

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE WAUSAU COMMON COUNCIL**  
held on Tuesday, November 12, 2013, at 6:00 pm in Council Chambers at City Hall.  
Mayor Tipple presiding.

**Roll Call**

11/12/2013 6:00:32 PM

Roll call indicated 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 Saturday, *November 30, 2013* as SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY and urged the residents of our community, and communities across the country to support small businesses and merchants on Small Business Saturday and throughout the year.

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

- 1) Bruce Bohlken, 409 Ross Ave, Chairman of CDBG Citizens Advisory Committee, encouraged Council to vote in favor of the 2014 Community Development Block Grant recommendations. He recognized the members of the committee for their hard work as well as the Community Development Department.

**Communications & Committee Reports:**

- 1) Abitz thanked all veterans for their service to our country.
- 2) Nagle congratulated Pope's Hobby Land for a wonderful run as a long standing business in the city.

**Consent Agenda**

11/12/2013 6:08:11 PM

Motion by Abitz, second by Nutting to adopt all items on the consent agenda as follows:

**82-0526** Resolution of the Airport Committee authorizing execution of lease for Radtke Point Park and Grace Park.

**13-1107** Initial Resolution of the Capital Improvements and Street Maintenance Committee setting a public hearing regarding vacating and discontinuing right-of-way adjacent to 1022 Merrill Avenue.

**13-0705** Resolution of the Capital Improvements and Street Maintenance Committee approving agreement for the Management and Maintenance of a Stormwater facility (Riverview Towers - 500 Grand Avenue).

**13-1108** Resolution of the Capital Improvements and Street Maintenance Committee approving Easement and Hold Harmless agreement for the installation of fiber optic cable across East Knox Street.

**04-1006** Resolution approving the 2014 Operating Plan for Business Improvement District (BID) No. 1

**13-1104** Ordinance Rezoning 1903 Rosecrans Street from B2, Community Service District, to R2, Single Family Residence District.

**13-1110** Ordinance of the Parking and Traffic Committee creating Section 10.20.025 Parking of trailers - prohibiting parking of trailers on city streets and other public ways.

**13-1106** Ordinance amending Sections 10.01.010, 10.08.040, 10.08.050, 10.20.020, 10.20.030, 10.20.040 and 10.20.045 to encompass all vehicles in addition to motor vehicles.

**13-1113** Joint Ordinance of the Capital Improvements & Street Maintenance Committee and Parking & Traffic Committee

designating "one-way" traffic flow on N. 5th Street between E. Union Avenue and Nina Avenue.

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

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

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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

**13-1103**

11/12/2013 6:08:40 PM

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Wagner to confirm the Mayor's appointments to the Wausau Water Works Commission.

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

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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

**13-0923**

11/12/2013 6:15:12 PM

Motion by Nutting, second by Mielke to adopt a Resolution of the Finance Committee authorizing the sale and issuance of General Obligation Swimming Pool Bonds; and certain related details.

James Mann, Ehlers, stated they conducted a sale on the city's behalf this morning to issue \$3,410,000 General Obligation Swimming Pool Bonds. The Moody's Investor Report assigned a AA2 rating as it has been for quite some time. He explained they look at the city as a strong community, being a hub in north central Wisconsin. He indicated they look at the city's financial operations very positively, the cornerstone being a very healthy fund balance that is more than adequate for operations. The city has been able to manage the levy limits the state has imposed with relative ease. The only negative, which is a statewide issue, was there have been a number of years of declining property values and if that were to continue it could impact the rating of the city. Mann stated they received four bids, with the winning bidder being R.W. Baird, of Milwaukee, working with 19 other underwriters to produce a blended bid of 3.15%. He noted this was higher than it usually has been but normally we issue 10 year, not 20 year obligations. It came with an \$82,000 premium to be used for issuance expenses and also for interest costs for 2014. He pointed out this does not impact the overall dollar amount that needs to be levied for the 2014 debt payments.

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

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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

13-1112

11/12/2013 6:21:28 PM

Motion by Wagner, second by Mielke to adopt a Joint Resolution of the Economic Development and the Finance Committees approving the Development Agreement between City of Wausau and Southern Stretch Forming - Wisconsin, Inc. for the acquisition of the property located at 7555 Stewart Avenue and purchase of equipment and related budget modification.

David Arthur, President of Southern Stretch Forming, stated they really appreciated the opportunity to come to Wausau and service the metal window industry. He provided some brochures to the Council to show what they do and thanked the staff for the work they did to put the project together. He explained they do specialized metal curving and to get that done now the local industries have to send it away as far as St. Louis or Texas. This will allow local companies to eliminate a lot of freight costs which are expensive, as well as damages caused in transit. Chris Menard, of Linetec, added they are excited to have this type of service available in the Midwest.

