

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE WAUSAU COMMON COUNCIL**  
held on Tuesday, March 12, 2013, at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers at City Hall.  
Mayor Tipple presiding.

**Roll Call**

3/12/2013 7:02:20 PM

Roll Call indicated 8 members present.

<u>District</u>	<u>Aldersperson</u>	<u>Present</u>
1	Nagle, William P.	NV
2	Wagner, Romey	YES
3	Nutting, David E.	YES
4	Brezinski, Jim	NV
5	Gisselman, Gary	YES
6	Winters, Keene	YES
7	Rasmussen, Lisa	YES
8	Kellbach, Karen	YES
9	Oberbeck, David	YES
10	Abitz, Sherry	NV ( <i>entered meeting late</i> )
11	Mielke, Robert	YES

**Presentation: Certificate of Appreciation & Recognition - Mayor Tipple**

Mayor Tipple presented **Jeff Mathews** with a Certificate of Appreciation & Recognition for going above and beyond his duties as a City of Wausau bus driver by coming to the aid of a woman who fell on the sidewalk on February 13, 2013, staying with her until paramedic help arrived.

**Public Comment (pre-registered citizens for matters appearing on the agenda)**

- 1) Debra Ryan, 702 Elm St, spoke regarding the budget modifications/carryovers and recommended they look at ways to reduce the levy for future years with unspent balances.

**Consent Agenda**

3/12/2013 7:08:31 PM

Motion by Nutting, second by Mielke to adopt all items on the consent agenda as described below:

**13-0201** Minutes of a previous meeting. (02/26/13)

**13-0303** Communication Re: Clerk's Appointments to the Board of Canvassers for a term expiring December 31, 2014, pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 7.52(2)(a)1.

**13-0306** Resolution of the Capital Improvements and Street Maintenance Committee approving use of Community Sensitive Solutions (CSS) for the Grand Avenue corridor.

**13-0304** Joint Resolution of the Capital Improvements and Street Maintenance Committee and the Plan Commission accepting dedication of right-of-way at 1610 Sheridan Road.

**13-0305** Joint Resolution of the Capital Improvements and Street Maintenance Committee and the Plan Commission accepting dedication of right-of-way on Junction Street from Townline Road to McDonald Street.

**85-0417** Resolution of the Finance Committee authorizing Third Amendment to JC Penney Air Rights Sub-Sublease.

**13-0307** Ordinance of the Parking and Traffic Committee removing two handicapped parking stalls on the west end of the north side of the 400 block of Jefferson Street.

**13-0308** Ordinance of the Parking and Traffic Committee designating four handicapped parking stalls on the north side of Jefferson Street beginning 101.5 feet and ending 182 feet east of the intersection of Jefferson Street with 4th Street.

**13-0309** Ordinance of the Parking and Traffic Committee designating two 15-minutes parking stalls on the north side of the 500 block of Jefferson Street from 5th Street east 76 feet.

**13-0108** Resolution of the Public Health & Safety Committee approving or denying Various Licenses as indicated.

Yes Votes: 8      No Votes: 0      Abstain: 0      Not Voting: 3      Result: PASS

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1	Nagle, William	NV
2	Wagner, Romey	YES
3	Nutting, David E.	YES
4	Brezinski, Jim	NV
5	Gisselman, Gary	YES
6	Winters, Keene	YES
7	Rasmussen, Lisa	YES
8	Kellbach, Karen	YES
9	Oberbeck, David	YES
10	Abitz, Sherry	NV
11	Mielke, Robert	YES

**12-0207**

3/12/2013 7:09:18 PM

Motion by Wagner, second by Rasmussen to adopt a resolution of the Capital Improvements and Street Maintenance Committee approving terms for access to the Holtz Krause Athletic Complex.

Yes Votes: 8      No Votes: 0      Abstain: 0      Not Voting: 3      Result: PASS

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1	Nagle, William	NV
2	Wagner, Romey	YES
3	Nutting, David E.	YES
4	Brezinski, Jim	NV
5	Gisselman, Gary	YES
6	Winters, Keene	YES
7	Rasmussen, Lisa	YES
8	Kellbach, Karen	YES
9	Oberbeck, David	YES
10	Abitz, Sherry	NV
11	Mielke, Robert	YES

*(Abitz entered the meeting.)*

**12-1109 A Amendment**

3/12/2013 7:15:52 PM

Motion by Oberbeck, second by Wagner to amend the Resolution of the Finance Committee approving Modification of the 2013 Budget - Capital Project Funds, by redefining the carryover funds for Thomas Street from Fund 144 to Fund 150.

Oberbeck questioned the Thomas Street land acquisition, design and environmental impact study as coming from TID #6 because the Finance Committee did not recommend TID #6 funding for Thomas Street. Groat explained we don't have another funding source for Thomas Street, but we do have a signed contract for design and obligation to complete that contract. She noted there are no outstanding offers for land acquisition. Rasmussen stated the CIP Committee wanted to leave Thomas Street acquisition funds in place because there was no other way to move that contract and other processes forward. Oberbeck questioned where previous design costs came from. Groat stated it would have come from Fund 150 the General CIP budget. Oberbeck stated as of right now there is no approved funding for Thomas Street, so he felt resolution should be amended.

