

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE WAUSAU COMMON COUNCIL

held on Wednesday, November 9, 2016, at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Mayor Mielke presiding.

Roll Call

11/9/2016 7:02:15 PM

Roll Call indicated 10 members present.

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

Communications

- 1) Mayor Mielke stated he would like to acknowledge and recognize the following departments and individuals whose dedication, professionalism, and work ethic has made Wausau the great place that it is. Engineering Department: Sean Gehin and Josh VanBoxel and from Department of Public Works: Todd Hanke, Ka Yang, Brian Petit and Bob Hoffman - for putting in place the new handicap spot located in the front of City Hall. The staff in the City Clerk's Office for everything they did in the presidential election process: Toni Rayala, Mary Goede, Ashley Kline, Jennifer Krivoshein, Lea Wilde, Peggy Steinke, Korey Hoepfner, as well as Sara Marquardt from Community Development.
- 2) Mayor Mielke, in honor of Veterans Day, recognized and thanked the following Council members for their service: David Nutting - Army, Sherry Abitz - Airforce, Dennis Smith - Marine Corps, Romey Wagner - Marine Corps.

Proclamations

Mayor Mielke encouraged all citizens of the community to participate in patriotic activities on **November 11, 2016**, by celebrating **Veterans Day**, and to recognize the valor and sacrifice of all United States veterans.

Public Comment for Pre-registered citizens for matters appearing on the agenda and other public comment.

- 1) Richard Poirier, 3108 Rib Mountain Way, CEO of Church Mutual Insurance, spoke in favor of the proposed housing for NTC students and interns in order to attract and recruit the very best of talent to our area.
- 2) John Heisler, 5105 Lakeshore Dr, Senior Vice President at Aspirus, spoke on behalf of Aspirus in support of the rezoning necessary to provide the housing for students of NTC. He felt it was critical to their workforce.
- 3) Matthew Spink, 1124 Creske St, Mosinee, HR Recruiting Manager at Greenheck, commented they rely on NTC to bring in, teach and retain top talent for our area. The area for improvement was in housing for the students and he urged support.
- 4) Mary Jo Johnson, 500 Morning Glory Ln, EO Johnson Business Technologies, spoke in favor of the housing at NTC to keep the people here and asked them to vote in favor of the rezoning.
- 5) David Eckmann, 200 Washington St, CEO of the Wausau Region Chamber of Commerce, pointed out the economic impact to the area with the housing at NTC.
- 6) William Bertram, 803 McIndoe St, past business leader for Marathon Electric, urged adoption of the rezoning for onsite housing at NTC.
- 7) Mary Kay VanDerGeest, 5585 Cty Hwy A, Merrill, Partner of VanDerGeest Dairy, commented they depend on workers coming from NTC and favored the housing to attract students.
- 8) Jane Kittel, 2907 Windflower Ln, Chief Financial Officer at Connexus Credit Union, spoke to the need of affordable housing to bring students to the Wausau area. She stated the credit union supports this housing project.
- 9) Debra Tetting, 1000 W. Campus Dr, Center Director at Upper Iowa University, which has been housed inside the NTC campus since 1992, spoke of the importance of the housing for student's success.
- 10) Aaron Hoffman, 6202 Danielle Dr, Weston, spoke on behalf of the DC Everest School District indicated they support the onsite housing at NTC.
- 11) Rene Daniels, 3118 Post Road, Executive Director of the Northcentral Wisconsin Workforce Development Board, spoke of their over 30 year partnership with NTC and the need to retain the students in northcentral Wisconsin.
- 12) Craig Timm, 301 Point Basse Ave, Nekoosa, Manages Regional Public Affairs for Domtar, supported the NTC Housing and pointed out it is a win-win, no tax use, and benefits the economy and business.

