

MINUTES
WORKSHOP
WAUSAU TOWN COUNCIL
MARCH 11, 2021
WAUSAU TOWN HALL CHAMBERS
1607 SECOND AVENUE, WAUSAU FL 32463
5:00 PM

Roger D. Hagan Mayor Present	Carol West Mayor Pro-Tem Present	Judy Carter Member Present	John Walsingham Member Present	Billy Park Member Present
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- I. PROCLAMATION: Mayor Hagan called the workshop to order and welcomed all present.
- II. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:
 - A. Fire Department: Sam Rudd/Adam Smith: Mayor Hagan asked Assistant Chief Adam Smith to address the Council. Mr. Smith stated that the department is doing ok. Mr. Smith stated that the department has two meetings per month the first meeting of the month is the regular business meeting, and the second meeting of the month would be a brief business meeting and then training. Mr. Smith stated that the department was required to have 12 hours of training annually. Mr. Smith stated that brush fire season was upon us now and that the department had responded to a house fire on Olie Road that was a total loss. Mr. Smith stated that the fire department building was coming along good, and they are so proud of it and that their goal is to make the firehouse a showcase for the community. Council asked about the grand opening, Mr. Smith stated that they would like to hold off on this till the station was 100% complete and that they were working with Mrs. Mary Gavin on USDA Funds for the flooring, and other needed items. Mr. Smith ended by stating that Wausau was a top-of-the-line department with excellent equipment and volunteers. Mr. Smith stated that we had gotten a grant for 5 sets of bunker gear and received a grant for additional air packs.
 - B. Maintenance: David Ferguson: Mr. Ferguson stated that he had started mowing for the season and that with the new mowers and other equipment everything was going well. Mr. Ferguson stated that the Cat Backhoe on loan from the County needed repairs and that he has an estimate form the shop here in town to do the work for \$3,050.00 which includes replacing the windshield that was previously voted on. After discussion motion by Mr. Park, second Mr. Walsingham to place this item on the consent agenda for the regular meeting, motion carried with West, Walsingham, Carter, Park, and

Hagan voting Yes. Members had no questions for Mr. Ferguson. Council thanked him for his attendance.

- C. Recreation: Steve Hallmark: Mr. Hallmark stated that the Fun/Possum Day Beauty Pageant was going to be held this year and that he and the Clerk have approached the City of Vernon to use their facility to hold this event and that it has been approved by the Vernon Council however, we do not know the fee if any yet. Mr. Hallmark stated that the Recreation Department was going to work with the Development Club and do the drink concessions for Fun/Possum Day. Mr. Hallmark stated that we have approximately 80 kids with 2 T-Ball teams, 12Y softball team, 11–12-year-old boys' team, 7-8 Coach Pitch Co-Ed and a 9–10-year-old boys' team, and that this is the first full week of practice. Mr. Hallmark stated that he was in desperate need of umpires the pay was \$30 per game. Mr. Hallmark stated that March 27th was the annual easter egg hunt and that he and the fire department were working together on this project along with the Town. Mr. Walsingham stated that he felt Mr. Hallmark was doing a great Job.
- D. Clerk: Margaret Riley: Clerk presented and went over her report (attached and made a part of the minutes)
- III. Member Billy Park: Mr. Park stated that he would like to see on the daily worksheets the amount of materials used on projects.
- IV. Member John Walsingham: Mr. Walsingham stated that he still questioned the need for the employees to come for a workshop. Mr. Hagan responded that he was going to address this in his comments.
- V. Member Judy Carter: Ms. Carter stated that the fire department looked good but asked about the Fire Hydrant replacement on Jackson Street. David stated that the hydrant had been removed and would not be replaced due to the fact there is one in the plans at the new station.
- VI. Mayor Pro-Tem Carol West: Mrs. West stated that the road maintenance matters to her and that she would like to see our town look a lot better. Council agreed that after the 77-road project is done we need to spruce up the town. Mrs. West stated that on Memorial Drive there was a bad washout after discussion clerk will contact FDOT and see if they will help us with this issue. Mrs. West stated that we have a Charter and Ordinances that are supposed to be governing the town and that she felt that if we have these, we need to go by them the best we can, council agreed that we all need to be more diligent in following our own rules.
- VII. Mayor Roger Hagan: Mayor Hagan stated that he would like the members to think about what they want to accomplish with the workshops and the value

of the department heads coming to the workshop. Mayor Hagan presented the members some of the old quarterly reports that the Clerk had prepared for former maintenance personnel and if these reports were provided to the council, he was good either way of them coming or not coming, just something to think about. Mr. Hagan stated that he and a list of things that he wanted to see accomplished and would like the other members to come back at a future workshop with a list of things they would like. Mayor Hagan's list included (1) House (2) City Hall (3) Library Funding (4) Making our town more attractive for someone to want to come into. (4) Delinquent water customers at the Quarterly Workshops instead of every month. (5) Continue to work on saving the tower monies for unexpected emergencies.

- VIII. Mayor Hagan asked if anyone else needed to address the Council. Mr. Smith stated that this was his first workshop, and he did not know that he needed to ask for repairs, etc. but he would like the members to know that the Pump on engine was down and that this was a must have for the department. Mr. Smith stated that he felt the pump would cost around \$3880.00 more or less but would have a firm quote by the next meeting. After discussion motion by Ms. Carter, second Mrs. West to place on the consent agenda for the March meeting to approve the expenditure, motion carried with Carter, Park, Walsingham, West, and Hagan Voting Yes. No one else needed to address the Council.
- IX. Adjournment: Mayor Hagan stated that he felt this was a very productive workshop and that he felt the Council and the Employees recognized the need for everyone to work together and declared the workshop adjourned.

Margaret Riley, Town Clerk

Roger D. Hagan, Mayor