

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE WAUSAU COMMON COUNCIL
held on Tuesday, October 22, 2013, at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers at City Hall.
Mayor Tipple presiding.

Roll Call

10/22/2013 6:59:20 PM

Roll call indicated 9 members

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

Proclamations:

Mayor Tipple proclaimed *October 27 through November 3, 2013*, as WHITE RIBBONS AGAINST PORNOGRAPHY WEEK and called upon all citizens of Wausau to wear or display white ribbons as a sign of their commitment to standards of decency and their support for enforcement of the laws against obscenity.

Presentation: Landlord Education Class – Lt. Matt Barnes

Lt Matt Barnes indicated it shocked him the frequency of calls the Police Department receives from landlords displaying a lack of understanding of the laws and rules associated with being a responsible landlord. Officers have found that the basics of how to be a landlord are misunderstood or not known at all by the individuals that are calling. The Landlord Education Assistance Program is for the Landlord Licensing program, should that occur. He conducted a PowerPoint Presentation of the class content highlighting: City Housing Code; Chronic Nuisance Premises Ordinance; Municipal Code and prosecution; Fire Code; and issues relative to the Community Development Department. There will be a fee for the class; lunch will be provided; and in the afternoon attorneys will present on the eviction process and the legal issues of landlords; police will provide information on gangs and drug paraphernalia; fair housing and tenants' rights by Judicare; and comments from the Landlord Association.

Presentation: 2013 CVMIC Bronze Award of Excellence and 2013 Improvement Award for Risk Management and Loss Control Operational Best Practices

Michael Loy, Human Resources Director, stated it was quite an honor for him to accept this on behalf of the city. It is a reflection of all of the hard work of our department heads, directed by the Mayor, and efforts of employees. The awards are in recognition of the City of Wausau demonstrating excellence in compliance with recommended risk management and loss control operational best practices as set forth in the CVMIC's Risk Management Assessment Process. He noted along with this comes \$1,000 that we can use towards our risk management program.

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

None

Consent Agenda

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Motion by Mielke, second by Abitz to adopt all items on the Consent Agenda as presented:

13-0901 Minutes of previous meetings. (9/24/13)

13-1001 Minutes of previous meetings. (10/08/13)

12-1106 Resolution of the Capital Improvements and Street Maintenance Committee authorizing Downtown Snow/Ice Removal 2013-2014.

13-0924 Resolution of the Capital Improvements and Street Maintenance Committee approving Easement for Retaining Wall to Encroach in Right-of-Way (711 North 10th Street).

13-0925 Resolution of the Capital Improvements and Street Maintenance Committee approving Easement for Retaining Wall to Encroach in Right-of-Way (3002 North 7th Street).

13-0805 Final Resolution of the Capital Improvements and Street Maintenance and the Plan Commission vacating and discontinuing unpaved alley abutting 223 and 225 E. Thomas Street.

03-0404 Joint Resolution of the Capital Improvements and Street Maintenance Committee and the Plan Commission approving Final Plat - Morgan Creek Subdivision.

12-1012 Resolution of the Human Resources Committee approving Health Plan Options for 2014.

75-1138 Ordinance of the Human Resources Committee amending Section 2.04.030 Municipal Judge.

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

<u>District</u>	<u>Aldersperson</u>	<u>Vote</u>
1	Nagle, William	YES
2	Wagner, Romey	YES
3	Nutting, David E.	NV
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

13-0926

10/22/2013 7:35:07 PM

Motion by Abitz, second by Rasmussen to adopt an ordinance of the Capital Improvements and Street Maintenance Committee creating Chapter 10.37 Golf Carts.

Wagner questioned if this ordinance limits the golf cart use to around the golf courses or just establishing the two crossing areas. He also questioned if we had considered making golf carts legal in all our residential areas. Jacobson explained this ordinance is specific to the two crossings for carts at Tribute Golf Course and at Greenwood Hills.

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

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1	Nagle, William	YES
2	Wagner, Romey	YES
3	Nutting, David E.	NV
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

12-0110

10/22/2013 7:35:40 PM

Motion by Kellbach, second by Rasmussen to adopt a resolution of the Finance Committee authorizing acquisition of 1216-1218 Junction Street.

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

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1	Nagle, William	YES
2	Wagner, Romey	YES
3	Nutting, David E.	NV
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

12-1109

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Motion by Wagner, second by Mielke to adopt a resolution of the Finance Committee approving the budget modification for the 2013 budget for grant funded police officer position.

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

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1	Nagle, William	YES
2	Wagner, Romey	YES
3	Nutting, David E.	NV
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

12-1008

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Motion by Oberbeck, second by Kellbach to adopt a resolution of the Finance Committee authorizing the Self-Funding of Employee Medical and Prescription Drug Plans with WPS.

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

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

03-1112

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Motion by Oberbeck, second by Wagner to adopt a resolution of the Human Resources committee authorizing the increase of Elected Officials Wages for the 2014-2016 term.

Mielke commented although alderpersons put in a lot of work and time into their duties, he did not take on the position for financial gain and considered serving a thank you to the community and therefore did not support the wage increase. Rasmussen agreed with Mielke and did not believe a 15.75% raise all at once was appropriate. Nagle opposed for philosophical reasons and did not believe money should be a factor in any elected position, whether local, county, state or federal.

Oberbeck pointed out this is not voting ourselves a raise, this is voting for a position that has not been adjusted since the 2004-2006 term. It is out of respect for the position which has expenses, such as driving to all the meetings and being called into a meeting during work hours, etc. He felt it should be adjusted periodically to show the value of the position; no one is getting rich from it. It is due for an adjustment and it is not for us; it is an adjustment for the next elected officials next term.

Wagner, Chair of HR, stated Nutting was unable to be here tonight but that Nutting put the motion on the floor in committee and was in agreement with Oberbeck. In order for us to get the valued people interested in wanting to run for City Council and put forth the extra effort and make the city grow, we can't sit on stipends from 10 years ago. This would bring the pay up to parity with the other employees, it is not asking for a 15% raise. He reiterated these are salaries for the next elected officials, not for us. Whether or not a

person is at the stage in their life where they don't need the money is not the point. He indicated he supported it and hoped it would attract more professionals to run for office and help them to put for the time and effort that is required to make informed decisions.

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

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

Adjourn

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Motion by Mielke, second by Kellbach to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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5	Gisselman, Gary	YES
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11	Mielke, Robert	YES

James E. Tipple, Mayor
Toni Rayala, City Clerk