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

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4	Brezinski, Jim	YES
5	Gisselman, Gary	YES
6	Winters, Keene	YES
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11	Mielke, Robert	YES

**Public Hearing: Proposed 2014 City of Wausau Budget and Fee Schedule**

Maryanne Groat, Finance Director, conducted a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the details of the 2014 budget (*on file in the Clerk's Office*). She reviewed staff changes included in the 2014 budget, noting the Finance Committee amended it tonight to include two new police officers, one funded by the city and the second by the Alexander Foundation as a one year grant. She pointed out she had predicted a total increase in assessed value at \$6 million, but it came in at approximately \$15 million. This will change the tax rate increase from \$0.13 to \$0.10, or \$10 on a \$100,000 house.

Mayor Tipple opened the public hearing for testimony from the public:

- 1) David Ackerman, 116 S 36<sup>th</sup> Ave, read an email he previously sent to the Council members. He felt the funding of \$25,000 to the Boys & Girls Club was putting the city on a slippery slope and should be eliminated.
- 2) Gene Davis, 2003 Ridge View Dr, commented the city has a successful public/private partnership with the Boys & Girls Club and felt it was an investment with a great potential return. He supported the allocation remaining in the budget now and in the future.
- 3) Dick Lawson, 4906 N 89<sup>th</sup> St, requested the Council support the funding of the Boys & Girls Club within the budget. He relayed many success stories and believed the services it provides ultimately saves the taxpayers \$10,000 to \$50,000 per year.
- 4) Brian Stezinski-Williams, 1016 Washington St, provided an update on the Succeed Initiative of the Boys & Girls Club and what they are proposing in 2014 with the Formula for Impact Initiative. It is a contract for services for positive youth development and delinquency prevention programs, to serve a minimum of 1,000 Wausau youth. He indicated they will be tracking outcomes.
- 5) Donna Krause, 515 ½ S 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave, addressed the beautification program near the Stewart Avenue and 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Highway 51 area. She stated the bird art and boulders scared her, were distracting and spoiled the area. She felt it was a waste of money and should be spent elsewhere.
- 6) Debra Ryan, 702 Elm St, commented the city has been relying on state and federal aids and needs to step up and generate more revenues through inspection fees and police citation fees. She felt the sponsors should hire private security for the 400 Block events. She felt there were ways for the Boys & Girls Club to economize.

Being no further testimony, the public hearing on the budget was closed.

**03-1007**

11/12/2013 7:21:51 PM

Motion by Brezinski, second by Mielke to adopt a resolution of the Finance Committee approving the 2014 Community Development Block Grant Program.

Oberbeck requested clarification on why more was allocated to the city versus charitable organizations as stated in the paper. Ann Werth explained only 15% of the total can be used towards a public service. The committee knows what they can spend and what they chose to do in the budgetary times was to make sure they funded the streets, economic development and the homeowner rehabilitation program. All of these programs benefit the public for low to moderate income people. Oberbeck commented the committee felt that city priorities were more important this year because of the lack of funding.

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

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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

**12-1109**

11/12/2013 7:22:31 PM

Motion by Mielke, second by Brezinski to adopt a Resolution of the Finance Committee approving Budget Modification - City Attorney's Office to increase Other Professional Services.

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

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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

**12-1109**

11/12/2013 7:23:39 PM

Motion by Abitz, second by Wagner to adopt a Resolution of the Finance Committee approving Budget Modification - Wausau Superfund Remediation.

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

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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

**13-1105**

11/12/2013 7:24:19 PM

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Abitz to adopt a Joint Resolution of the Capital Improvements & Street Maintenance and the Finance Committees approving initiating preliminary acquisition of 1108 McDonald Street.

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

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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

**13-0904**

11/12/2013 7:37:43 PM

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Nutting to adopt a Resolution of the Plan Commission amending the Precise Implementation Plan for 200 East Kent Street to allow for lit signage.

Nagle questioned since the sign would be facing north but access to the business was from the south, what was the real need for the sign. Brad Lenz stated Kwik Trip uses a standard model for their stores and to brand their store they wanted to keep it consistent with the other stores throughout the state. He noted there was really no visibility on Grand Avenue from the north.

Rasmussen stated even though there is not huge visibility from the north, there is some, and it didn't appear there were a lot of residences that would be disturbed by the lighting. Lenz stated the signs would face across Ross Avenue which is residential. Rasmussen questioned if the neighbors on Ross Avenue attended Plan Commission and/or objected. Lenz stated the original approval that went to a public hearing included non-lit signs and there was no opposition. The last Plan Commission meeting, which was not a public hearing, is where Kwik Trip indicated they wanted lit signs but it was denied.

Oberbeck stated he saw no reason why signs should be lit in a residential neighborhood from that street. The approach is from Kent Street and this neighborhood has sensitivity issues after dealing with I.C. Willy's. He did not feel the branding of Kwik Trip was an issue in a residential neighborhood versus on their main face.

Wagner indicated this was his district and it has been a contentious area for many years; he was opposed to the back lighting for this residential neighborhood.

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

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

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

Melissa Dotter reminded Council of the AOD Partnership Legislative Breakfast this Friday to talk about issues related to substance abuse, tobacco and obesity prevention.

**Adjourn**

11/12/2013 7:39:13 PM

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Kellbach to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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

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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

James E. Tipple, Mayor  
Toni Rayala, City Clerk