

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE WAUSAU COMMON COUNCIL**

held on Tuesday, April 15, 2014, at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Mayor Tipple presiding.

Mayor Tipple called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The Alderpersons were escorted in and seated by the Police and Fire Honor Guard Officers. Posting of the Colors was presented by VFW Burns Post 388 Honor Guard, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Tipple introduced the Council Elect for the 2014-2016 term and they were sworn in to office by the City Clerk.

**Roll Call**

04/15/2014 7:11:12 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	Neal, Tom	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

**Suspend the Rules**

04/15/2014 7:11:38 PM

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Abitz to suspend the Council Rules.

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

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

**02-0432 Table**

04/15/2014 7:24:52 PM

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Nutting to table voting adoption of the Council Rules and this issue would be brought back and decided at a Committee of the Whole.

Rasmussen felt Winters was proposing some significant changes to the rules and perhaps the process should have been started a while back. She stated we have not had time for the other 10 Council members to offer suggestions or alternatives to these proposals. She pointed out the proposals have not had legal review yet to ensure they work with other ordinances. She felt a Committee of the Whole should be scheduled to work on changes for either immediate or deferred implementation.

Winters stated he made sure everyone got an advance copy of his proposed amendments and the editorial he wrote regarding them, which has already appeared in the newspaper. He stated we don't have a lot of business tonight and urged the Council to take up these key things to get organized. Oberbeck agreed and felt we need to get our rules in place and move forward; there is no reason to wait.

Jacobson pointed out the Council rules are ordinance and don't go away with a new Council; therefore, rules would be in place whether they act or not.

Vote on the motion to table:

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

<u>District</u>	<u>Aldersperson</u>	<u>Vote</u>
1	Nagle, William	NO
2	Wagner, Romey	NO
3	Nutting, David E.	YES
4	Neal, Tom	YES
5	Gisselman, Gary	NO
6	Winters, Keene	NO
7	Rasmussen, Lisa	YES
8	Kellbach, Karen	NO
9	Oberbeck, David	NO
10	Abitz, Sherry	NO
11	Mielke, Robert	NO

**02-0432 Amendments to the Council Rules for 2014-2016:**

**Rule 1(D)**

04/15/2014 7:27:22 PM

Motion by Winters, second by Wagner to create a Subsection D to Rule 1 of Standing Rules of the Common Council. "Transmission of Committee Business to the Council. Committee actions taken the three business days prior to a council meeting shall be held until the next meeting after the upcoming meeting unless two-thirds (2/3) of the council agree the matter should be taken up immediately for cause."

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

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

**Rule 13(C)**

04/15/2014 7:42:38 PM

Motion by Winters, second by Nagle to amend Subsection C. Committee of the Whole. The mayor, the coordinating committee or council president may call for a meeting of the entire council as a committee of the whole for discussion and consideration of any matter. The mayor shall be an ex officio, non-voting member of the committee, and the council president shall be the chairperson of the committee of the whole.

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

<u>District</u>	<u>Aldersperson</u>	<u>Vote</u>
1	Nagle, William	YES
2	Wagner, Romey	YES
3	Nutting, David E.	YES
4	Neal, Tom	NO
5	Gisselman, Gary	YES
6	Winters, Keene	YES
7	Rasmussen, Lisa	NO
8	Kellbach, Karen	YES
9	Oberbeck, David	YES
10	Abitz, Sherry	YES
11	Mielke, Robert	YES

**Rule 13(H) Original motion**

04/15/2014

Motion by Winters, second by Mielke to Create Rule 13 Subsection H Coordinating Committee. The coordinating committee shall be composed of all the chairpersons of the standing committees and the chairperson of the Metro Ride Commission. The coordinating committee shall be chaired by the council president. The coordinating committee shall meet at least monthly to coordinate the agenda items to be taken up by the council and its committees. The coordinating committee may discuss rules of order and working procedures for the conduct of business by the council or its committees.

Rasmussen questioned if the Metro Ride chair could be allowed as part of the coordinating committee since it is made up of all the chairpersons of the standing committees, and the Metro Ride Commission is a non-standing committee.

Winters commented it has been his experience that Metro Ride, which is a fairly significant department, kind of floats out there by itself and he felt it really should be brought back into the fold.

