

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE WAUSAU COMMON COUNCIL
held on Tuesday, March 24, 2015, at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall.
Mayor Tipple presiding.

Roll Call

03/24/2015 7:00:07 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) John Fischer, Emmerich Properties Charitable Trust, spoke regarding scheduling a special assessment hearing for S 2nd Avenue construction. He felt it was time to move it forward.
- 2) Christine VanDeYacht, representing Zuivelfabriek, LLC, requested updates on the unresolved issues that were discussed in January regarding the S 2nd Avenue construction. She wanted to see a comprehensive plan done before moving forward with any landscaping.
- 3) Elizabeth Field, Executive Director of Wausau River District, indicated she was speaking on behalf of the vast majority of the businesses and property owners on the near west side of the district. She stated they were in favor of the landscaping development for the S 2nd Avenue project.
- 4) Rick Petzke, 118 S 2nd Ave, indicated he supported beautifying the area of S 2nd Ave, but wanted a specific plan on what is going to take place, who is going to pay for it, and how it is going to happen.
- 5) Deb Ryan, 702 Elm St, spoke regarding the S 2nd Avenue construction's effect on the businesses as well as the one and a half blocks of non-profits. She noted there were many residents with low income and/or disabilities.
- 6) Kari Bender, 718 Eau Claire Blvd, spoke regarding the west side redevelopment and indicated she had not heard anything for a long time and was surprised that there was going to be a decision made tonight. She did not feel there was proper input or a comprehensive plan.

Communications and Committee Reports

- 1) Nagle stated the city should consider adding more hours to the yard waste site and indicated he has received complaints from constituents regarding the hours and long lines. He also spoke in response to comments made regarding Alderman Nutting at the last Council meeting. He stated he works hard for his people and citizens of the City of Wausau.
- 2) Wagner stated Dr. Stephen Hintz has agreed to a four session educational workshop for the Council regarding the content of the government and responsibilities.

Consent Agenda

03/24/2015 7:16:07 PM

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

Nagle requested File # 14-0508 be pulled off the Consent Agenda.

15-0201 Minutes of previous meeting(s). (02/24/2015)

10-0903 Clerk's Appointments to the Board of Canvassers for a term expiring December 31, 2016, pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 7.53(2)(a)1.

99-1104 Resolution of the Finance Committee Modifying the Procurement Policy

03-0306 Resolution of the Finance Committee authorizing the write-off of certain uncollectible delinquent personal property tax accounts from the City's accounting records.

02-1118 Resolution of the Finance Committee establishing an Annual Parking Permit Rate

12-0812 Resolution of the Finance Committee establishing Special Assessment Installment Schedule

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

14-0508

03/24/2015 7:20:20 PM

Motion by Neal, second by Rasmussen to adopt an Ordinance of the Public Health & Safety Committee amending Section 8.08.011 Keeping of honey bees, regarding waiver or requirements.

Nagle stated the ordinance needs to be complied with and did not feel waivers should be allowed by a few members of a committee; he felt it should be a full Council decision. He was not in favor of beekeeping in the city in the first place and noted that lots were small in his district. Rasmussen explained the situation with an individual requesting a waiver of certain requirements who lived near woods and water. No one has access to site other than the owner and the Humane Officer inspected it. She pointed out this would be on a case by case basis and the committee would be acting on the advice of professional staff following inspection.

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	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	NO
10	Abitz, Sherry	YES
11	Mielke, Robert	NO

15-0105

03/24/2015 7:49:46 PM

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Neal to adopt a Preliminary Resolution of the Capital Improvements and Street Maintenance Committee Levying Special Assessments for 2015 Street Reconstruction Projects - 2nd Avenue from Stewart Avenue to Elm Street and Clark Street from 2nd Avenue to the cul-de-sac.

Rasmussen stated we have utility companies that need answers from us as to whether we are going bury utility lines this year or not because their summer schedule is being planned and budget for. She commented we held this up in January and one of the key stakeholder complaints was over head lines.

Brad Lenz stated we adopted the Near West Side Master Plan in 2007 and have been working on implementing it for at least seven years. He explained the idea is to keep the street network similar to what it is now because we want to facilitate a smaller scale business district, a mixed use district, one that is walkable, pedestrian friendly, bike friendly, and connects to the riverfront as much as possible. We want to add greenery to make it a more livable area that has some unique features in it that separate it. Oberbeck indicated he could not support moving forward without the comprehensive plan. Lengthy discussion followed on this item.

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

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9	Oberbeck, David	NO
10	Abitz, Sherry	YES
11	Mielke, Robert	YES

92-1009

03/24/2015 8:00:44 PM

Motion by Neal, second by Nutting to adopt a Resolution of the Public Health & Safety Committee approving the award of a ten year contract for Solid Waste and Recyclable collection Services to Harter's Fox Valley Disposal, Inc. and the Implementation of Automated Collection System with Cart Ownership retained by the Contractor.

Mayor Tipple stated for the next eight months prior to implementation we will be educating the public through various mediums, Facebook, Public Access, media and direct mailings. Rasmussen indicated sample carts will be in the lobby at City Hall for people to look at to see the sizes. She commended Maryanne Groat for the amount and quality of work she did on the project making it easy for the Public Health & Safety Committee to analyze. Groat reviewed the process for putting out the RFP and obtaining the bids.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

15-0311

03/24/2015 8:03:04 PM

Motion by Winters, second by Abitz to adopt a Resolution of the Finance Committee establishing Fiscal Impact Policy to Assist the Evaluation of Legislative Decisions.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

11-1214

03/24/2015 8:03:52 PM

Motion by Nutting, second by Wagner to adopt a Resolution of the Finance Committee authorizing the submittal of a loan application for the properties at 920-1000 North 1st Street and 1202 North 1st Street and the subsequent appropriation of City of Wausau funds for a Wisconsin Ready for Reuse Hazardous Substance Loan.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

15-0309

03/24/2015 8:06:12 PM

Motion by Neal, second by Rasmussen to adopt a Resolution of the Human Resources Committee approving the creation of one Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Water Distribution Maintainer for the Water Operations Division.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

Public Comment or Suggestions (for items not listed on the agenda)

- 1) Christine VanDeYacht, representing Zuivelfabriek LLC, 117-121 S. 2nd Ave, spoke regarding the catalyst of Near West Side Plan in reference to the property that she owns. She requested to be placed on the next Economic Development Committee agenda to discuss Zuivelfabriek and the Kleinheinz Dairy building.
- 2) Bernie DeLonay, Frazer Family Foundation, thanked the Mayor for including Public Access in the media listed to help educate the public.
- 3) Deb Ryan, 702 Elm St, spoke regarding the replacement plan for Spring Cleanup and her dissatisfaction with the handling of it by the staff and N2N. Mayor Tipple commented the N2N Committee has done a large item disposal for four or five years and our intent this year was not to replace the large item pickup, rather to continue to do our service and did not feel the need to change anything.

Adjourn

03/24/2015 8:13:50 PM

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Nutting to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

James E. Tipple, Mayor
Toni Rayala, City Clerk