

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
WAUSAU TOWN COUNCIL
OCTOBER 8, 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	Absent	Present	Present

Attorney Carter by Phone

Jason Cook, Washington County Sheriff Dept.

- I. PROCLAMATION: Mayor Palmer called the meeting to order, welcomed all, invocation by Steve Hallmark, Pledge of Allegiance by all.
- II. CONSENT AGENDA: The following items on the consent agenda were approved with a motion by Mr. Hagan, second Mr. Walsingham, motion carried with Hagan, Walsingham, Rightenburg, and Palmer voting Yes. Mr. Hagan stated that he had a couple of questions on two checks. (1) Griffin Payment of \$5500.00 Clerk stated that this was discussed last month and was the tree removal on the Collins lot. (2) David's check with overtime, Clerk stated that this was authorized during Hurricane Sally.
 - A. Approval of the Agenda:
 - B. Fire Department Minutes:
 - C. Minutes: Will be in the November Packet
 - D. Financials: Reconciled Statements, Profit and Loss, Trial Balance will be in November Packet
- III. AGENDA AUDIENCE:
 - Mrs. Geraline Tharp: Blue Star: Mrs. Tharp stated that the Wausau Garden Club was going to hold a ceremony on November 11th Veterans Day 10:00 AM at the Blue Star Marker and she was here to invite the Council Members to this event. Mrs. Tharp also stated that when the marker was placed in its permanent place the club would also do the planting around the marker.
- 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. Tabled Items: (Clerk will Report on these items)
- Young Request for partial street closing: Email from Attorney Carter: Clerk presented the members with an email from Attorney Carter stating that if it is a platted street the proposed Right-of Way will have to be abandoned. Clerk stated that this was for information only as the council had voted last month to close a portion of the unopened street.
- VI. Clerk:
- Water Report: Clerk presented the members with the water reports and stated that most everyone had paid. After discussion on the cutoff date and with the clerk stating that some of our residents do not get their checks until the 4th Wednesday of each month so they are on the list but will pay. After discussion motion by Mr. Hagan, second Mrs. Rightenburg for the Clerk to send out late notices on the 20th and to change the cutoff date till the 30th of each month, motion carried with Hagan, Rightenburg, Walsingham, and Palmer Voting Yes.
 - Noise Ordinance: Final Reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 2020-001: Clerk read Ordinance No. 2020-001 by title, motion by Mrs. Rightenburg, second Mr. Walsingham to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-001 An Ordinance of the Town of Wausau, Florida concerning Noise Control, motion carried with Hagan, Rightenburg, Walsingham, and Palmer voting Yes.
 - Election Resolution: Resolution 2020-003: Clerk presented the members with Resolution No. 2020-003 a Resolution of the Town of Wausau, Florida Town Council pertaining to the Town Election and Providing for an effective date. Motion by Mrs. Rightenburg to adopt Resolution 2020-003, second Mr. Hagan, motion carried with Rightenburg, Walsingham, Hagan and Palmer voting Yes.
 - Authorize Clerk to run necessary ads for Election: Motion by Mr. Walsingham, second Mrs. Rightenburg to authorize the clerk to run the necessary ads for the upcoming election, motion carried with Hagan Rightenburg, Walsingham, and Palmer voting Yes.
 - Set Qualifying for November 2nd -5th Motion by Mr. Hagan, second Mrs. Rightenburg to set qualifying for the upcoming election November 2-5 from 7:00AM-4:00PM, motion carried with Hagan, Rightenburg, Walsingham, and Palmer, voting Yes.
 - Authorize Clerk to hire poll workers if needed: Motion by Mr. Walsingham, second Mrs. Rightenburg to authorize the Clerk to hire the necessary poll workers according to our charter, motion carried with Rightenburg, Walsingham, Hagan, and Palmer voting Yes.

- Utility Billing Clerk Position: Clerk stated that the position was budgeted but that we have approximately \$73,000 that we have spent on the Fire House Project and that this position needs to be put on hold until after the first part of the year. After discussion Mr. Hagan stated that we do not even have a job description for this position and stated that he would like to have a workshop on this before it was advertised. After more discussion motion by Mr. Hagan, second Mrs. Rightenburg to postpone all workshops until after the first of the year and to set workshops on the 2nd month of each quarter at 5:00 PM, motion carried with Hagan, Rightenburg, Walsingham, and Palmer voting yes.
- Clerks hours: Clerk stated that she would like to be able to change her hours from 7-4 to 7:30-4:30 if her situation with her brother warrants it. Council gave their consent to this.
- Meeting dates and time: After discussion motion by Mr. Hagan to set the regular business meetings on the Third Thursday at 5:00 PM and to set the workshops when scheduled on the 1st Thursday at 5:00 PM, motion carried with Rightenburg, Walsingham, Hagan, and Palmer voting yes.
- West Florida Electric Easement Request: Clerk stated this was for the new fire station, motion by Mrs. Rightenburg, second Mr. Walsingham, to authorize the Mayor, Mayor Pro-Tem to execute the easement for utilities at the new fire station, motion carried with Rightenburg, Walsingham, Hagan, and Palmer voting Yes

VII. Member Judy Carter: Absent

VIII. Shirley Rightenburg: Nothing

IX. Member John Walsingham: Nothing

X. Mayor Pro-Tem Roger Hagan:

- Cemetery Plots: Mr. Hagan stated that he would like to see the price of the cemetery plots increased to \$500.00 per lot from the present \$300.00 per lot and that he felt like we need to contact families with a lot of plots that were probably not going to be buried here to see if they would relinquish back to the town. Mr. Hagan and the Clerk will discuss this and get back with the members.
- Chief Rudd was present, and Mr. Hagan asked about the open house for the Fire Department: Chief Rudd stated that the department was planning a ribbon cutting /open house and would be back to the council at a date closer to completion maybe in conjunction with something else going on. Mr. Hagan and the council thought that a stand-alone event would be better. Chief Rudd will be back to discuss at a later date.

- XI. Mayor Berna Palmer: Nothing
- XII. Attorney Carter: Nothing
- XIII. Steve Hallmark Recreation Director asked to address the Council. Mr. Hallmark begin by stating that the Fire Department had for the past 25 years done the majority of putting on the Fun/Possum Day Festival and stated that if the Fire Department was getting out of it he would like the Recreation Department to take over. Chief Rudd stated that the event would be a good opportunity for the Recreation Department to raise some much-needed funds. Mr. Hallmark stated that the Development Club wanted Recreation to have no part of fun-day. Mr. Hallmark stated that this past fun-day the Recreation Department was to have received a part of the funds taken in from the festival but had not seen anything. Heated discussion ensued between Mrs. Tharp and Mr. Hallmark and more discussion by the Council after discussion the council asked the Clerk to talk with Mr. Steve Taylor, President of the Development and Mrs. April Willis, Secretary to ask them to table discussion on the 2021 Funday Festival until after the November 19th meeting of the Town Council and ask Mr. Taylor and Mrs. Willis to meet with the council at the November meeting. Mr. Hagan stated in a perfect world we could all work together but that the Development Club started and has always had a part of making Fun-Day a success.
- XIV. Adjournment: Mayor Palmer declared the meeting adjourned.

Margaret Riley, Clerk

Berna Palmer, Mayor