

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE WAUSAU COMMON COUNCIL
held on Tuesday, March 10, 2015, at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall.
Mayor Tipple presiding.

Roll Call

03/10/2015 7:00:15 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

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

- 1) Jeremy Ray, 207 Maple St, Mosinee, employee of City of Wausau, spoke in opposition to the provision in the 2015-2017 State Budget Bill shifting from Municipal to County Assessment and asked the Council to vote against it.
- 2) Deb Ryan, 702 Elm St, spoke regarding the Community Development Block Grant Program and getting information out to the neighborhood groups.
- 3) Bruce Bohlken, 409 Ross Ave, Chair of Citizens Advisory CDBG, encouraged Council to pass the program as recommended by the committee.

Communications and Committee Reports

- 1) Wagner asked the Council members go through the chairpersons of standing committees or the Mayor's Office when requesting work from staff members.
- 2) Nagle questioned if there was going to be some kind of traffic control on Grand Avenue where the new Kwik Trip was being constructed to prevent accidents and delays in that area from traffic entering and exiting. Winters suggested taking the item off the Consent Agenda to discuss it further.

Consent Agenda

03/10/2015 7:13:49 PM

Motion by Nutting, second by Neal to adopt all items on the Consent Agenda as presented:

Mayor Tipple stated file #15-0304 and 15-0305 will be removed from the Consent Agenda.

14-0101 Minutes of previous meetings. (1/27/15)

14-0201 Minutes of previous meetings. (2/10/15)

14-1204 Final Joint Resolution of the Capital Improvements and Street Maintenance Committee and the Plan Commission vacating and discontinuing a portion of existing Curling Way cul-de-sac.

15-0307 Ordinance of the Parking and Traffic Committee authorizing removal of stop sign on Mary Street at Lakeview Court and authorizing installation of stop sign on Lakeview Court at Mary Street.

15-0308 Ordinance of the Parking and Traffic Committee repealing 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 and designating 15-minute parking 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 to the railroad tracks.

74-0620 Ordinance of the Parking and Traffic Committee Amending Section 10.20.030 All night parking to include no overnight parking in the 500 and 600 blocks of S. 6th and S. 7th Avenues between Stewart Avenue and Pardee Street.

15-0108 Resolution of the Public Health & Safety Committee approving or denying various licenses as indicated.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

15-0304

03/10/2015 7:15:50 PM

Motion by Nutting, second by Mielke to approve a Resolution of the Capital Improvements and Street Maintenance Committee approving Agreement for the Management and Maintenance of a Stormwater facility (Kwik Trip - 308 Grand Avenue)

Nagle stated he did not oppose the project; he just wanted to know what the traffic plan was. Wesolowski stated at this time the staff has not looked at the access for the Kwik Trip or the driveways on Grand Avenue.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

15-0305

03/10/2015 7:18:50 PM

Motion by Nutting, second by Neal to adopt a Resolution of the Plan Commission approving a conditional use at 602 E. Kent Street to allow for signs, including sponsorship signs, for the Marathon County Complex, in an R3, Two Family Residence.

Neal stated it was his understanding if we were going to put sponsorship signs in the parks it could require a change of a city ordinance. He stated the sponsorship committee that we are instituting has a fiscal impact of \$60,000 and questioned if dollars come to the city through this sponsorship will apply to that. He asked that the information regarding the method of enlisting sponsors, who's heading it up and the costs be passed on to him. Tipple suggested he continue that discussion with the Park Department.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

14-0411

03/10/2015 7:20:36 PM

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Abitz to approve a Joint Resolution of the Capital Improvements and Street Maintenance and the Plan Commission placing land on Official City Map - Bridge Street from Westwood Drive to 28th Avenue and Pine Ridge Boulevard from Plaza Drive to Bridge Street.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

11-1214

03/10/2015 7:21:12 PM

Motion by Gisselman, second by Rasmussen to adopt a Resolution of the Economic Development Committee approving 2015 Riverfront Redevelopment Project and Authorization to let bids.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

Suspend Rule 1(D)

03/10/2015 7:22:00 PM

Motion by Neal, second by Nutting to suspend rule 1(D) Transmission of Committee Business to Council. (needs 2/3 of council 8 votes)

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

03-1007

03/10/2015 7:31:34 PM

Motion by Wagner, second by Kellbach to adopt a Resolution of the Finance Committee approving the 2015 Community Development Block Grant Program Budget.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

15-0306 to table

03/10/2015 8:14:39 PM

Motion by Mielke, second by Abitz to table the Resolution of the Finance Committee supporting the Provision in the 2015-2017 State Budget Bill shifting from Municipal to County Assessment, until we have more facts.

Nan Giese, City Assessor, stated she was present to ask the Council to oppose the budget bill as it is currently written for many reasons as provided in the Council packet. She pointed out we have the League of Wisconsin Municipalities, the County Association and the Towns Association has voted against this portion of the budget bill as written. She noted there is currently no contract assessor out there that is able to handle a county the size of Marathon County. She indicated the budget bill is telling you that you will save 5% off the top because you will only be charged 95% of what you currently pay for your assessment services, but they need to understand there are some services they will lose. There are things the Assessment Department does that they will have to replace. She explained Assessment works with Community Development to review appraisals of homes as well as values properties for Habitat for Humanity. We provide information on the number of units to the Inspections Department for the Residential Rental Licensing and

we do the listing for the county in regard to new subdivisions, annexations, etc. A contract assessor will charge extra for every parcel that is picked up. She stated we will also lose the revenue from contracting with Schofield. She stated there are too many unknowns and asked them to at least table the resolution, if not oppose it, until there is more information and they know exactly what they are getting. If the budget bill passes, she requested the City of Wausau opt out of it, as a Second Class City. She felt they should not rush on the issue, but to wait and gather more information. *(Lengthy discussion followed.)*

Winters commented the safety valve is that we can opt out any time and marching this process forward is to get these other jurisdictions to get their act together benefits Wausau. He was concerned about the League of Municipalities position because there are 595 villages and cities in Wisconsin and we are the 17th largest and right at the bottom of Class 2 cities. He indicated he supported the resolution because we need a level playing field. Giese reiterated the Council needs to step back and take time to get more information and have further discussion before sending forth a resolution.

Wagner felt this was an opportunity for the city to opt out and become a contractor for the county

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

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

15-0306

03/10/2015 8:15:12 PM

Motion by Neal, second by Abitz to adopt a Resolution of the Finance Committee supporting the Provision in the 2015-2017 State Budget Bill shifting from Municipal to County Assessment.

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

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9	Oberbeck, David	YES
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Closed Session

03/10/2015 8:19:46 PM

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Nutting to move into CLOSED SESSION pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(e),(g) for the purpose of considering the investing of public funds which for competitive reasons requires a closed session, and for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved, including discussion regarding status of litigation involving settlement offer in Gary R. Stein et al v. City of Wausau (HWY 51/U Interchange Condemnation appeal, Case No. 14CV678) and discussion regarding discussions with adjoining municipalities regarding terms of cooperative agreement concerning the possible dissolution/financial status of the Village of Brokaw.

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

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Meeting adjourned in Closed Session.

James E. Tipple, Mayor
Toni Rayala, City Clerk