

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
WAUSAU TOWN COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 8, 2018
WAUSAU TOWN HALL CHAMBERS
1607 SECOND AVENUE, WAUSAU FL 32463
6:00 PM

Roger Hagan Mayor Present	Berna Palmer Mayor Pro-Tem Present	DeWayne Carter Member Absent	Judy Carter Member Present	Shirley Rightenburg Member Present
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Jeff Carter
Attorney
Present

I PROCLAMATION: Mayor Hagan called the meeting to order welcomed everyone, Invocation was led by Linda Ellis, Pastor St. Joseph AME Church, and Pledge of Allegiance by all.

II CONSENT AGENDA:

The following items on the consent agenda were approved with a motion by Mrs. Palmer, second Ms. Carter with Palmer, Carter, Rightenburg, and Mayor Hagan voting Yes.

- A. Payment of Town Bills: Including FRDAP Bills & other grant related bills
- B. Fire Department Minutes, Training Records
- C. Minutes: January 11, 2018 meeting
- D. Reconciled Bank statements, Trial Balance, and Profit & Loss

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. Tabled Items: None

VI. Clerk:

- A. Special Meeting February 15, 2018 to award bid/reject bids for Walking Trail: Clerk stated bids on the walking trail project were due on the 15th at 9:00 AM and with the deadline for the project approaching she would like the Mayor

and Council to set a meeting to either reject or accept the bids. After discussion with Attorney Carter stating that an emergency meeting could be called to act on this one item of business motion by Ms. Carter second Mrs. Palmer to set emergency meeting on February 15, 2018 at 5:00 PM motion carried with Palmer, Carter, Rightenburg and Hagan voting yes.

- B. Recreation Update: Clerk stated that the recreation department was proposing with a vote from the Council to form one franchise for Wausau, Vernon, Ebro, and Caryville called Washington County, after discussion and with the members agreeing this was a good thing, Ms. Carter made a motion, second Mrs. Rightenburg for Wausau Recreation to franchise with Vernon, Ebro, and Caryville forming Washington County Franchise motion carried with Rightenburg, Palmer, Carter, and Mayor Hagan voting yes. Clerk also reported that we had received \$1200.00 from the Washington County Commissioners for support of our recreation in Wausau. Council and Mayor asked the clerk to send a letter to the Board Chairman expressing our thanks.
- C. RFP Tower Site: Attorney Carter addressed this and presented the members with a draft of Request for Proposals on leasing out space on the water tower Attorney Carter stated that the first vote needed to be to advertise the RFP after discussion motion by Mrs. Palmer, second Mrs. Rightenburg to advertise for Request for Proposals (RFP), motion carried with Rightenburg, Palmer, Carter, and Mayor Hagan voting yes. Attorney Carter then asked for a motion to set the price at \$1800.00 per year, Ms. Carter made the motion to set the price at \$1800.00 per year, second Mrs. Rightenburg, motion carried with Palmer, Carter, Rightenburg, and Mayor Hagan voting yes. Council also discussed doing some in-kind services such as free internet Attorney Carter stated that this could be negotiated with whomever that submitted proposals after they are accepted by the town.
- D. Possum Palace Vandalism: Clerk reported that Ms. Finch with the State Attorney's Office has called and the offender who did the damage at the Possum Palace was sentenced today to 11 months' probation; court cost of \$350.00; \$490.00 restitution to the Town and 50 hours of community service to be done in the Town of Wausau.

VII. Mayor Pro-Tem: Berna Palmer: Nothing

VIII. Member DeWayne Carter: Absent

IX. Member Judy Carter: Ms. Carter asked about the possibility of putting more street lights throughout town. Clerk stated that she had talked with West Florida Electric this week about placing more lights on Hwy 77. Clerk stated when

WFECA comes through when the road project begins, and new poles are set we can at that time get as many as we want to pay for. Ms. Carter asked about the back streets? Mrs. Palmer stated that she and Ms. Blount did a survey a few years back and placed an additional 5 lights on Jefferson Street and had road all the streets and at that time thought Jefferson was the most needed. Mayor Hagan stated that cost was one thing to be considered each light runs around \$10-\$15 dollars a month. Mayor Hagan did say that the lighting on a state road could be reimbursed to the town each year. Ms. Carter stated it was just something to think about for security reasons. Council agreed.

X. Member Shirley Rightenburg: Nothing

XI Mayor Roger D. Hagan:

- A. Noise: Mayor Hagan stated that citizens had brought to his attention the amount of noise on Jackson Street and Third Avenue late at night. Discussion was held on the possibility of a noise ordinance however, Attorney Carter stated that Florida Statute governed his issue and that a local ordinance was just about impossible to enforce and would not encourage the council to go this direction. Attorney Carter did state that it was illegal to have 4-wheelers on city streets after more discussion council directed the clerk to ask for extra patrols on the Jackson Street areas and carry a copy of our Curfew Ordinance to the Sheriff's Department.
- B. Ethics: Mayor Hagan stated that he had been at the Ethics Training today and cautioned the council about the Sunshine Law in Florida to be very careful on phone calls, texts, email, etc. Mayor Hagan stated that he had asked the Clerk to set him up an email for the town business rather than using his personal email. Attorney Carter agreed that everyone should be very careful.
- C. Old Fashion Day: Mayor Hagan stated that everyone had in their packets a flyer and invite to old fashion day at Trinity Church. Mayor Hagan stated that he would be judging the cake contest and encouraged everyone to attend if they could.

XII. Attorney Jeff Carter:

- A. Charter: Attorney Carter stated that overall the Charter was in good shape with a few minor items that could be addressed but nothing major.
- B. Code Enforcement: Attorney Carter stated that he had spoken to Cheryl with Washington County Code Enforcement and she was not aware of an interlocal agreement between Washington County and Wausau. Clerk stated that she had talked with Commissioner Hawkins, Commissioner Joyner and Commissioner Bush along with Mr. Massey about this issue and all were in agreement to provide code enforcement in Wausau since they do this for Vernon, Ebro, and Caryville at no charge other than the \$2000 per year we

pay for Comprehensive Plan and Land Development services. Council asked the Clerk to attend the next workshop of the Commission to see if we can get this moving.

- C. Gothard Lawsuit: Attorney Carter stated that he had been in contact with the Florida League of Cities and that the suite against the Town and Chief Rudd filed by Mrs. Gothard was assigned to Gwen Adkins with Cooper Coppins and Monroe and that they would be making the response for the Town and Chief Rudd. Mrs. Rightenburg asked what the lawsuit was about Attorney Carter that Mrs. Gothard had sued alleging that her first amendment rights had been violated by her ad not appearing in the 2016 Possum Festival ad book.

XIII Adjournment: No other business Mayor Hagan declared the meeting adjourned.

Margaret Riley, Clerk

Roger D. Hagan, Mayor