**Amendment to original motion on Rule 13(H)**

04/15/2014 7:49:27 PM

Motion by Oberbeck, second by Rasmussen to amend the motion Creating Rule 13, Subsection H. Coordinating Committee. To remove ~~the Metro Ride Chairperson.~~

Yes Votes: 7      No Votes: 4      Abstain: 0      Not Voting: 0      Result: PASS

<u>District</u>	<u>Aldersperson</u>	<u>Vote</u>
1	Nagle, William	NO
2	Wagner, Romey	NO
3	Nutting, David E.	YES
4	Neal, Tom	YES
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	NO

Gisselman commented the rules as a whole already address rules of order and working procedures. He felt the committees should be defining their own working procedures and conduct of business as opposed to the coordinating committee.

Winters indicated he did not feel the coordinating committee needed to dive down into minor details, but there are bigger issues, that is what it should deal with. He felt the coordinating committee was important for deciding which pieces go where in regard to major legislation, such as Public Access. He indicated he did not have a problem with striking the last sentence of his proposed amendment.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment to original motion on Rule 13(H)**

04/15/2014 7:56:31 PM

Motion by Oberbeck, second by Kellbach to amend the motion creating Rule 13, SubSection H. Coordinating Committee. To strike the last sentence: "~~The coordinating committee may discuss rules of order and working procedures for the conduct of business by the council or its committees.~~"

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

<u>District</u>	<u>Aldersperson</u>	<u>Vote</u>
1	Nagle, William	NO
2	Wagner, Romey	NO
3	Nutting, David E.	YES
4	Neal, Tom	YES
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

Discussion followed as to the authority of the coordinating committee and/or how invasive it may be to standing committees.

**Rule 13(H) As amended on Council floor**

04/15/2014 8:08:58 PM

Motion by Winters, second by Mielke to Create Rule 13 Subsection H Coordinating Committee. The coordinating committee shall be composed of all the chairpersons of the standing committees. The coordinating committee shall be chaired by the council president. The coordinating committee shall meet at least monthly to coordinate the agenda items to be taken up by the council and its committees.

Yes Votes: 10      No Votes: 1      Abstain: 0      Not Voting: 0      Result: PASS

<u>District</u>	<u>Aldersperson</u>	<u>Vote</u>
1	Nagle, William	YES
2	Wagner, Romey	YES
3	Nutting, David E.	YES
4	Neal, Tom	YES
5	Gisselman, Gary	YES
6	Winters, Keene	YES
7	Rasmussen, Lisa	NO
8	Kellbach, Karen	YES
9	Oberbeck, David	YES
10	Abitz, Sherry	YES
11	Mielke, Robert	YES

**Rule 13(F)**

04/15/2014 8:16:55 PM

Motion by Winters, second by Nagle to amend Rule 13 Subsection F. Notice of Committee Meetings. The committee shall file notice of each committee meeting with the clerk. The notice shall comply with Section 19.84, Stats. In addition to compliance with state law, standing committee meeting times shall be posted to the city's online calendar by the first of each month in which the meeting is to occur.

- 1) The clerk shall call the first committee meeting of each term.
- 2) Committee members shall elect a chairperson and a vice chairperson at their first meeting.
- 3) Committee members shall determine at their first meeting a schedule of regular meeting times for matters referred to them for investigation and report and shall meet to consider items that may be deemed necessary upon the call of the chairperson or upon the call of a majority of the members of the committee. The chairperson may also schedule other such meeting times as he or she may deem necessary.

Yes Votes: 10      No Votes: 1      Abstain: 0      Not Voting: 0      Result: PASS

<u>District</u>	<u>Aldersperson</u>	<u>Vote</u>
1	Nagle, William	YES
2	Wagner, Romey	YES
3	Nutting, David E.	NO
4	Neal, Tom	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

**Rule 13(D)**

04/15/2014 8:27:14 PM

Motion by Winters, second by Abitz to Repeal and Recreate Rule 13 Subsection D. Subcommittees and Special Committees. The chairperson of any standing committee or of the Metro Ride Commission may appoint members to a subcommittee or citizens to a special committee with the consent of the council for the purpose of investigating issues before the committee and making recommendations on issues before the committee. The committee chairperson shall also name the chairperson of the subcommittee or special committee.

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

<u>District</u>	<u>Aldersperson</u>	<u>Vote</u>
1	Nagle, William	YES
2	Wagner, Romey	YES

3	Nutting, David E.	YES
4	Neal, Tom	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

**Rule 6(B)**

04/15/2014 8:29:12 PM

Motion by Winters, second by Oberbeck to amend Rule 6 Subsection B. Filing. To read as follows: Each proposed ordinance or resolution shall be filed in the office of the clerk no less than seven (7) days prior to that scheduled council meeting at which the measure is to be introduced. Council and standing committee packets must be prepared and available for distribution no less than six (6) days prior to that scheduled council or committee meeting, and the council packet must also contain all committee results for each measure to be considered. If for good cause the pre-filing is impossible or impractical, the presiding officer of council or chairperson of the committee may waive this requirement.

