

**CITY OF OCONTO FALLS
COMMON COUNCIL**
Council Chambers – Municipal Building
500 N. Chestnut Avenue - Oconto Falls, WI 54154

**TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 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: Mathew McDermid, Kevin Rusch, Marty Coopman, Jay Kostreva, George Stuckey, and Don Osborne

Also present: City Attorney Larry Jeske, Police Chief Brad Olsen, Deputy Clerk Nancy Brye, Street Superintendent Terry Magnin, and Fire Chief Tim Magnin

Excused: Administrator Vicki Roberts

Others: Joan Koehne-Times Herald, Beth Julius, and Cynthia Cho

Approval of Minutes – Common Council meeting on February 9, 2016.

MOTION: Rusch/Kostreva

Motion to approve the minutes from the Common Council meeting on February 9, 2016.

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

Treasurer's Report – January

MOTION: McDermid/Osborne

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

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

Bills Payable – February

MOTION: McDermid/Rusch

Motion to approve the Bills Payable for February.

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

Reports:

Administrator Report – written report given.

Police Report – written report given.

Police Chief informed the department spent approximately \$800 on the Explorer Squad for minor repairs, including fixing the brakes.

Municipal Court Report – written report given.

Fire Department Report – written report given.

Street Department Report – written report given.

Street Superintendent commented on the upcoming forest management project to harvest trees. The project will not be started this spring because the ground is too wet. Permission was granted from Bob and Noni Picazo to access and use their property for the landing.

Attorney questioned the possibility of using the old logging road off Maple Avenue, located somewhere between the SnoJokers shed and the Picazo property.

Street Superintendent will check it out but believes this particular access is in line with the current guard rail on Maple Avenue. He feels the old logging road may be too narrow and have too steep of an incline. In addition, he felt the access point on the road would not be a safe area as vision is not the good coming over all the large hills.

Rusch added when getting permission from the Picazos, they wanted an access fee of \$1,500.

Building Inspector Report – written report given.

Utility Commission Report/Minutes – written report given.

MOTION: Rusch/Coopman

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.

Cynthia Cho addressed the Council asking them to consider revisions to city ordinances, allowing residents to raise backyard chickens. She read the current city ordinance which only allows chickens on properties zoned agriculture and allows chickens in the city for 4-H or school projects. Ms. Cho presented a handout on backyard chickens in hopes the Council would see her point of view.

Mayor suggested we address this issue at the next Ordinance Committee meeting. Ms. Cho will be notified prior to this meeting.

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

Old Business: Nothing to address.

New Business:

A. Staffing options for the Police Department.

Re: Police Chief Olsen

Chief Olsen explained staffing solutions to issues with drug problems in the Oconto Falls area. He would like to utilize part-time staff to fill two night shifts per month during the school year when Officer Fischer is on nights so he can do DARE instruction in the schools. DARE instruction is currently only presented in the middle school, but Chief would like to see it also presented in the elementary school as well. In addition, he would like to utilize part-time staff to fill a number of Officer Kuhn's shifts in June, July, and August so she can focus on drug investigations. Approximately 38 shifts would need to be filled by part-time staff. We may be looking at approximately \$7,000 - \$8,000 more than last year in part-time hours. If any donations are received this year, Chief would like to see these funds put towards the extra cost for more manpower. He could contact ST Paper to see if they are willing to donate funds towards this cause before any decisions are made in regards to summer staffing. Chief would like to start by getting Officer Fischer more active in the schools, as there is only a couple months of school left before the summer break.

Rusch commented that he talked to a couple business people in the Industrial Park who would be willing to participate towards donations for this cause. Rusch was all for getting Officer Fischer started as soon as possible in the schools to help educated the youth. Rusch asked if a motion was needed.

Mayor stated that a motion was not needed.

B. Temporary Class B License Application for St. Anthony Catholic Church to sell beer at their annual fish fry on Friday, March 18, 2016 in the church school basement.

Re: Deputy Clerk

Deputy Clerk informed this is an annual event for St. Anthony Catholic Church. Proper application has been filed with the city and the school administrator has provided written consent to hold the event in the school basement.

MOTION: Coopman/McDermid

Motion to approve a Temporary Class B License Application for St. Anthony Catholic Church to sell beer at their annual fish fry on Friday, March 18, 2016 in the church school basement.

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

C. Temporary Class B License Application for St. Anthony Catholic Church to sell beer and wine at their annual St. Anthony School Auction on Saturday, April 9, 2016 in the church school basement.

Re: Deputy Clerk

Deputy Clerk informed this is another annual event for St. Anthony Catholic Church. Proper application has been filed with the city and the school administrator has provided written consent to hold the event in the school basement.

MOTION: Rusch/Kostreva

Motion to approve a Temporary Class B License Application for St. Anthony Catholic Church to sell beer and wine at their annual St. Anthony School Auction on Saturday, April 9, 2016 in the church school basement.

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

- D. Operator's License Application for Stephanie R. Leffelman – Riverview Quick Mart.
Re: Deputy Clerk

Deputy Clerk informed that Ms. Leffelman has completed the Beverage Server Class and filed proper application with the City to obtain a license. Chief Olsen completed a background check and has signed off on her application.

MOTION: Rusch/McDermid

Motion to approve the Operator's License Applications for Stephanie R. Leffelman.

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

- E. 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 7:26 PM.

City Administrator Vicki A. Roberts