

JOINT MEETING OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND STREET MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE AND PLAN COMMISSION

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Date of Meeting: December 10, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

Members Present: **Capital Improvements and Street Maintenance Committee:**  
Rasmussen, Mielke, Gisselman, Kellbach, Abitz  
**Plan Commission:**  
Mayor Tipple, Lindman, Oberbeck, Gisselman, Atwell

Also Present: Jacobson, Lenz, Wesolowski, Gehin

In compliance with Chapter 19, Wisconsin Statutes, notice of this meeting was posted and received by the *Wausau Daily Herald* in the proper manner.

Noting the presence of a quorum, at approximately 5:30 p.m. Chairperson Rasmussen called the meeting of the Capital Improvements and Street Maintenance Committee to order; and Mayor Tipple called the meeting of the Plan Commission to order.

**Discussion and possible action on petitions for annexation from the Town of Maine:**

- A. **Witter (petitioner) – territory bounded by Hwy. U, N. 28<sup>th</sup> Ave., N. 36<sup>th</sup> Ave., Overlook Dr.**
  - B. **Waldvogel (petitioner) – territory bounded by CTH K, Merrill Ave., N. 28<sup>th</sup> Ave., Decator Dr.**
  - C. **Schnelle (petitioner) – territory bounded by Merrill Ave., Overlook Dr., Hwy. K**
  - D. **Back Forty Properties LLC (petitioner) –bordering N. 14<sup>th</sup> Ave., north of W. Cassidy Dr.**
  - E. **Thorson (petitioner) – bounded on east by Westwood Dr., north of city limits**
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Lenz stated there have been five different petitions from property owners for direct unanimous annexation. The land is contiguous to the City of Wausau. All of the petitioners are requesting to become a part of the City. The City is not bringing anyone in through another type of annexation. The purpose is to give the land owners more options in the future in terms of potentially requesting City sewer and water services for future development. Staff recommends approval.

**Capital Improvements and Street Maintenance Committee:** Mielke moved to approve the petitions from Witter, Waldvogel, Schnelle, Back Forty Properties LLC, and Thorson for annexation from the Town of Maine. Kellbach seconded.

Abitz questioned if the petitions were related to the Town of Maine merging with Brokaw and related debt. Rasmussen recalled from past discussions at CISM that it has been a foregone conclusion that these parcels at the time of sale or development would likely annex as other parcels have when sewer and water is needed. They will not develop for commercial purposes with a well and septic. Lenz stated he does not know all of the reasons for petitioning other than to become a part of the City for future expansion. The timing is due to the recent Town of Maine referendum and not knowing exactly when that is going to be official. Abitz stated in the past it was indicated that the City was trying to steal property. Her understanding is petitioners want to annex to the City because of water and sewer. Rasmussen added that the City of Wausau does not panhandle for annexations. These residents approached the City and the City is now obligated to act upon those petitions. Mayor Tipple noted that one other aspect driving the hastiness of this is that property owners located within a township can petition to annex but Villages cannot.

There being a motion and a second from the Capital Improvements and Street Maintenance Committee, motion to approve the petitions from Witter, Waldvogel, Schnelle, Back Forty Properties LLC, and Thorson for annexation from the Town of Maine carried unanimously 5-0.

**Plan Commission:** Gisselman moved to approve the petitions from Witter, Waldvogel, Schnelle, Back Forty Properties LLC, and Thorson for annexation from the Town of Maine. Oberbeck seconded and the motion carried unanimously 5-0.

**Adjourn Plan Commission**

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Atwell moved to adjourn the Plan Commission meeting. Oberbeck seconded and the motion carried unanimously 5-0. Plan Commission adjourned at 5:35 p.m.