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

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

**02-0432 Council Rules**

04/15/2014 8:30:29 PM

Motion by Mielke, second by Rasmussen adopting the Council Rules for 2014-2016 as amended on the Council floor.

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

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

**02-0433 Elections to Council President**

Nutting nominated Dave Oberbeck for Council President; Abitz nominated Lisa Rasmussen; Neal nominated Romey Wagner.

Wagner stated a big issue in the next two years moving forward is economic development. He pointed out that his qualifications through what he does in the private sector running the EEC helping people to get into business and working with the Economic Development Committee to bring jobs into town is something that he could bring to the Council presidency. He commented Lisa Rasmussen has done a wonderful job the past two years opening the communication with the Mayor's Office and he would like to take that one step further in order to get a closer look at what the Mayor's job is. He indicated he will look into a city administrator as a

possible form of government. He pledged to work with Mayor and would like weekly communication and dialogue with media as well. He felt it will be important to utilize the Coordinating Committee to help plan communication from the Council to the people and provide transparency. He favored public access coverage of all the standing committee meetings.

Rasmussen felt the role of Council President is to be a liaison between the Council, the Mayor's Office and the community and sometimes that is a tough balancing act. The president cannot be a polarizing figure in such that he or she divides the Council or damages any of those relationships. She commented when she came on the Council in 2008 it was almost irreparably divided and through the exercise of our core values initiative she was able to bridge those gaps and create relationships within the Council that allows us to function as a team. She pledged to continue to build and maintain the bridges that have been built these past few years.

Oberbeck stated he has always striven to be involved with all aspects of the community, from the near west side, to Thomas Street, to all the other items that need a vision for the city. He felt a Council President needs to be a team member, bring ideas, be flexible and be able to listen. He commented as an architect that is what he does; he puts together all the ideas and makes the vision happen.

A vote was taken by secret ballot. Romey Wagner was elected as Council President for the 2014-2016 term.

**02-0433 Election to Plan Commission** 04/15/2014 8:50:51 PM

Abitz nominated Robert Mielke to the Plan Commission; Mielke declined; Rasmussen nominated David Oberbeck; Abitz nominated Keene Winters.

Oberbeck noted the chair of Park & Rec is already on Plan Commission, so it will depend upon who is chosen for chair under our new rules. Rasmussen stated if the person elected tonight subsequently ends up being selected as chair of Park & Rec, we can elect someone else at the next Council meeting.

The first vote did not elect by 2/3 vote. Winters withdrew his nomination.

Motion by Winters, second by Rasmussen to cast a unanimous ballot for David Oberbeck to the Plan Commission for the 2014-2016 term.

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

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

**02-0433 Election to WWW Commission** 04/15/2014 8:52:13 PM

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Abitz to nominate and cast a unanimous ballot for Keene Winters to the Wausau Water Works Commission for 2014-2016 term.

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

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

**14-0403 amendment**

04/15/2014 8:56:39 PM

Motion by Oberbeck, second by Abitz to amend the Mayor's Appointments to remove the chairperson designations until the committees choose their chairs; to review the composition of the Administrative Review Board; and if the Economic Development Committee selects Wagner as chairperson, the Development Agreement will be changed to the Vice Chair to serve on the EEC Board.

Oberbeck stated Winters, Nagle and himself were appointed to the Administrative Review Board; however, the website indicates the Administrative Review Board shall consist of the chairs of PH&S and CISM and a citizen. Mayor Tipple stated he was unaware of that at the time he will look into it. He noted the board has not met in the last 10 years that he has been in office.

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

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

**14-0403**

04/15/2014 8:57:15 PM

Motion by Abitz, second by Oberbeck to confirm the Mayor's appointments to Boards, Commissions, and Committees, as amended.

Yes Votes: 10      No Votes: 1      Abstain: 0      Not Voting: 0      Result: PASS

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

**02-0434**

04/15/2014 8:57:55 PM

Motion by Abitz, second by Neal to adopt a resolution designating official newspaper.

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

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

**02-0435**

04/15/2014 8:59:02 PM

Motion by Mielke, second by Nutting to adopt a resolution designating public depositories.

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

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

**Adjournment**

04/15/2014 9:00:09 PM

Motion by Mielke, second by Nutting to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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

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