



OFFICIAL MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING

MEETING: Common Council
DATE/TIME: Tuesday, August 18, 2026, at 6:00 PM
LOCATION: Wausau City Hall — Council Chambers
407 Grant Street, Wausau WI, 54403

MEMBERS:
Carol Lukens
Michael Martens
Terry Kilian
Tom Neal
Andrew Wiskowski
Kristin Slonski
Matt Hoenecke
Sarah Watson
Vicki Tierney
Lou Larson
Bruce Trueblood

1 Call to order by the presiding officer.

Mayor Doug Diny presided.
The meeting was called to order at 06:04 PM.

Roll Call indicated 8 members present.
Members Present - Terry Kilian, Tom Neal, Andrew Wiskowski, Matt Hoenecke, Sarah Watson, Vicki Tierney, Lou Larson, Bruce Trueblood
Members Absent - None
Members Excused - Carol Lukens, Michael Martens, Kristin Slonski
Present 8, Absent 0, Excused 3

2 Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call and Proclamations.

3 Presentations.

Sustainability, Energy, and Environment Committee (SEEC) update.
Without objection, this item was postponed to a future meeting.

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

Motion by Alderperson Trueblood, seconded by Alderperson Hoenecke, to approve all items outlined below.
Yes 8, No 0, Abstained 0
MOTION PASSED.

July 14, 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).

Board of Public Works Insurance Claims — April 2026 - June 2026

8 Consent agenda.

Motion by Alderperson Neal, seconded by Alderperson Wiskowski, to approve all items outlined below.
Yes 8, No 0, Abstained 0
MOTION PASSED.

26-0803 Initial Resolution from the Infrastructure & Facilities Committee Setting a Public Hearing Regarding Vacating and Discontinuing an Alley Bounded by Lake View Drive, Bertha Street, Elmwood Boulevard and Midway Boulevard.

26-0804 Initial Resolution from the Infrastructure & Facilities Committee Setting a Public Hearing Regarding Vacating and Discontinuing the 134 Foot Southerly Extension of

Liberty Ridge Way.

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

9 Ordinances and resolutions.

26-0807 Joint Resolution from the Human Resources Committee and the Finance Committee Approving the Hiring of a Full-Time Human Resource Coordinator and Related Budget Modification/Change of Purpose.

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

Yes - Alderperson Kilian, Alderperson Neal, Alderperson Wiskowski, Alderperson Hoenecke, Alderperson Tierney, Alderperson Larson, Alderperson Trueblood

No - Alderperson Watson

Abstained - None

Yes 7, No 1, Abstained 0

MOTION FAILED.

26-0806 Resolution from the Finance Committee Approving Budget Amendment for UW-Stevens Point at Wausau Campus Conversion to Police Department and Fire Department Facility Expansion to Public Safety Building Feasibility Study.

Larson questioned the funding for future maintenance of the building. It was further stated that prior to spending funds on the feasibility study, the city needs a strategy for funding future costs in relation to acquiring the property.

Hoenecke stated support for the study to look at the cost savings of utilizing an existing space.

Motion by Alderperson Trueblood, seconded by Alderperson Tierney, to approve.

Yes - Alderperson Kilian, Alderperson Neal, Alderperson Wiskowski, Alderperson Hoenecke, Alderperson Tierney, Alderperson Trueblood

No - Alderperson Larson

Abstained - Alderperson Sarah Watson

Yes 6, No 1, Abstained 1

MOTION FAILED.

Point of order raised by Alderperson Trueblood that the motion should be reconsidered at a future meeting when more alders are present. Point of order was not well taken by the Chair.

Parliamentary inquiry raised by Alderperson Watson if an alder voting abstain, could make the motion to reconsider. It was stated that would not be a valid motion.

26-0805 Resolution from the Finance Committee approving the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation Brownfield Grant for City-Owned Property at 207 N. 1st Ave, Wausau (Former MBX).

Motion by Alderperson Hoenecke, seconded by Alderperson Neal, to approve.

Yes - Alderperson Kilian, Alderperson Neal, Alderperson Wiskowski, Alderperson Hoenecke, Alderperson Watson, Alderperson Trueblood

No - Alderperson Tierney, Alderperson Larson

Abstained - None

Yes 6, No 2, Abstained 0

MOTION PASSED.

26-0802 Confirming Appointments of the Mayor of the City of Wausau to Police & Fire Commission, Wausau Arts Commission, Transit Commission.

Motion by Alderperson Watson, seconded by Alderperson Tierney, to approve.

Yes 8, No 0, Abstained 0

MOTION PASSED.

26-0808 Resolution from the Finance Committee Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of up to \$3,469,102 Water System Revenue Bonds, Series 2026, and Providing for Other

Details and Covenants with Respect Thereto, and Approval of Related Financial Assistance Agreement.

Trueblood stated that this project was approved, as mandated by the federal government, before all the funding had come through, prompting this current discussion.

Tierney stated that the city should look at ramping down the frequency of the replacement rate to better manage the funding mechanism.

Wiskowski stated that due to a number of alders not being present and a slew of information being provided at the meeting, there was a preference to postpone the discussion until the next meeting.

