

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE WAUSAU COMMON COUNCIL
held on Thursday, August 25, 2016, at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall.
Council President Rasmussen as acting Mayor presiding.

Roll call

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Roll call indicated 9 members present.

<u>District</u>	<u>Aldersperson</u>	<u>Present</u>
1	Peckham, Patrick	YES
2	Wagner, Romey	NV
3	Nutting, David E.	YES
4	Neal, Tom	YES
5	Gisselman, Gary	YES
6	McElhaney, Becky	YES
7	Rasmussen, Lisa	YES
8	Kellbach, Karen	YES
9	Gehin, Joe	NV
10	Abitz, Sherry	YES
11	Smith, Dennis	YES

16-0812 Reconsideration

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Motion by Neal, second by Abitz to reconsider: Resolution approving language for a binding referendum regarding instituting a vehicle registration fee and authorizing placement on the November 8, 2016 ballot.

Rasmussen explained we have a couple of options with our referendum wording and we want to ensure it is as accurate and clean as possible. She stated upon review of the language adopted on August 23rd by the City Attorney, she informed us that we have the option, but not the requirement, to add an explanatory paragraph defining wheel tax, our intentions and its purpose, if we so choose. An explanatory paragraph would allow us to shorten the question for clarity.

Rasmussen read the referendum question previously adopted: "May the City of Wausau implement a \$20 wheel tax to take effect on January 1, 2018, for a period not more than three years, for use specifically on local infrastructure maintenance when the single year wheel tax created by Marathon County for 2017 expires, to potentially avoid double impacts to Wausau residents."

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

Referendum language

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Motion by Nutting, second by Smith to revise binding referendum question to state, "May the City of Wausau implement a \$20.00 vehicle registration fee, to begin on January 1, 2018, for a period up to three years, used only for the maintenance and repairs of City of Wausau streets?"

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

Explanation

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Motion by Smith, second by Neal to approve the explanation paragraph as follows: "The City of Wausau requests permission to implement a \$20.00 vehicle registration fee for the purpose of maintenance of city streets. This is an annual fee collected per vehicle by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation at the time of vehicle registration or renewal. This fee would apply to cars and light trucks weighing not more than 8,000 pounds customarily kept within the City."

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

Adjourn

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Motion by Neal, second by Peckham to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Robert B. Mielke, Mayor
Toni Rayala, City Clerk