



OFFICIAL MINUTES REGULAR MEETING

MEETING: Finance Committee
DATE/TIME: Tuesday, July 14, 2026, at 5:15 PM
LOCATION: Wausau City Hall — Council Chambers
407 Grant Street, Wausau WI, 54403

MEMBERS:
Michael Martens (C) Vicki Tierney
Sarah Watson (VC) Matt Hoenecke
Tom Neal

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, the Chairperson called the meeting to order at 05:15 PM.

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

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

Motion by Watson, seconded by Neal, to approve all items outlined below. Motion Passed, 4-0.

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3 Discussion and possible action.

a. April 2026 General Fund Financial Report review.

Tierney was present for the rest of the meeting.

MaryAnne Groat, Finance Director at the City of Wausau, presented the April 2026 General Fund Financial Report.

Discussion was held. No action was taken.

b. Approving a Human Resources Coordinator position and related Budget Modification.

Tierney questioned, in light of the Human Resources Director's resignation, if this was a good time to bring on a new position.

Neal stated there was a compelling case to bring on the new position, which is compounded with the need for people due to the turnover in the Human Resources Department.

Martens stated a preference for the listing to be held until the new Human Resources Director is hired and on-boarded so that person can build their team.

Watson stated hesitation about moving forward with the proposed new position because this discussion needs to occur along with the 2027 budget and other position requests, and not before the budget is discussed. Watson stated opposition.

Motion by Neal, seconded by Tierney, to approve the Human Resources Coordinator position and related budget modification with funding to come out of reserves and the position to start as soon as possible. Motion Passed 3-2, with Watson and Hoenecke opposed.

c. Approving bargaining agreement between the City of Wausau and Local 1168 Amalgamated Transit Union, AFL-CIO for July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2028.

Motion by Watson, seconded by Tierney, to accept the agreement. Motion Passed 5-0.

d. Approving of Firefighter/Paramedic Apprenticeship Partnership with Northcentral Technical College.

Tierney questioned if there would be overtime charges included in this program. It was stated this would not impact overtime and further stated that apprentices would not accrue overtime as a practice.

Hoenecke questioned if the department doesn't want to do overtime or won't do overtime with the apprentices. It was stated the department would do everything it can to ensure there would be no overtime for the apprentices, but stated that if an apprentice was out on a call during a shift change, the apprentice would then work fewer hours on the next shift to flex their time. Hoenecke further questioned if this would increase the risk of more worker's compensation claims because there would be more unfamiliar people in high-risk situations. It was stated that apprentices would not be tasked with dangerous responsibilities and would always be shifted along with experienced people.

Motion by Watson, seconded by Tierney, to approve the apprenticeship program. Motion Passed 5-0.

e. Approving Sales Study for Business 51/CTH N Project and Business 51/Sturgeon Eddy Road Project, Project ID 3700-40-40, 3700-40-41, 3700-40-42, and 3700-40-43.

Neal requested that the pedestrian crossings in the project be better accommodating to those crossing the street.

Motion by Watson, seconded by Hoenecke, to approve the sales study. Motion Passed 5-0.

f. Approving Nominal Payment Parcel Report for the Business 51/CTH N Project and Business 51/Sturgeon Eddy Road Project, Project ID 3700-40-40, 3700-40-41, 3700-40-42, and 3700-40-43, for the following properties: Parcel 1 – 105, 107, and 111 Sturgeon Eddy Road, Parcel 2 – 1320 Grand Ave, Parcel 3 – 1300 Grand Ave, Parcel 4 – 1225 Grand Ave, Parcel 5 – 1303 Grand Ave, Parcel 6 – 1339 Grand Ave and 1343 Grand Ave, Parcel 7 – 1403 Grand Ave.

4 Closed Session.

Adjourn to Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute § 19.85(1)(e) for 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 Nominal Payment Parcel Report for the Business 51/CTH N Project and Business 51/Sturgeon Eddy Road Project, Project ID 3700-40-40, 3700-40-41, 3700-40-42, and 3700-40-43, for the following properties: Parcel 1 – 105, 107, and 111 Sturgeon Eddy Road, Parcel 2 – 1320 Grand Ave, Parcel 3 – 1300 Grand Ave, Parcel 4 – 1225 Grand Ave, Parcel 5 – 1303 Grand Ave, Parcel 6 – 1339 Grand Ave and 1343 Grand Ave, Parcel 7 – 1403 Grand Ave.

Motion by Hoenecke, seconded by Watson, to adjourn to Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute § 19.85(1)(e) for 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 Nominal Payment Parcel Report for the Business 51/CTH N Project and Business 51/Sturgeon Eddy Road Project, Project ID 3700-40-40, 3700-40-41, 3700-40-42, and 3700-40-43, for the following properties: Parcel 1 – 105, 107, and 111 Sturgeon Eddy Road, Parcel 2 – 1320 Grand Ave, Parcel 3 – 1300 Grand Ave, Parcel 4 – 1225 Grand Ave, Parcel 5 – 1303 Grand Ave, Parcel 6 – 1339 Grand Ave and 1343 Grand Ave, Parcel 7 – 1403 Grand Ave.

Yes - Watson, Neal, Martens, Tierney, Hoenecke

No - None

Abstained - None

Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0

MOTION PASSED.

The Finance Committee convened into Closed Session.

The Finance Committee did not reconvene into Open Session.

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

6 Adjournment.

Motion by Neal, seconded by Watson, to adjourn in closed session. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 06:11 PM.

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