

**CITY OF OCONTO FALLS
COMMON COUNCIL**

Council Chambers – Municipal Building
500 N. Chestnut Avenue -Oconto Falls, WI 54154

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2015 – 7:00 PM
MINUTES**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Brad Rice.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Brad Rice, Aldermen: Mathew McDermid, Marty Coopman, Jay Kostreva, George Stuckey, Kevin Rusch and Don Osborne

Also present: Administrator Vicki Roberts, City Attorney Larry Jeske, Police Chief Brad Olsen, and Deputy Clerk Nancy Brye

Excused: Street Superintendent Terry Magnin and Fire Chief Tim Magnin

Others: Colleen Messenger-Oconto County Reporter, Anne Renel-Times Herald, Dale Seeling, and Beth Julius

Approval of Minutes – Common Council meeting on September 8, 2015.

MOTION: McDermid/Kostreva

Motion to approve the minutes from the Common Council meeting on September 8, 2015.

Voice Vote: All voting aye - **MOTION CARRIED**

Treasurer's Report – August

MOTION: Rusch/McDermid

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for August and place on file.

Voice Vote: All voting aye - **MOTION CARRIED**

Bills Payable – September

MOTION: McDermid/Osborne

Motion to approve the Bills Payable for September.

Voice Vote: All voting aye - **MOTION CARRIED**

Reports:

Administrator Report – written report given.

Police Report – written report given.

Rusch asked Chief Olsen if he was making any progress on plans for ATV routes to access the river.

Chief Olsen informed he has made progress and plans to present it to the Ordinance Committee and then to Council in November.

Kostreva added he has received positive comments from citizens who would like to see an ATV route.

Municipal Court Report – written report given.

Fire Department Report – written report given.

Street Department Report – written report given.

Building Inspector Report – written report given.

Utility Commission Report/Minutes – written report given.

MOTION: Rusch/Kostreva

Motion to place reports on file.

Voice Vote: All voting aye - **MOTION CARRIED**

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL - All Citizens in-put will be limited to 3 minutes.

Dale Seeling addressed the Council on behalf of the Oconto Falls Area Heritage Center regarding the old Jefferson School site on Green Bay Avenue, which is currently owned by the center. The city has a park and playground area adjacent to the Heritage Center's property. Seeling has concerns in the event someone gets hurt on the center's property and the costs that would be involved in hiring an attorney to dispute any law suit. He is asking the city to consider adding the Heritage Center's property to the city's liability insurance. He feels this way if someone is hurt, then the city's insurance company would be the one hiring an attorney to dispute a law suit and the center would not have the expense.

Administrator believed legally that the city could not add someone else's property to their insurance policy. There are many other vacant lots near city parks and none of these are added to the city's insurance policy as they are not owned by the city.

Attorney Jeske commented if the city leased property to someone, then they could be added to the city's policy.

Rusch reiterated the city cannot insure something it does not own.

Administrator suggested that Oconto Falls Area Heritage Center put up no trespassing signs.

Dale Seeling brought up fence issues. The current fence is still the one used when the Jefferson School was there. The city's playground area is inside the fenced in area and the fence opening is on the Heritage Center's property. Therefore, anyone trying to access the city's park would have to go onto the Heritage Center's property to get to the playground.

Administrator commented that something can be done with the fence; either take it down or change the opening. She did not feel the city should get involved.

McDermid suggested we look into this further and put it on November's Council Agenda.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ANY OR ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

New Business:

A. Oconto County Recycling Municipal Agreement.

Re: City Administrator

City Administrator explained the agreement would need approval and be filed with the County, to extend our agreement to December 31, 2016, in order for the County to continue the recycling program as currently managed.

MOTION: McDermid/Kostreva

Motion to approve the Oconto County Recycling Municipal Agreement as present; extending the agreement to December 31, 2016.

Voice Vote: All voting aye - **MOTION CARRIED**

B. Resolution 15-006; Resolution to confirm letter of intent to elect uniform dental benefit effective 1/1/2016.

Re: City Administrator

City Administrator explained in 2016 dental benefits will not automatically be included in the health insurance plans as they have been in the past. Dental insurance will be available but employees will have to sign up and pay for plans. A standard resolution needs to be in place to proceed forward with this action.

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MOTION: Rusch/Coopman

Motion to approve Resolution 15-006; Resolution to confirm letter of intent to elect uniform dental benefit effective 1/1/2016 as presented.

Voice Vote: All voting aye - **MOTION CARRIED**

- C. Operator's License Application for Dillon M. Kaster – Mobil 22, Molly J. McFadden – Riverview Quick Mart, and Alicia A. Berndt – Salscheider's Antique Bar.

Re: Deputy Clerk

Deputy Clerk all applicants have completed a Beverage Server Class and filed proper application with the City to obtain an operator's license. Chief Olsen completed a background check and has signed off on all applications.

MOTION: McDermid/Kostreva

Motion to approve Operator's License Applications for Dillon Kaster, Molly J. McFadden, and Alicia A. Berndt..

Voice Vote: All voting aye - **MOTION CARRIED**

- D. Adjournment.

Mayor Rice asked if there was any further business before the meeting is adjourned. Having no further business, Mayor Rice declared the meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM .

City Administrator Vicki A. Roberts