

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE WAUSAU COMMON COUNCIL
held on Tuesday, October 8, 2013, at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers at City Hall.
Mayor Tipple presiding.

Roll Call

10/08/2013 7:00:16 PM

Roll Call indicates 11 members present.

<u>District</u>	<u>Aldersperson</u>	<u>Present</u>
1	Nagle, William P.	YES
2	Wagner, Romey	YES
3	Nutting, David E.	YES
4	Brezinski, Jim	YES
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

Proclamations:

Mayor Tipple proclaimed Tuesday, *October 15, 2013* as *White Cane Safety Day* in the City of Wausau and urged operators of motor vehicles to be acutely aware of visually impaired pedestrians and obey the Wisconsin State law.

Mayor Tipple proclaimed *October 9, 2013* "*International Walk to School Day*" in Wausau, Wisconsin and encouraged everyone to consider the safety and health of children today and every day.

Communications & Committee Reports:

- 1) Brad Lenz stated the city won the Economic Impact Award, a nationwide award from Brownfield Renewal magazine, which is the exclusive magazine dedicated to the industry. He indicated this award was chosen out of about 13 sites of the United States and Canada. It includes the east river front property, consisting of the Eye Clinic south, with the Dudley Tower and Riverside Place. He commented it was an honor to receive this award, for which we will be presented with a plaque at the 2014 Brownfield National Conference.
- 2) Mielke invited everyone to the Werle Park Neighborhood meeting, Monday, October 21, 2013, at 6:30 p.m., in the Terrace Room of the University.
- 3) Nagle stated the Southeast Side Neighborhood meeting will be held at the Airport, Tuesday, October 15, 2013, at 7:00 pm.

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

None

Consent Agenda

10/08/2013 7:09:34 PM

Motion by Wagner, second by Mielke to adopt all items on the Consent Agenda as follows:

13-0901 Minutes of previous meetings. (09/10/13)

13-0915 Resolution of the Finance Committee approving service agreement between the City of Wausau and GovTech Services, Inc. for Certain Tax Collection Services including the Processing of Escrow Checks and Online Citizen Payments.

02-0435 Resolution of the Finance Committee amending the Designation of Public Depositories and authorizing withdrawal of County, City, Village, Town or School District Monies.

13-0924 Resolution of the Finance Committee authorizing submittal of a Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation Idle Industrial Site Redevelopment Program Grant \$1,000,000.

13-0918 Resolution of the Plan Commission amending the Precise Implementation Plan for 520 North 32nd Avenue to allow for an expansion of the parking lot.

13-0916 Resolution of the Plan Commission approving a conditional use at 426 Washington Street to allow for a 36 foot high building sign, in a B4-3, Central Business District.

13-0108 Resolution of the Public Health & Safety Committee approving or denying various licenses as indicated.

13-0917 Ordinance of the Parking and Traffic Committee designating 2-hour parking on the north side of the 100 block of E. Union Avenue between Cherry Street and North 1st Avenue.

13-0919 Ordinance of the Parking and Traffic Committee designating 15-minute passenger loading and unloading zone on the west side of the 600 block of South 7th Avenue beginning at a point 38 feet south of Garfield Avenue and extending south 61 feet.

13-0920 Ordinance of the Parking and Traffic Committee authorizing installation of stop signs for eastbound and west bound traffic on Callon Street at South 4th Avenue.

13-0921 Ordinance of the Parking and Traffic Committee approving installation of "Emergency or Authorized Vehicles Only" signs on the Courthouse triangle located at the intersection of N. 6th Street, Forest Street and Grand Avenue.

