

**CITY OF OCONTO FALLS
COMMON COUNCIL**

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

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2016 – 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: Kevin Rusch, Marty Coopman, Jay Kostreva, George Stuckey, and Don Osborne

Excused: Alderman Mathew McDermid and Police Chief Brad Olsen

Also present: Administrator Vicki Roberts, City Attorney Larry Jeske, Deputy Clerk Nancy Brye, Street Superintendent Terry Magnin, Fire Chief Tim Magnin, and Utility Manager Greg Kuhn

Others: Beth Julius

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

MOTION: Osborne/Kostreva

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

Voice Vote: All voting aye (except McDermid- absent) - **MOTION CARRIED**

Treasurer's Report – November

MOTION: Rusch/Kostreva

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

Voice Vote: All voting aye (except McDermid- absent) - **MOTION CARRIED**

Bills Payable – December

MOTION: Rusch/Coopman

Motion to approve the Bills Payable for December.

Voice Vote: All voting aye (except McDermid- absent) - **MOTION CARRIED**

Reports:

Administrator Report – written report given.

Police Report – written report given.
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.

Stuckey mentioned Boy Scouts were seen cleaning snow from around fire hydrants in the city this past weekend and he wanted to say thank you to all who helped. Others commented that this was very nice of them to do and what a nice job they did.

MOTION: Rusch/Kostreva

Motion to place reports on file.

Voice Vote: All voting aye (except McDermid- absent) - **MOTION CARRIED**

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

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

Old Business: Nothing to address

New Business:

- A. Ordinance 16-001; An Ordinance amending Chapter 455, increasing purchasing authority of the Utility Commission.
RE: Utility Manager – Greg Kuhn

Kuhn explained the Utility has a few large purchases to make this year involving standard operating costs which will all be over the current \$10,000 purchasing limit for the Commission to approve. Each time they would have to come before the Council for approval. The Utility Commission has discussed this issue and would like Council to amend their purchasing authority. They are asking for an increase from their current purchasing authority of \$10,000 to \$30,000. Purchases would still have to be brought before the Utility Commission for approval but not before both entities; Commission and Council.

City Attorney commented there hasn't been an increase since 1997.

Mayor added that in 1977 the Commission's purchasing authority was \$3,000 and then in 1997 it was increased to \$10,000. Mayor originally suggested that the limit be set at \$25,000 but the Commission is asking for \$30,000.

Osborne felt \$20,000 would be a sufficient amount but did not agree with \$30,000 as the City is ultimately responsible for what happens with the Commission.

MOTION: Kostreva/Coopman

Motion to approve Ordinance 16-001; An Ordinance amending Chapter 455, increasing purchasing authority of the Utility Commission from \$10,000 to \$30,000.

Continued discussion...

Rusch did not feel the purchasing authority needed to be increased. If there were a catastrophic instance, such as a blown transformer; the Utility has back up to cover these types of instances.

Motion called...

Roll Call Vote: Kostreva-yes, Coopman-yes, Rusch-no, Osborne-no, Stuckey-yes - McDermid-absent, **MOTION CARRIED**

- B. Operator License Applications for Charlene D. Baier, Jesse A. Picard, Heather L. Bergner, and Cindi L. Boucher.
RE: Deputy Clerk

Deputy Clerk explained 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: Rusch/Coopman

Motion to approve Operator's License Applications for Charlene D. Baier, Jesse A. Picard, Heather L. Bergner, and Cindi L. Boucher.

Voice Vote: All voting aye (except McDermid- absent) - **MOTION CARRIED**

- C. Application for Temporary Class B License for St. Anthony's Parish to sell malt beverages at their annual Ice Fishing Derby on February 13, 2016 at the East Side Beach.
Re: Deputy Clerk

Deputy Clerk explained this is an annual event for St. Anthony's Church. Weather permitting; the Sno Jokers Club may also be applying for a Temporary Class B the same weekend for the snowmobile races on the river by the West Side Beach Park. This was the case last year as well and there were no issues with the two events obtaining a license for the same weekend. St. Anthony's Church has filed proper application with the City to obtain said license.

MOTION: Rusch/Kostreva

Motion to approve the Application for Temporary Class B License for St. Anthony's Parish to sell malt beverages at their annual Ice Fishing Derby on February 13, 2016 at the East Side Beach.

Voice Vote: All voting aye (except McDermid- absent) - **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 7:17 PM.

City Administrator Vicki A. Roberts