

Chapter 2.04
ELECTED OFFICIALS ¹

Sections:

2.04.010 Mayor.

2.04.020 Common council.

2.04.030 Municipal justice.

2.04.010 Mayor. ² There shall be a mayor who shall be elected at the regular city election for a term of four years commencing on the third Tuesday of April in the year of his election. The mayor shall devote his full time to discharge of his statutory duties as outlined by Section 62.09(8) of the Wisconsin Statutes and all other duties and responsibilities incident to his office. He/She shall engage in no other remunerative employment. (Ord. 61-4081 §1, 1968; prior code §2.01(1).)

The Mayor represents the residents of the City of Wausau and provides vision, leadership, and coordination of city services to ensure a high quality of life for all stakeholders. The Mayor is the Chief Executive Officer of the city and as such coordinates and administers the activities of the city and various boards, commissions, independent officers, presides at meetings of the council, and supervises the work of all city officers and employees. The Mayor represents the city in all gatherings where the city's presence is required and is responsible for the public relations and communication of the city.

The Mayor must be familiar with Statutes affecting city government such as the City Charter Law, Municipal Provisions, Municipal Borrowing, Taxation, Elections, Health, Traffic, Open Meetings Law, Police, Fire, Public Works, Airport, Zoning, Housing, Redevelopment, Water and Sewerage Utilities and Planning and has a statutory duty to make sure they are observed and enforced.

The Mayor is responsible for the development of initiatives that ensure Wausau's growth and success as a viable community. The Mayor's vision for the city helps guide the city's strategic plan. The plan, in turn, is the guide and direction for the activities of the entire administration supported by the department heads who report directly to the Mayor.

2.04.020 Common Council. There shall be one city alderperson from each of the twelve aldermanic districts who shall be elected at the regular city election for a term of two years commencing on the third Tuesday of April in the year of his/her election. A person may file for both the positions of city alderperson and county supervisor and be elected to both of those positions. (Ord. 61-4977 §1, 1997; Ord. 61-4622 §1, 1987.)

As the Legislative or Policy Making Branch of Municipal Government, alderpersons manage and control the City properties, finances and public services through the adoption of City ordinances, resolutions and policies. The Council has the power to license, regulate, borrow money and levy taxes. Alderpersons represent the residents of their aldermanic district in the City of Wausau providing vision and leadership.

1. Statutory provisions pertaining to city officers are generally contained in Wisc. Statutes 62.09

2. Section 2.040.010 was adopted by an unnumbered Charter Ordinance dated May 14, 1963

2.04.030 Municipal justice. There shall be a municipal justice who shall be elected at the regular city election for a term of two years commencing on May 1 of the year of the election. (Ord. 61-4299 §1, 1975.)

The Wausau Municipal Judge has jurisdiction over traffic & non-traffic ordinance violations in the City of Wausau.