- 13) Jen Nieuwenhuis Hardel, 1800 Desert Dr, owner of REI Engineering and Northwest Petroleum Service, stated we need a strong student base for a strong employment base because we are facing a shortage of candidates. She supported the project.
- 14) Dr. Kathleen Williams, 2404 Fern Ln, Superintendent of the Wausau School District, encouraged the Council to support the housing project at NTC.
- 15) Maria Volpe, N3016 Pier St, Merrill, Board Chair of Trustees at NTC, stated they led two nights of community conversations to be certain they understood the worries of the neighbors. A solution was an easement to move the driveway to Campus Drive. Concerns were alleviated and everyone was heard. She asked for Council support of the rezoning.
- 16) Paul Prouhx, 1105 Jefferson St, past Chair for the Board of Trustees at NTC, spoke in support of the NTC project.
- 17) Riley Damrow, 1917 N. 10th Ave, Apt 9, student of NTC, President of the Honor Society and Campus Ambassador, spoke of the importance of improving the NTC project. Students will be able to get more involved and be more successful without having to travel back and forth.
- 18) Tom Felch, E13031 East Tower, Ringle, President and Owner of J&D Tube Benders, supported this project as an employer in the community; retention is the answer.
- 19) Ravyn Schmidt, W6899 Cedar St, Medford, student at NTC and Director of Communications for the Honor Society at NTC, talked about extracurricular activities she missed out due to the commute.
- 20) Casey Pietz, P4576 Cty Rd N, Birnamwood, student at NTC, read a letter of support for the NTC housing project from Lisa Westfall, President and Owner of Westfall Staffing.
- 21) Amy Southworth, 1021 S. 5th Ave, student at NTC, read a letter of support from for the NTC housing project from Scott Hogan, Senior Vice President of Customer Solutions, UMR, Inc.
- 22) Savanna Jeppesen, W906 Hetland Ave, Rib Lake, student at NTC, read a letter of support from Ken Heffren, District Administrator of Marshfield Clinic.
- 23) Bryce Schulz, 1668 Alpine Rd, student at NTC, Campus Ambassador and President of the Student Government Association spoke in favor of approving the NTC project.
- 24) Troy Brown, 201 S. 13th St, business owner in Antigo and partner with NTC, spoke in favor of the housing project. He noted the average age of students at NTC is 25 years old. It is a great opportunity for good, safe housing.
- 25) Deb Ryan, 702 Elm St, brought up some concerns about the NTC project; whether there was room on the campus, will it be secure, smoke free; point out no grocery in the area, not enough parking, sink holes, etc.

Presentation: Rezoning Request of a Parcel of NTC Property - NTC & DeLeers Construction

Lori Weyers, President of Northcentral Technical College, stated they were requesting rezoning of 5.733 acres of land located at 1000 W. Campus Drive from R1, Single Family Residence District, to R4, General Residence District, for the purpose of construction of a multi-unit apartment complex constructed and operated by DeLeers Construction. John DeLeers conducted a PowerPoint Presentation on the project; the entire presentation can be viewed online Council packet.

Mayor Mielke moved this item forward on the agenda.

00-1115

11/9/2016 8:11:35 PM

Motion by Neal, second by Gehin to adopt the Ordinance of the Plan Commission Rezoning 1000 West Campus Drive from R1, Single Family Residence District, to R4, General Residence District.

Rasmussen commented at the Plan Commission in October there was a fair amount of tension between NTC and its neighbors, partially resulting from a miscommunication or lack of communication. There were concerns with traffic and density and all sorts of things. Plan Commission agreed that they would move the plan forward for us to make the decision tonight with the agreement that NTC would immediately host neighborhood meetings. She stated NTC did everything they were asked to do and held two meetings. The first meeting was to get their arms around the concerns of the neighborhood and figure out a viable solution. The second meeting brought forth a modification of their plan to address almost all of the traffic concerns and landscape and aesthetics.

(3/4 Vote Required)

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

Consent Agenda

11/9/2016 8:13:12 PM

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

Wagner requested File 16-0108 be removed from the Consent Agenda so that he can abstain from voting on that item.

16-1001 Minutes of the previous meeting(s). (10/25/16)

12-1106 Resolution of the Capital Improvements & Street Maintenance Committee Authorizing Downtown Snow/Ice Removal 2016-2017

91-0917 Ordinance of the Capital Improvements & Street Maintenance Committee designating handicapped parking south side of Grant Street east of 4th Street

16-1107 Ordinance of the Capital Improvements & Street Maintenance Committee designating no parking, standing or stopping on the north side of Kickbusch Street from a point 1,100 feet east of its intersection with South 13th Street, to South 13th Street

16-1105 Joint Resolution of the Capital Improvements & Street Maintenance Committee and Plan Commission accepting dedication of land from 720 Grant Street for public right-of-way

02-0435 Resolution designating public depositories and authorizing withdrawal of county, city, village, town or school district monies.

04-1006 Resolution of the Finance Committee approving the 2017 Operating Plan for Business Improvement District (BID) No. 1

16-1106 Ordinance of the Plan Commission Amending Wausau Municipal Code by deleting Section 23.32.020(22) "Warehouse and wholesale establishments and storage other than accessory to permitted retail uses" and add same language to Section 23.32.030

16-1108 Ordinance of the Plan Commission Amending Wausau Municipal Code by creating Section 23.26.065 Screening of commercial refuse and recycling containers. "Commercial refuse and recycling containers visible from the city streets shall be effectively screened by a wall, fence, or densely planted hedge of at least 50 percent opacity"

12-1014 Ordinance of the Public Health & Safety Committee Amending Section 8.08,170(b), Licenses

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

16-0108

11/9/2016 8:16:17 PM

Motion by Peckham, second by Gehin to adopt the Resolution of the Public Health & Safety Committee approving or denying various licenses as indicated.

Wagner indicated he would abstain from voting as one of his clients was on the license list.

