MINUES

REGULAR MEETING

WAUSAU TOWN COUNCIL

NOVEMBER 19, 2020

WAUSAU TOWN HALL CHAMBERS

1607 SECOND AVENUE, WAUSAU FL 32463

5:00 PM

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

Present Present Present Present Present

Also Present: Jason Cook Washington County Sheriff Department

1. PROCLAMATION: Mayor Palmer called the meeting to order, welcomed all, invocation was led by Steve Taylor, Pledge of Allegiance by all. Mayor Palmer then opened the public hearing on closing a portion of unopened First Avenue and asked for input from the public. Mr. Hagan asked if this was the street joining the Young’s Clerk stated yes, no more input, motion by Mr. Hagan, second Mr. Walsingham to close the public hearing, motion carried with Hagan, Carter, Rightenburg, Walsingham, and Palmer voting Yes. Mayor Palmer reopened the regular meeting.
2. CONSENT AGENDA: The following items on the consent agenda were approved after questions by Mr. Hagan on a couple of the expenses (1) League of Mayors dues, Clerk stated that this was dues to the League of Cities for the league of Mayors, Mayor Palmer stated that she had attended some of the legislative days and it has been useful for her. Mr. Hagan then asked if any of the accounts were interest bearing accounts Clerk stated that only the Volunteer Fire Fund account at Peoples South was the only one. Mr. Hagan asked for the Clerk to check around and see if there are better options. Mr. Hagan also asked about the ATT monies Clerk stated that we have not received reimbursement from the state. After discussion motion by Mr. Hagan, second Mrs. Rightenburg, motion carried with Hagan, Carter, Rightenburg, Walsingham, and Palmer voting Yes.
3. Approval of the Agenda:
4. Fire Department Minutes:
5. Concur Chief Sam Rudd as Chief for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year
6. Minutes:
7. Financials: Reconciled Statements, Profit and Loss, Trial Balance
8. AGENDA AUDIENCE:
	* Steve Hallmark: Wausau Recreation Director: Mr. Hallmark stated that he was going to step back from the Possum Festival and let the Development Club put on the festival and if they needed or wanted the assistance of the Recreation Department he would help.
	* Steve Taylor, President of Wausau Community Development and April Willis, Secretary Wausau Community Development Club. This item was not discussed due to Mr. Hallmark’s statement above.
	* Shelton Stone Dewberry: Mr. Stone presented the members with the results of the bid on the Possum Palace project (attached) Mr. Stone stated that the apparent low bidder was Hall Contracting & Construction Inc. with the total bid of $873,871.00 and the total bid for the Architectural New Construction of $414,291.00 Mr. Stone stated and clerk confirmed that the total construction monies was $480,000.00 After discussion and with Mr. Stone stated that he would like to ask the council to approve awarding the contract to Hall Contracting & Construction, Inc. in the amount of $414,291.00 contingent upon DEO approval and value engineering, motion to this effect by Ms. Carter, second Mr. Walsingham, motion carried with Hagan, Carter, Rightenburg, Walsingham, and Palmer, voting yes. Mr. Knauer was also present and stated that he was going to be working with Washington County to provide some of the site work for and hopefully, assist with the drainage issues on this project, he will get back with the council on this.
9. 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.
	* Mr. Joe Tharp: Mr. Joe Tharp asked to address the Council Mr. Tharp stated that the Fall Festival was a great success and wanted to get permission from the Council to hold a free movie night on December 5th at the Possum Palace, motion by Mr. Hagan, second Mrs. Rightenburg to authorize the use of the Possum Palace on December 5, 2020 by the Wausau Community Development Club to hold a free movie night. Motion carried with Rightenburg, Walsingham, Carter, Hagan, and Palmer voting Yes.
* Mrs. Virginia Perkins: Mrs. Perkins asked to address the property at the corner of Jackson Street and Fourth Avenue. Mrs. Perkins stated that she was concerned about the issues going on at this property. Much discussion was held on this issue and Officer stated that he was aware of the situation and that he is continuing to monitor but at this time mental illness is not against the law. Clerk stated that she had talked with code enforcement, Washington County Health Department and with probation and parole and that she had been assured all working on a solution to the problem. Mr. Hagan asked the clerk to ask if would ask code enforcement to attend the December meeting. Clerk will speak with Washington County to see if they can attend and address this situation.
1. Clerk:
* Water Reports: (attached) Discussion was held on the water reports and Mrs. Rightenburg asked about the account 052 Clerk stated that the customer had a leak out in the field behind her house that she did not even know there was a line there that her husband who is deceased must have put it in. Clerk stated that this customer would not be able to ever pay this amount in fact Love in Action had paid the past due amount, the family has a child with medical needs and other issues. Reports were accepted into record.
* Election: Qualified Candidates and Testing and Sealing of Equipment: Clerk stated that the qualified candidates for the election were Bernal Palmer, John Walsingham, Shirley Rightenburg incumbents and Carol West, Charles W. (Billy) Park and Dewayne Carter, Clerk reported that the testing and sealing of the ballot box was December 7th at 9:00AM
* Authorize Clerk to run ad for street Closure: Motion by Mrs. Rightenburg, second Mr. Walsingham for the clerk to run the ad to close the North 20 foot of that portion of unopened First Avenue joining the Young property, motion carried with Hagan, Carter, Rightenburg, Walsingham, and Palmer voting yes.
* Christmas Parade and Santa: After discussion with the members stating that this was a difficult decision motion by Mr. Hagan, second Mrs. Rightenburg, to not hold a parade or have Santa, motion carried with Hagan, Carter, Rightenburg, Walsingham, and Palmer voting yes.
* Florida League of Cities Loss Report: Clerk presented the members with the quarterly loss report for the league of cities.
* Workman’s Compensation update: Clerk gave an update and presented an email from attorney Carter advising the town to wait for any action on the employee until after the Workman’s Compensation suite was settled.
* Request from Assembly of God: Clerk presented the members with a request from the Wausau Assembly of God requesting to close First Avenue from Highway 77 to Jackson Street Mr. Hagan stated that since his brother signed the request, he felt he should abstain from the voting process, after discussion motion Ms. Carter to take no action on the request to close the street, Mayor Palmer asked for a second none forthcoming, Mayor Palmer turned the gavel to Mr. Hagan, who then asked for a second, second by Mrs. Palmer, motion carried with Carter, Palmer, Walsingham, and Rightenburg, voting Yes. Mr. Hagan returned the meeting to Mayor Palmer.
* Clerk requested to take Thanksgiving week off. Permission granted. Mr. Hagan asked the Clerk to bring the leave accounting to the December meeting.
1. Member Judy Carter: Nothing
2. Shirley Rightenburg: Mrs. Rightenburg stated that she had talked with Mrs. Sharon Gross at the Veterans Day event and that she would like to put out some Christmas decorations throughout town. Council thought this was an excellent idea and authorized Mrs. Rightenburg to get with Mrs. Gross on this. Mrs. Rightenburg stated that she would like to see the town give an award for the best decorated house and possibly have a tree lighting next year. Clerk will send out a letter to see letting everyone know.
3. Member John Walsingham:
4. Mayor Pro-Tem Roger Hagan:
* Flags: Mr. Hagan stated he would address this at a future meeting when the attorney was present.
1. Mayor Berna Palmer:
2. Adjournment: Mayor Palmer declared the meeting adjourned.

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Margaret Riley, Clerk Berna Palmer, Mayor