Abitz stated the Ordinance (13-0921) in reference to the installation of *emergency or authorized vehicles only* signs on the Courthouse triangle has been forwarded to Public Health & Safety for further discussion on October 21, 2013 at 5:15 pm. Rasmussen clarified that PH&S will look at the Courthouse triangle from a different perspective than what Parking & Traffic did. She explained the ordinance on the floor tonight prohibits the roadway that crosses the triangle from being used as a turnaround or a parking area, which has been occurring. There is another safety issue with regard to large visual displays on the triangle, which is what PH&S will consider.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Abstain: 0 Not Voting: 0 Result: PASS

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11	Mielke, Robert	YES

13-0105

10/08/2013 7:13:47 PM

Motion by Nutting, second by Mielke to adopt a resolution of the Capital Improvements and Street Maintenance Committee approving installation of a street light on existing Wisconsin Public Service (WPS) poles at the mid-block alley access point on Garfield Avenue in the 200 block between 2nd Avenue and 3rd Avenue, and at the mid-point of the alley directly behind the Catholic Charities building.

Oberbeck questioned why staff has not recommended this. Marquardt explained they typically do not recommend mid-block street lighting. Since they get a number of requests from residents each year, they have set up criteria for street light installations and this area doesn't meet the criteria. He noted they also don't put street lights into alleys.

Rasmussen stated per discussion in CISM it was determined that these particular two lights occur in a situation and an area that is outside the norm. She explained the warming shelter has recently been relocated to building at 3rd and Garfield Avenues and part of the discussion in the neighborhood was in reference to safety. Volunteers will be parking up to a block away and walking in after daylight hours and the neighborhood group, Catholic Charities, the landlord, a number of petitioners and the CISM Committee felt this was one instance to step outside the normal street lighting criteria.

Nagle commented he has always believed light is the key to safe neighborhoods and has always been in favor of midblock lighting.

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13-0922

10/08/2013 7:17:31 PM

Motion by Wagner, second by Nagle to adopt a resolution of the Economic Development Committee approving Memorandum of Agreement between Tribute Holdings, LLC and the City of Wausau.

Gisselman questioned why the exemption to the ordinance on noxious weeds was put into the agreement. Marquardt explained the main part deals with grasses over one foot in height that are supposed to be cut, however, on a golf course sustainability of the environment is key, so keeping native species is supposed to happen. Also, along Golf Club Road they would like to define the fairway better to discourage people from driving the ball towards the road.

Duncanson stated invasive species and noxious weeds are those that can cause people hay fever allergies. It is not the intent to allow or encourage those types of species, but rather to utilize species that are not invasive, are not truly noxious, but to let grasses grow longer. He agreed with Marquardt that it is more of a cutting height consideration.

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07-0512

10/08/2013 7:21:21 PM

Motion by Brezinski, second by Gisselman to adopt a resolution of the Finance Committee approving financing and construction schedule for neighborhood pools.

Groat explained the Parks & Rec Committee authorized the reconstruction of the three pools. The city can borrow bank qualified, which gets us the lowest interest rate because there are certain tax benefits to banks to hold our debt. If you issue more than \$10 million their tax status no longer exists, so you definitely want to issue less than \$10 million on a regular basis. She indicated the city has been issuing approximately \$5 million per year for our regular CIP and any economic development projects that we have going on. She stated we want to break up the pool financing over a three year period of time so that we can stay under that \$10 million per year. To accomplish that we would issue for Kaiser pool this year and it will be constructed next year in 2014; pool number two will be financed in 2014 for construction in 2015; and pool number three will be financed in 2015 for construction in 2015. Rasmussen felt it was important to point out that the financing plan and schedule as laid out allows us to achieve a solution, which we have been considering for a very long time, to all three of our pools without increasing the levy to do so.

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11	Mielke, Robert	YES

Motion by Brezinski, second by Nutting to adopt an initial resolution of the Finance Committee authorizing the sale and issuance of General Obligation Swimming Pool Bonds; and certain related details.

Groat stated this would be for 20 year bonds and the sale would actually take place at the first Council meeting in November.

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10	Abitz, Sherry	YES
11	Mielke, Robert	YES

Adjournment

Motion by Mielke, second by Nutting to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

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James E. Tipple, Mayor
Toni Rayala, City Clerk