Hoenecke stated the city was in a rock and a hard place as there was not a clear funding mechanism plan in place for this critical infrastructure. Hoenecke stated support because of the decisions that had been made previously to support this critical infrastructure which should be a priority for the city.

Motion by Alderperson Watson, seconded by Alderperson Neal, to approve.

Yes 8, No 0, Abstained 0

MOTION PASSED.

26-0809 Resolution from the Finance Committee Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of up to \$3,331,289 Taxable General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2026B, and Providing for Other Details and Covenants with Respect\ Thereto, and Approval of Related Financial Assistance Agreement.

Motion by Alderperson Watson, seconded by Alderperson Trueblood, to approve.

Yes 8, No 0, Abstained 0

MOTION PASSED.

10 Suspend Rule 12(A) Referral of resolutions.

Motion by Alderperson Neal, seconded by Alderperson Watson, to Suspend Rule 12(A) Referral of resolutions.

Yes - Alderperson Neal, Alderperson Wiskowski, Alderperson Hoenecke, Alderperson Watson, Alderperson Larson

No - Alderperson Kilian, Alderperson Tierney, Alderperson Trueblood

Abstained - None

Yes 5, No 3, Abstained 0

MOTION FAILED.

Trueblood requested reconsideration on this motion to suspend the rules.

Motion by Alderperson Neal, seconded by Alderperson Watson, to Suspend Rule 12(A) Referral of resolutions.

Yes - Alderperson Neal, Alderperson Wiskowski, Alderperson Hoenecke, Alderperson Watson, Alderperson Larson, Alderperson Trueblood

No - Alderperson Kilian, Alderperson Tierney

Abstained - None

Yes 6, No 2, Abstained 0

MOTION PASSED.

Point of order raised by Alderperson Larson that the motion to suspend the rules required 2/3 majority of members present. Point of order was not well taken by the Chair.

26-0811 Resolution from the Common Council Approving the Alternate Bid from PGA, Inc., for the 2026 Riverfront Parking Lot Project (Lot "E"), Including Construction of up to 153 Parking Stalls.

Larson stated support as Athletic Park is part of tourism and was an important part of the city.

Trueblood stated support as this is part of the riverfront that is continuing to be developed and would support that development.

Wiskowski stated support for this area to be developed well into the future and to provide more parking, directing people away from parking on the street during games at Athletic Park.

Tierney stated this was a want and not a critical need for the city.

Motion by Alderperson Neal, seconded by Alderperson Larson, to Approve.

Yes - Alderperson Neal, Alderperson Wiskowski, Alderperson Hoenecke, Alderperson Watson, Alderperson Larson, Alderperson Trueblood

No - Alderperson Kilian, Alderperson Tierney

Abstained - None

Yes 6, No 2, Abstained 0

MOTION PASSED.

11 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 responding to the Request for Proposals for the Redevelopment of Former UWSP-Wausau Campus (518 S 7th Ave).

Motion by Alderperson Hoenecke, seconded by Alderperson Wiskowski, 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 responding to the Request for Proposals for the Redevelopment of Former UWSP-Wausau Campus (518 S 7th Ave).

Yes - Alderperson Kilian, Alderperson Neal, Alderperson Wiskowski, Alderperson Hoenecke, Alderperson Tierney, Alderperson Trueblood

No - Alderperson Larson

Abstained - Alderperson Sarah Watson

Yes 6, No 1, Abstained 1

MOTION PASSED.

The Common Council convened into Closed Session.

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

The Common Council reconvene into Open Session.

Larson stated concerns with the state of the building and the continued maintenance costs of the building in addition to how to fund those continued costs. It was further stated that this is about wants versus priorities.

Kilian stated the Floral Avenue property should not be a part of this request for proposal and requested its removal.

Trueblood stated this response to the request for proposal is just a first step and did not commit the city to anything other than signaling a response to the RFP.

Motion by Alderperson Trueblood to call the question. Objection by Tierney.

Tierney questioned if Marathon County would provide additional funding from grants for a number of other projects associated with the acquisition of this property as part of the RFP.

Tierney withdrew the objection to the motion to call the question.

Motion by Alderperson Neal, seconded by Alderperson Trueblood, to move forward with the Request for Proposals for the Redevelopment of Former UWSP-Wausau Campus (518 S 7th Ave).

Yes - Alderperson Kilian, Alderperson Neal, Alderperson Wiskowski, Alderperson Hoenecke, Alderperson Tierney, Alderperson Trueblood

No - Alderperson Larson

Abstained - Alderperson Sarah Watson

Yes 6, No 1, Abstained 1
MOTION PASSED.

13 Announcement from Mayor and Alderpersons.

1. Alder Tierney stated the Wausau Police Department was top-notch and does a good job.
2. Alder Wiskowski stated the Bridge Street Mission needed a number of resources to support unhoused people or people with mental health addiction.
3. Alder Larson stated the Westside Thomas Street Neighborhood meeting would be the following Monday at 5:30 PM at the Riverside Park Pavilion.

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

15 Adjournment.

Motion by Alderperson Wiskowski, seconded by Alderperson Tierney, to adjourn. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 08:02 PM.

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