

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
WAUSAU TOWN COUNCIL
AUGUST 13, 2020
WAUSAU TOWN HALL CHAMBERS
1607 SECOND AVENUE, WAUSAU FL 32463
6:00 PM

Berna Palmer	Roger D. Hagan	Judy Carter	Shirley Rightenburg	John Walsingham
Mayor	Mayor Pro-Tem	Member	Member	Member
Present	Present	Present	Present	Present

Attorney Carter, Present by Phone **** NO TAPE****

- I. PROCLAMATION: Mayor Palmer called the meeting to order, welcomed all, Invocation by Pastor James Lewis, Sapp Church, Pledge of Allegiance by all.
- II. CONSENT AGENDA: The following items on the consent agenda were approved with a motion by Mr. Hagan, second Mrs. Rightenburg, motion carried with Rightenburg, Walsingham, Carter, Hagan, and Palmer, voting Yes.
 - A. Approval of the Agenda:
 - B. Payment of Town Bills:
 - C. Fire Department Minutes: None
 - D. Minutes:
 - E. Financials: Reconciled Statements, Profit and Loss, Trial Balance
- III. AGENDA AUDIENCE:
- IV. NON-AGENDA AUDIENCE: Effective October 1, 2013, Florida Statute 286.0114 mandates that “members of the public shall be given a reasonable opportunity to be heard on a proposition before a Board or Commission.” Everyone shall have three (3) minutes to speak on the proposition before the Council.
- V. Attorney Carter: Mayor Palmer stated that at this time we were going to move the Water Reports and the Noise Ordinance up on the agenda so that Mr. Carter could address these issues
 - Noise Ordinance: Mr. Carter stated that he could prepare a Noise Ordinance for the town however, enforcing this would be a problem due to constraints listed in the Florida Statutes. Mr. Carter went over the requirements to be able to enforce the Ordinance. Mayor Palmer asked if we could have an Ordinance that might deter some of the problems even if we could not enforce it. After discussion and with Mr. Carter stating that there is some merit to having an Ordinance

even if we know we cannot enforce it motion by Mr. Walsingham, second Mrs. Rightenburg to authorize the Attorney to draft a Noise Control Ordinance for the Town of Wausau with the first reading to be at the September 10th meeting, motion carried with Hagan, Carter, Rightenburg, Walsingham, and Palmer Voting Yes

- Water Reports and Delinquent accounts: Clerk presented the members with the Collections Review Report after discussion and with Attorney Carter stating that we could at the discretion of the Council begin utility cut-offs but we should give them a notice, motion by Mrs. Rightenburg, second Mr. Walsingham for the Clerk to send a letter with to the delinquent customers informing them that their current charges and past due charges were due by September 20th with cutoff on the 25th, motion carried with Rightenburg, Walsingham, Carter, Hagan and Palmer voting Yes.

VI. Tabled Items: (Clerk will Report on these items)

- Blazer Update: Clerk reported that the blazer was still at Chief Rudd's house but that she had talked with the Chief and that they were going to get the blazer to the town hall. Mr. Hagan stated that he had talked with David and that there are several items in the shop that need to be declared surplus, after discussion motion by Mr. Hagan second Ms. Carter to ask David to develop a list of surplus items and for the clerk advertise for sealed bids on the surplus equipment, motion carried with Rightenburg, Walsingham, Carter, Hagan, and Palmer voting Yes.
- Splashpad Update: Clerk stated that the splash pad is in daily use and that maintenance will do the needed repairs as soon as the demand slowed down. Clerk also reported that we were awaiting contracts on the two new FRDAP Grants.
- Mowing Proposals: Clerk stated that the mowing proposals were more than we could afford at this time and requested that this item be removed from the tabled items. After discussion and with the members agreeing that we could hire an extra employee for the amounts quoted, motion by Mr. Walsingham second Mr. Hagan to take the mowing off the table, motion carried with Rightenburg, Walsingham Carter, Palmer, and Hagan voting Yes.

VII. Clerk:

- Request from Robert and Donna Young: Clerk presented members with a request (attached) from Mr. and Mrs. Young to close a portion of First Avenue, after discussion motion by Mrs. Rightenburg, second Mr. Walsingham to table this issue to give the Clerk time to see exactly how

much Right-of-Way was needed by the Young's to clear the handicapped ramp, motion carried with Hagan Carter Rightenburg, Walsingham and Palmer voting Yes.

- Water Reports and Email from Attorney Jeff Carter: This was previously addressed
- Noise Ordinance: Email from Attorney Carter requested by Mayor Palmer: This was previously addressed.
- 2020-2021 Insurance Renewal Rates Florida League of Cities: Clerk presented the members with the renewal rates through the Florida League of Cities (attached) Clerk stated that this was for information only but that these figures had a huge impact on the Budget. Clerk stated that we may have a liability suite as soon as the workman's compensation is settled, Attorney Carter stated that he could not predict what a liability suite effect could be to the town.
- Budget Workshops: Clerk stated that we need to set a budget workshop after discussion the consensus of the members were to set the budget workshop at 5:00 PM on August 27, 2020

VIII. Member Judy Carter: Ms. Carter stated that she needed a new chair. After discussion council directed the clerk to purchase new chairs for the meeting chambers.

IX. Member Shirley Rightenburg: Nothing

X. Member John Walsingham: Nothing

XI. Mayor Pro-Tem Roger Hagan:

- Mr. Hagan stated that David had done most of the work on repairing the backhoe and expressed his appreciation.
- Mr. Hagan asked the Clerk to check on the payroll protection plan to see if we would qualify for this. Clerk will check with Fred Fox and Wheeler
- Mosquito Spraying: Mr. Hagan asked about the mosquito spraying and Mayor Palmer assured him that this was being done. Mr. Hagan asked the Mayor to check and make sure that Hagan Road was being sprayed. Mrs. Rightenburg also asked to make sure that Cora Lane and Oid Drive were also being sprayed. Mayor Palmer will check on this.
- Mr. Hagan thanked the Clerk for putting a memo on the checks as to what the check is written for.
- Mr. Hagan stated that he has concerns of the skag being used for mowing on State Highway 77 after discussion Clerk will check with FDOT to see if we can legally mow this right-of-way. Discussion was also held on Pioneer Road mowing as this is a county-maintained road. Mr. Hagan stated that he would

like this discussed at the next employee workshop clerk will add to the September agenda to set date and time for employee workshop.

- XII. Mayor Berna Palmer: Mayor Palmer stated that wrestling was held at the Possum Palace and that the whole area was left in a mess with trash everywhere and the bathrooms were also left dirty. Mrs. Rightenburg stated that she worked the concessions at the event and that the area was cleaned up when she left. Heated discussion on this issue ensued after more discussion Mayor Palmer relinquished the gavel to Mr. Hagan and made a motion to charge a \$200.00 refundable cleanup deposit on any events at the Possum Palace, second Ms. Carter motion carried with Rightenburg, Walsingham, Palmer, Carter, and Hagan voting Yes. Mr. Hagan returned the gavel to Mrs. Palmer.
- XIII. Job Descriptions: Members asked the Clerk to provide Job Descriptions for all employees to be discussed at the workshop.
- XIV. Adjournment: Mayor Palmer declared the meeting adjourned.

Margaret Riley, Clerk

Berna Palmer, Mayor