

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE WAUSAU COMMON COUNCIL**  
held on Tuesday, May 26, 2015, at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall.  
Mayor Tipple presiding.

**Roll Call**

05/26/2015 7:01:25 PM

Roll call indicated 10 members present.

<u>District</u>	<u>Aldersperson</u>	<u>Present</u>
1	Nagle, William P.	YES
2	Wagner, Romey	YES
3	Nutting, David E.	NV
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) Deb Ryan, 702 Elm St, representing Westies Neighborhood Group, spoke regarding the property on Clark Street and objections to the Schierl project. She did not feel the city cared about the west side area as much as the east.

**Communications & Committee Reports**

- 1) Steve Jones, on behalf of Frontier Communications, awarded the City of Wausau "America's Best Community Quarter Finalist" which comes with \$50,000 prize money, sponsored by the Wausau Area Chamber of Commerce. He presented the city with a plaque and a banner on behalf of Frontier Communications, Dish Network, CoBank and the Weather Channel. He was excited about the opportunity for the city to continue in the contest for a chance to win \$3 million in April 2017.
- 2) Nagle stated he has been receiving calls regarding the size of refuse bins with concerns they will be too big as well as some that want them as large as they are now. He questioned if there will be options on size of containers. Groat stated the RFP envisioned a standard size of 95 for recycling and 65 for garbage, which is considered best practice today in the industry. She indicated there will be some flexibility to choose larger or additional carts.

**Consent Agenda**

05/26/2015 7:12:49 PM

Motion by Mielke, second by Neal to approve all items on the Consent Agenda as listed below:

**15-0401** Minutes of the previous meeting(s). (04/28/15)

**15-0512** Resolution of the Capital Improvements and Street Maintenance Committee approving easement for utility relocation and extension in the East Hangar Development Area.

**02-0116** Ordinance of the Finance Committee amending Section 3.08.040 appropriations required and Creating Section 3.08.050 Annual budget adjustment required and Section 3.08.060 Annual budget monitoring.

**15-0509** Resolution of the Plan Commission approving a conditional use at 630 Adams Street to allow for an educational institution located on less than a 40,000 square foot lot, in a R3, Two Family Residence District.

**02-0116** Ordinance of the Finance Committee amending Section 3.08.040 Appropriations required and Creating Section 3.080.050 Annual budget adjustment required and Section 3.080.060 Annual budget monitoring.

Yes Votes: 10      No Votes: 0      Result: PASS

**02-0433 Election of Council President**

Neal nominated Rob Mielke for Council President, seconded by Kellbach.  
Abitz nominated Lisa Rasmussen for Council President, seconded by Neal.  
Nagle nominated Keene Winters for Council President, seconded by Oberbeck.

Nominations were closed and a vote was taken by secret ballot. Mielke -5, Rasmussen – 3, Winters – 2  
Winters was eliminated and a second vote was taken. Mielke – 6, Rasmussen – 4  
Rob Mielke was elected Council President.

**15-0105**

05/26/2015 7:21:59 PM

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Abitz to adopt a resolution of the Capital Improvements and Street Maintenance Committee approving 2015 Street Reconstruction Projects and Authorization to Let Bids-2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue from Stewart Avenue to Elm Street and Clark Street from 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue to the cul-de-sac.

Yes Votes: 10      No Votes: 0      Result: PASS

**15-0510**

05/26/2015 7:22:27 PM

Motion by Wagner, second by Neal to adopt a resolution of the Economic Development Committee approving a City of Wausau Property Disposition Program.

Yes Votes: 10      No Votes: 0      Result: PASS

**14-1013**

05/26/2015 7:23:00 PM

Motion by Gisselman, second by Neal to adopt a Resolution of the Economic Development Committee accepting the proposal from Badger Lofts for the redevelopment of 1418 North First Street (Sav-O Supply building) into a 29 unit apartment complex.

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

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

**03-0916**

05/26/2015 7:30:22 PM

Motion by Wagner, second by Rasmussen to adopt a Charter Ordinance of the Human Resources Committee amending Section 2.04.020 Common Council, relating to term of alderpersons.

Neal requested clarification. Jacobson explained this eliminates the previous action to stagger the terms of alderperson and puts it back to election for all 11 seats every two years.

Gisselman commented he opposed the previous action in 2013 to stagger the terms because for the alderpersons also on the County Board this could mean running for election every year for one office or the other. It was his understanding that the reasoning behind staggering terms had to do with preventing the possible complete turnover of the Council. He questioned why they were now proposing to put it back now before it has even been tried.

Rasmussen indicated she originally voted for it but upon reflection has now changed her mind as far as what the implementation of it could look like. We would create a situation where every year half of the city would be going to the polls and cause voter confusion on which half of the Council is up each year. She felt there was merit in having consistency for a two year cycle. This could also result in a complete upset of committees, committee chairpersons and a disruption of the work to be done.

Wagner stated he also was strongly for this change in 2013 and has reconsidered and now believes we made a mistake. He felt what has been missing from our Council elections, is that we need to bring in someone like Steve Hintz to educate the Council on what their roles are. It takes a about a year for a new member to get accustomed to the job and we need to have a committee structure that we can count on for that two years. He urged support of the ordinance.

Yes Votes: 9      No Votes: 1      Abstain: 0      Not Voting: 1      Result: PASS

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4	Neal, Tom	YES
5	Gisselman, Gary	NO
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**

05/26/2015 7:31:24 PM

Motion by Neal, second by Mielke to Suspend Rule #1(D) Transmission of Committee Business to Council - (2/3 Vote of the members present) for items with pending committee action.

Yes Votes: 10      No Votes: 0      Result: PASS

**15-0511**

05/26/2015 7:31:48 PM

Motion by Neal, second by Rasmussen to adopt a resolution of the Finance Committee approving Meetings Mean Business agreement between the City of Wausau and the Wausau/Central Wisconsin Convention and Visitors Bureau, Inc.

Yes Votes: 10      No Votes: 0      Result: PASS

**14-1109**

05/26/2015 7:32:27 PM

Motion by Mielke, second by Oberbeck to adopt a resolution of the Finance Committee authorizing a Budget Modification to restore funding for the 2015 street seal coat project. (needs 2/3 of members 7)

Yes Votes: 10      No Votes: 0      Result: PASS

**15-0513**

05/26/2015 7:33:20 PM

Motion by Neal, second by Kellbach to adopt a resolution of the Finance Committee approving agreements with Infovision Software, LLC, for Permitting and Inspection Software.

Yes Votes: 10      No Votes: 0      Result: PASS

**15-0514 (Addendum)**

05/26/2015 7:34:35 PM

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Neal to adopt an initial resolution setting a public hearing vacating and discontinuing Clark Street between South 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and South 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Yes Votes: 10      No Votes: 0      Result: PASS

**Public Comment or Suggestions (for matters not appearing on the agenda).**

- 1) Deb Ryan, 702 Elm St, stated as of today we have eight neighborhood groups that have been established online, with the newest one being Werle Park. She felt this was a good tool to communicate with our neighbors. She urged the Mayor to fill the vacancies on the Neighbor 2 Neighbor Committee to get representation for the west side.

**Adjourn**

05/26/2015 7:37:02 PM

Motion by Neal, second by Mielke to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

James E. Tipple, Mayor  
Toni Rayala, City Clerk