

MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
WAUSAU TOWN COUNCIL  
MAY 20, 2021  
WAUSAU TOWN HALL CHAMBERS  
1607 SECOND AVENUE, WAUSAU FL 32463  
5:00 PM

Roger D. Hagan	Carol West	Judy Carter	John Walsingham	Billy Park
Mayor	Mayor Pro-Tem	Member	Member	Member
Present	Present	Absent	Present	Present

Officer Marshall Washington County Sheriff Department

- I. PROCLAMATION: Mayor Hagan called the meeting to order, welcomed all, invocation by Mrs. Virginia Perkins, Pledge of Allegiance by all.
- II. CONSENT AGENDA: The following items on the consent agenda were approved with a motion by Mrs. West, Second Mr. Walsingham, motion carried with West, Walsingham, Park, and Hagan voting yes.
  - A. Approval of the Agenda:
  - B. Fire Department Minutes:
  - C. Minutes:
  - D. 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. Clerk:
  - Vote on USDA Application: After discussion with Clerk stating that the USDA Facilities grant for the fire department furnishing was a grant/loan application and that the loan amount would be 25% of the total amount needed to furnish the building, Clerk stated that Mr. Carter Town Attorney has already sent in the local portion of the bond issues and reminded the members that we must have local counsel and bond council on federal funds. Discussion was held on this issue with Mayor Hagan reminding the members that a loan must be paid back. Mayor Hagan ask what funds were going to be used to pay back these funds. Clerk stated that the fire department was going to pay off the rescue truck this year in December which would free up

approximately \$12,510.00 therefore leaving funds to pay the loan. Clerk stated that Fire Funds would be used to pay back the loan. After more discussion motion by Billy to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the USDA documents and to enter into the Grant/Loan agreement, second Mr. Walsingham, motion carried with Park, West, Walsingham, and Hagan voting Yes.

- Lathan/Carter Utility Bill: Mr. Carter was present to address the members. Clerk stated that in your packets you each have a copy of Mr. Carter's utility bill and that he is here to request consideration to adjust his bill due to a leak. Clerk stated that she had informed Mr. Carter that there was a leak for the past few months, but he was unable to find the source of the leak until a few weeks ago. Mr. Carter stated he would abide with whatever the members decided but felt the problem with the leak was the meter box itself, he felt that over time the box had pressed on the pipe until the leak was created and eventually broke. After discussion motion by Mr. Walsingham, second Mrs. West not to set a precedence by reducing his bill but allow him to pay over the next three months, motion carried with Walsingham, West, Park, and Hagan voting Yes.
- Discover Life Request for Letter of Support: After discussion on the amount of property the church was proposing to acquire, motion Mrs. West to compose a letter to FDOT supporting Discover Life Church acquisition of property joining the current church property, second Mr. Walsingham, motion carried with West, Walsingham, Park, and Hagan voting yes.
- Clerk's Report from Workshop: Clerk presented and went over her report from the workshop, Clerk stated that you have the delinquent customer list along with the customer records of the ones who have paid since there have been some questions about me not giving accurate reports" I can assure I have given an accurate accounting of all customers. Council thanked clerk for the work on the delinquent accounts. Clerk went over the budget vs expenditures for the General Fund, Water, and Fire departments, along with the General Funds check register from 06/20 till 05/31/2021 clerk stated that the reason for presenting this to you was to show the expenditures that were made that some of you may not be aware of during the past year or so due to the fact that if you did not really look at the bank statements you were not aware of some of these expenditures during the past year or so, Clerk stated the Mayor Hagan had not signed a check in two years during Mrs. Palmers term as Mayor so you may not have been aware of some of the expenditures. Clerk stated that the General Fund has primarily funded the

town this physical year and all the insurance billings have come out of the general fund and informed the council that our insurance rates are going to go up due to the Oglesby workman's compensation suite. Clerk stated that she just wanted everyone to be aware of this. Mayor Hagan stated that if anyone has a question, please contact the clerk and she will pull the invoice. Mayor Hagan stated that about 25 years ago we had a problem with missing funds and that we must trust our employee and our auditors. Council accepted into record. Clerk presented the members with the deposits for the water system for the last quarter, the fire house project was nearly complete, clerk stated that the general fund and the fire fund would take care of the excess that is not covered in the grant. Clerk then stated that the only thing tonight that she needs a vote on is the West Florida Electric bills, West Florida Electric would like us to pay our bills online due to the problems with the mail, after discussion motion by Mr. Walsingham, second Mr. Park to authorize the Clerk to do online payments with West Florida Electric, motion carried with Park, Walsingham, West, and Hagan voting Yes.

- FRDAP Line of Credit Interest Rates: Clerk stated that in your packets you have proposals from Capital City Bank and Peoples South Bank on the interest rates for the two park grants. (attached) After discussion motion by Mr. Park, second Mr. Walsingham to go with the 2.6% interest rate with Peoples South Bank for the two FRDAP loans, motion carried with Walsingham, West, Park, and Hagan voting yes.
- Letter from David Ferguson: Clerk presented the members with a letter from Mr. Ferguson desiring to pull his resignation and be reinstated for 20 hours per week so as not to conflict with his Social Security. (attached) after discussion and with the clerk relaying that Attorney Carter stated that we cannot do anything with this request because his resignation was submitted, voted on, and accepted by the Council, and since we have advertised and interviewed for the position. Mr. Ferguson would have to reapply for a vacant position that was advertised. This item was tabled until a future meeting to see if we need a twenty-hour employee in addition to our full-time employee. Council agreed that we all had asked him to reconsider his resignation and he would not.
- Maintenance Department Vacant Position: Clerk stated that interviews were held during the last workshop, and she was asked to add to the agenda to hire one of the candidates, after discussion motion by Mrs. West, second Mr. Park to hire Greg Williams to fill the vacant maintenance position and authorize the Clerk to offer Mr. Williams, 32 hours per week at \$14.00 per

hour for 6 months' probation, subject to background, physical, and drug screening, motion carried with West, Walsingham, Park, and Hagan voting yes.

- VI. Mayor Hagan then asked Assistant Chief Adam Smith to address the council. Mayor Hagan stated that he had asked Adam to look over a Catalyst Grant through the League of Cities. Mr. Smith stated that this would be a good grant for road repairs etc. but he did not think this would be for the fire department because the limit was \$1500.00. Mr. Smith asked if the members would consider applying for a \$20,000.00 loan to cover the floor covering so that the building could be open and useable. After discussion, this issue was tabled till the clerk could check with the banks on the interest rates.
- VII. Clerk asked if she could bring up one more thing prior to going to the members. Clerk stated that she had emailed Kevin Parker, Jeff Massey on the unpaved roads that were inside the town limits of Wausau, Mr. Parker stated that there was no paving scheduled with Hurricane Michael monies within the town limits of Wausau because of no damage. Clerk stated that her email (attached) asked if Hagan Road and Finch Circle were on the paving matrix for Michael funds, please explain why Cora Lane and Oid Drive are not on the list which joins Finch Circle, at this time I have no response from anyone. Clerk stated that she would like the members to get involved on this and talk with more commissioners to see what can be done. Council agreed and Mayor Hagan will contact county officials.
- VIII. Member Billy Park: Nothing
- IX. Member John Walsingham: Nothing
- X. Member Judy Carter: Nothing
- XI. Mayor Pro-Tem Carol West: Nothing
- XII. Mayor Roger Hagan: Nothing
- XIII. Adjournment: Mayor Hagan declared the meeting adjourned.

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Margaret Riley, Clerk

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Roger D. Hagan, Mayor