Yes Votes: 7      No Votes: 2      Abstain: 0      Not Voting: 2      Result: PASS

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1	Nagle, William	NV
2	Wagner, Romey	YES
3	Nutting, David E.	YES
4	Brezinski, Jim	NV
5	Gisselman, Gary	YES
6	Winters, Keene	YES
7	Rasmussen, Lisa	NO
8	Kellbach, Karen	NO
9	Oberbeck, David	YES

10	Abitz, Sherry	YES
11	Mielke, Robert	YES

**Defer action on budget items.**

3/12/2013 7:18:30 PM

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Mielke **to defer action** on the following Finance Committee resolutions **to the next Council meeting** when more members in attendance:

**12-1109 A** - Resolution approving Modification of the 2013 Budget - Capital Project Funds, as amended.

**12-1109 B** - Resolution approving Modification of the 2013 General Fund Budget and the Establishment of 2013 Contingency Fund

**12-1109** - Resolution approving 2012 Budget Modification - Establishing a Reserve for the Airport Fund.

**12-1109** - Resolution approving 2013 Budget Modification (Parks Department).

Yes Votes: 8      No Votes: 1      Abstain: 0      Not Voting: 2      Result: PASS

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1	Nagle, William	NV
2	Wagner, Romey	YES
3	Nutting, David E.	YES
4	Brezinski, Jim	NV
5	Gisselman, Gary	YES
6	Winters, Keene	NO
7	Rasmussen, Lisa	YES
8	Kellbach, Karen	YES
9	Oberbeck, David	YES
10	Abitz, Sherry	YES
11	Mielke, Robert	YES

**90-0802**

3/12/2013 7:28:29 PM

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Wagner to adopt a Joint Resolution of the Economic Development and the Finance Committees extending the Life of Tax Increment Districts Number 2 for the purpose of improving Wausau's Central Urban Housing Stock.

Winters explained he voted no at Finance Committee because this TID has been completed for a while and if we had closed it last year the \$650,000 in increment would be divided up and returned to general fund. All TID #2 has been doing for the past couple years is taking its revenue and transferring it to other TIDs. He felt that holding TIDs open after they are completed strains good will with the other members of the Joint Review Board, is not good policy and robs the general fund.

Rasmussen commented it is important to realize that in almost every district there are elements of urban decay and blight that is creeping in. She felt to divert some of this funding to rehabilitation of central Wausau housing stock with a goal of reducing blight was not robbing the general fund or the other taxing entities. She believed all of the other taxing entities recognize the issues surrounding urban flight as a result of blight. It is a problem that has been identified by the Council and the community and is a responsible use of the money.

Oberbeck questioned how the funds would be spent. Ann Werth explained they would be looking at purchasing foreclosed properties that are completely blighted and cannot economically be improved and they would be demolished, larger lots created and new homes built. This is a way to rejuvenate and take back neighborhoods and is typically a catalyst for further improvements to properties.

Mayor Tipple noted he received six letters from community partners and foundations endorsing our efforts to hold TID #2 open for a longer period of time to accomplish our objectives.

Yes Votes: 8      No Votes: 1      Abstain: 0      Not Voting: 2      Result: PASS

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1	Nagle, William	NV
2	Wagner, Romey	YES
3	Nutting, David E.	YES
4	Brezinski, Jim	NV
5	Gisselman, Gary	YES
6	Winters, Keene	NO

7	Rasmussen, Lisa	YES
8	Kellbach, Karen	YES
9	Oberbeck, David	YES
10	Abitz, Sherry	YES
11	Mielke, Robert	YES

**Public Comment (or suggestions for items not appearing on the agenda).**

- 1) Melissa Dotter, 1003 Brown St, Drug Free Community Program Coordinator for Marathon County as well as staff to the AOD Partnership Council. She stated a report regarding the impact of excessive alcohol consumption has been recently released and indicated Wausau was one of the sites chosen for a press conference which had a great turnout. She provided copies of the press release and the state and local snapshots and highlighted some of the points in the report. Dotter stated April is Alcohol Awareness Month as well as prom & graduation season and there will be a forum on the impact of alcohol on teens and young adults at the AOD Partnership Council meeting on Tuesday, April 2, 2013, at 11:30 a.m., at 212 River Drive, Wausau. Also, Healthy Marathon County will be holding their 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Meeting, Friday, April 19, 2013, at 7:30 am – 10:00 am, 212 River Drive, which will focus on substance abuse, obesity, and teen mental health issues.
- 2) Nutting requested an update on the overnight homeless shelter. Chief Hardel stated the shelter has been 80% filled to capacity every night. He commented it clearly was a need in our community and he was glad we have been able to help facilitate that need. He noted there have not been any fights, conflicts or issues to date.
- 3) Debra Ryan, 702 Elm Street, commented there are two Fresh Start homes in her neighborhood that are beautiful but are still unoccupied and have been for sale for over a year. She felt the Council should look at a master plan for the city.

**Adjournment**

3/12/2013 7:36:07 PM

Motion by Nutting, second by Mielke to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Yes Votes: 9      No Votes: 0      Abstain: 0      Not Voting: 2      Result: PASS

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1	Nagle, William	NV
2	Wagner, Romey	YES
3	Nutting, David E.	YES
4	Brezinski, Jim	NV
5	Gisselman, Gary	YES
6	Winters, Keene	YES
7	Rasmussen, Lisa	YES
8	Kellbach, Karen	YES
9	Oberbeck, David	YES
10	Abitz, Sherry	YES
11	Mielke, Robert	YES

James E. Tipple, Mayor  
Toni Rayala, City Clerk