



OFFICIAL MINUTES REGULAR MEETING

MEETING: Public Health & Safety Committee
DATE/TIME: Monday, June 15, 2026, at 5:15 PM
LOCATION: Wausau City Hall — Council Chambers
407 Grant Street, Wausau WI, 54403

MEMBERS:
Lou Larson (C) Kristin Slonski
Carol Lukens (VC) Bruce Trueblood
Sarah Watson

Members Present: Lou Larson, Carol Lukens, Kristin Slonski, Bruce Trueblood, Sarah Watson

Members Not Present:

Members Excused:

Present 5, Not Present 0, Excused 0

Noting the presence of a quorum, the Chairperson called the meeting to order at 05:16 PM.

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

Larson read the public comment statement.

1. Deb Ryan, 702 Elm Street - spoke on having meetings on transit issues and vehicles, and on the homeless population.

2 Consideration of the minutes of the preceding meeting(s).

May 18, 2026 Regular Public Health & Safety Committee Minutes

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

June 1, 2026 Special Public Health & Safety Committee Minutes

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

3 Discussion and possible action.

a. Approval or denial of various license applications.

Motion by Watson, seconded by Slonski, to approve or deny various licenses as indicated.
Motion Passed 5-0.

b. Consider request granting a 90 day extension to open for business for good cause for True North #855 located at 4611 Stewart Avenue, True North Energy LLC, agent Michelle Knox.

Motion by Watson, seconded by Trueblood, to grant the extension to True North to September 18th, 2026. Motion Passed 5-0.

c. Reviewing Wausau Municipal Code Chapter 10.40 Bicycles, E-Bikes, and Similar Devices Regulated.

Without objection, this item was not taken up at this time.

d. Amending Section 17.16.020 Inspections of buildings and premises.

Without objection, this item was not taken up at this time.

- e.** Approving City of Wausau Emergency Operations Plan.

Motion by Watson, seconded by Lukens, to approve the City of Wausau Emergency Operations Plan with the grammatical errors corrected as noted. Motion Passed 5-0.

- f.** Approving Addendum to Memorandum of Understanding Fox Valley Regional Fire Departments Mobile Food Preparation Vehicle Inspection Program.

Trueblood questioned how many of the food trucks pass inspection.

Watson stated that perhaps food trucks should have a different bar of inspection and questioned if that was a state regulations determination.

Motion by Slonski, seconded by Trueblood, to approve. Motion Passed 5-0.

- g.** Approving Agreement for Urban Search and Rescue Emergency Response Services 2026-2028.

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

- h.** Reviewing Wausau Police Department staffing for the downtown area.

Larson questioned if behaviors observed by some unhoused individuals had been lessened by the presence of the officers in the downtown area. It was stated that the consistent presence of the same officers and the Community Outreach Specialist has helped with the community policing and prevention of such behaviors.

Watson questioned how well the new shelters on the city's west side fit into the neighborhood. It was stated the police have made efforts with neighbors of the shelter to communicate about happenings in the area and are working with shelter residents to limit nuisances.

4 Discussion.

- d.** Community Outreach Update from Bridge Street Mission.

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

Craig Vincent, Executive Director at Bridge Street Mission, and James Torstenson, Director of Homeless Services at Bridge Street Mission, presented on homelessness initiatives of the organization. Meagan Barnett, Public Health Coordinator for Homelessness Response for Marathon County, presented on homelessness coordination between the Bridge Street Mission, the City of Wausau, and Marathon County.

Discussion was held. No action was taken.

- a.** Wausau Police Department use of Flock Safety ALPR (Automated License Plate Recognition), including program updates and safety, security, and privacy considerations.

Ben Graham, Investigations Captain at the Wausau Police Department, presented on Flock Safety Automated License Plate Recognition.

Watson stated the policy that was presented was well conceived and addressed the issues brought forward by the community. Watson requested a report from the annual audit come before the Public Health & Safety Committee.

Larson requested a report from the annual audit in January.

Discussion was held. No action was taken.

- b. Tavern Activities Report from May 2025.

Report placed on file.

- c. Community Outreach Specialist Update.

Watson questioned if Bridge Street Mission numbers would be included in future updates. It was stated that data would be included in future update reports.

Report placed on file.

5 Hearing.

- a. Rent Abatement Request for 1418 N. 1st Street, Apartment 105 (Viviane De Azevedo Dias-Gomes and Vagner Luis Costa-Gomes, Tenant; Paramark Real Estate Service, Landlord).

Larson called forward all witnesses to be sworn in for testimony by Deputy Clerk Kody Hart. Viviane De Azevedo Dias-Gomes and Vagner Luis Costa-Gomes, tenant at the address in question, Joe Sigil, representative of the landlord of the address in question, and Adam Malzahn, Property Inspector with the City of Wausau, were sworn in. Larson proceeded with instructions for the hearing.

Viviane De Azevedo Dias-Gomes and Vagner Luis Costa-Gomes testified, followed by questions asked and answered between the witnesses and members of the committee. Joe Sigil testified, followed by questions asked and answered between the witnesses and members of the committee. Adam Malzahn testified, followed by questions asked and answered between the witnesses and members of the committee.

6 Closed Session.

Adjourn to Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute § 19.85(1)(a) for deliberating a case which was the subject of any judicial or quasi-judicial trial or hearing before the governmental body, for the purpose of deliberating a rent abatement request for 1418 N. 1st Street, Apartment 105.

Motion by Lukens, seconded by Trueblood, to adjourn into Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute § 19.85(1)(a) for deliberating a case which was the subject of any judicial or quasi-judicial trial or hearing before the governmental body, for the purpose of deliberating a rent abatement request for 1418 N. 1st Street, Apartment 105.

Yes - Larson, Lukens, Slonski, Trueblood, Watson

No - None

Abstained - None

Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0

MOTION PASSED.

The Public Health & Safety Committee convened into Closed Session.

Motion by Trueblood, seconded by Watson, to reconvene into open session. Motion passed 5-0.

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

The Public Health & Safety Committee reconvene into Open Session.

Motion by Watson, seconded by Slonski, to abate rent at 50% backdated to the initial inspection of July 24, 2025 and have the 50% abatement continue until the violation is remediated. Motion Passed 5-0.

Finding of Fact and Conclusions of Law placed on file.

8 Adjournment.

Motion by Trueblood, seconded by Lukens, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

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