournment.

Motion by Alderperson Tierney, seconded by Alderperson Larson, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 08:13 PM.

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