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### MAYOR TO HOST PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING ON PROPOSED WHEEL TAX

Mayor Robert Mielke, along with city Finance Director, Maryanne Groat and Public Works Director, Eric Lindman will host a number of Public Informational Meetings on the proposed wheel tax question that will be on the November ballot.

Currently the question on the ballot reads: *“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?”*

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.

Mayor Mielke has emphasized the need for updated road projects that are two and three years behind in the city. He went on to explain that a \$20 wheel tax would generate an estimated \$650,000 that would be allocated for maintenance and repairs of city streets.

One information meeting was held at the Public Safety Building for the Longfellow Neighborhood Group this past Monday. All residents are invited to hear this educational presentation at the following dates, times and locations:

Wed. 10/12/16	6:30 p.m.	Council Chambers/City Hall
Thurs. 10/13/16	5:30 p.m.	Council Chambers/City Hall (Brief presentation before the CISM Meeting)
Wed. 10/19/16	6:30 p.m.	Council Chambers/City Hall
Thurs. 10/20/16	6:30 p.m.	Good Shepherd Lutheran Church - Riverview Neighborhood Meeting
Wed. 10/26/16	6:30 p.m.	Council Chambers/City Hall