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

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

16-1109 PUBLIC HEARING: Proposed 2017 City of Wausau Budget and Fee Schedule

Mayor Mielke opened the public hearing and introduced the 2017 Budget, noting the Executive Budget was submitted to the Finance Committee for consideration as a cost-to-continue budget and reflected no additional support from the State of Wisconsin, a zero percent increase in health insurance, contingency for future wage adjustments, and the elimination of the rental licensing program. In addition to the base budgets, department heads submitted request to meet service demands of the community, which included increased administrative support for the Police Department; increased inspection support for the Fire Department; increased parks maintenance support; and investments in our streets. He emphasized we are in a "pay me now or pay me later" situation when it comes to maintaining infrastructure. The 2017 budget includes an additional \$90,000 commitment to street maintenance, and while this is a small portion of the total need, he is committed to incrementally increasing the annual commitment over the next several years to ensure we maintain our infrastructure. The city budget under consideration represents a \$0.24 increase per thousand of evaluation; to typical homeowner it equates to about \$2.00 per month.

Rasmussen commented the Finance Committee, with the help of the departments, was able to cut the original proposed mill rate

increase nearly in half. Overall, the mill rate is actually going down because we are getting a reduction in the school district tax and the county is expected to stay flat.

There was no public testimony given and the public hearing was closed.

14-1013

11/9/2016 8:29:15 PM

Motion by Gisselman, second by Nutting to adopt the Resolution of the Plan Commission approving the Precise Implementation Plan at 1418 North 1st Street to allow for a 29-unit multi-family housing development.

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

94-0810

11/9/2016 8:31:59 PM

Motion by Neal, second by Rasmussen to adopt the Resolution of the Finance Committee Awarding the Audit Contract for the years 2016 to 2020.

Smith stated he was the dissenting vote on this at Finance Committee because there was a difference between the two vendors of approximately \$36,000, and the only reason he was given at committee is that staff is more comfortable with Schenck than Clifton Larson. He felt that was a lot of money for comfort and indicated he would not support it.

Rasmussen commented she supported it because not only does Schenck possess a familiarity with the city and its inner workings; we also looked at workforce and where the services would be sourced from. There was a fair amount of travel involved with Clifton Larson to source all of the services we would be getting, versus Schenck, who has a local office. She noted the proposal process doesn't require us to take the low bidder and we saw value in Schenck creating a local economic impact and employing local people.

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

<u>District</u>	<u>Aldersperson</u>	<u>Vote</u>
1	Peckham, Patrick	YES
2	Wagner, Romey	YES
3	Nutting, David E.	YES
4	Neal, Tom	YES
5	Gisselman, Gary	YES
6	McElhaney, Becky	NO
7	Rasmussen, Lisa	YES
8	Kellbach, Karen	NV
9	Gehin, Joe	YES
10	Abitz, Sherry	YES
11	Smith, Dennis	NO

15-1109

11/9/2016 8:32:37 PM

Motion by Nutting, second by Gehin to adopt the Resolution of the Finance Committee authorizing Annual Budget Modification as required by Ordinance 3.08.050 Annual Budget Adjustment Required.

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

12-0220

11/9/2016 8:33:08 PM

Motion by Wagner, second by Gisselman to adopt a Resolution of the Finance Committee authorizing a merit increase for introductory period completion for 2017.

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

14-0112

11/9/2016 8:33:39 PM

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Wagner to adopt the Joint Resolution of the Human Resources Committee and Finance Committee approving creation of Deputy Chief's Position in Police Department.

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

16-1104

11/9/2016 8:34:23 PM

Motion by Wagner, second by Peckham to adopt the Ordinance of the Public Health & Safety Committee Amending Sections 8.08.001 Definitions (f) adding "Marketplace" and 8.08.010 Certain creatures forbidden.

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

13-0309

11/9/2016 8:35:53 PM

Motion by Nutting, second by Neal to adopt the Resolution of the Public Health & Safety Committee authorizing the addition of fees to the City of Wausau Fees and Licenses Schedule adopted pursuant to Wausau Municipal Code Section 3.40.010(a).

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

Suspend Rule

11/9/2016 8:36:24 PM

Motion by Neal, second by Rasmussen to Suspend Rule 1(D) Transmission of Committee Business to Council.

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

16-1110

11/9/2016 8:37:29 PM

Motion by Wagner, second by Neal to adopt the Joint Resolution of the Finance Committee and Human Resources Committee authorizing the Wausau Police Department to accept a Victims of Crime Act Grant of \$186,439.00 to establish a Victim Response Team and pursue additional local grant funding to fund the remaining program balance, establish the budget as presented on the attached exhibit within the 2017 Other Grants Fund budget, and approving two addition FTE positions needed to establish the Victim Response Team and backfill of resulting vacant position.

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

Public Comment and Suggestions

Peckham commented he attended the Bird City Wisconsin Conference held in Wausau and there was a very big concern among that group about loose cats in the community and that they are the biggest cause of bird mortality.

Adjournment

11/9/2016 8:39:06 PM

Motion by Nutting, second by Neal to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Robert B. Mielke, Mayor
Toni Rayala, City Clerk