

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

**TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2016 – 7:00 PM
MINUTES**

Meeting called to order at 7:15 PM by Council President Mathew McDermid.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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

Also present: Administrator Vicki Roberts, City Attorney Larry Jeske, Deputy Clerk Nancy Brye,
Street Superintendent Terry Magnin, Fire Chief Tim Magnin, and Park & Rec
Director Sheila Manns

Excused: Mayor Brad Rice and Police Chief Brad Olsen

Others: Joan Koehne-Times Herald, Beth Julius, Tony & Connie Kriescher, Fred Marquardt,
Tom Milheiser, Dawn Nasgovitz, Belinda Chou, and John Senn

Approval of Minutes – Common Council meeting on March 8, 2016.

MOTION: Rusch/Kostreva

Motion to approve the minutes from the Common Council meeting on March 8, 2016.

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

Treasurer's Report – February

MOTION: Rusch/Kostreva

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

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

Bills Payable – March

MOTION: Rusch/Coopman

Motion to approve the Bills Payable for March.

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

Reports:

Administrator Report – written report given.

Police Report – written report given.

Administrator gave an update regarding donations the Police Department was seeking to help towards funding extra staff in order to concentrate on drug related issues and DARE instruction in the schools. Chief Olsen projected approximately \$8,000 of extra funding would be needed and has already received several donations totaling \$5,700.

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/Osborne

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.

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

Old Business: Nothing to address.

New Business:

- A. Water drainage issues at the Tony Kriescher property, located at 135 Paul Street.
RE: Alderman Kostreva

Kostreva explained water drainage issues brought to his attention by Tony Kriescher. Issues start on Grove Street and affect properties to the south and southwest.

Street Superintendent met with Tony Kriescher last week to discuss issues he and other property owners were having with water back-ups. Years ago there was a drainage ditch on Grove Street which has grown up and no longer takes care of excess drainage. Street Superintendent suggested a way to relieve these problems by removing the crown where the drainage ditch should be and reseed the area so it is maintainable. Street Department would let adjacent homeowners know before he proceeded with removing the crown.

Tony Kriescher stated that the water drainage issues were not only at his property, as the agenda item read. He wanted to clarify the concerns in question were uncontrolled storm water from Grove Street pouring on to vacant lots and then flowing towards residential lots to the south and southwest. Mr. Kriescher presented pictures showing standing water and water flow during heavy rains. He also passed out handouts which included explanations of what occurs during these situations.

McDermid asked Kriescher if he felt the Street Superintendent's proposed solution would alleviate these issues.

Tony Kriescher felt it may alleviate issues somewhat, but was concerned it may give grief to other homeowners if the water flow was re-routed. He felt it would be just passing the problem on to someone else.

McDermid asked Street Superintendent if he felt the proposed solution with removing the crown and reseeding a maintainable area would resolve the issues at hand.

Street Superintendent was confident they could resolve these issues and would take extra measures to be sure homes on Chestnut Avenue were not affected by doing so.

McDermid suggested we try this proposed solution first and can always come back to Council if it does not work.

Street Superintendent commented that if it did not work, the next step would be to put in a catch basin.

Tom Milheiser and Belinda Chou also gave their input on the water drainage issues and the effect it had on properties.

B. Roger Greetan Memorial at Memorial Field Park.
RE: Park & Rec Director

Park & Rec Director met with Harry Spice who presented preliminary plans on a proposed memorial for Roger Greetan at Memorial Field Park.

Osborne heard Harry Spice asking at a local Disabled American Veterans meeting for donations towards a memorial for Roger Greetan at Memorial Field Park. He told Spice that he should get Council approval before asking for donations. Spice told Osborne that he had spoken with the Park & Rec Director. Osborne commented that Council has the authority in the decision making process, not the Park & Rec Director.

Park & Rec Director informed that she had several discussions with the City Administrator on this matter, but both felt it too premature to bring to Council. There are too many things that need to be done. Spice needs to get quotes before he can finalize his plans. Manns will keep in contact with the City Administrator as Spice presents more information.

City Administrator reiterated that the Park & Rec Director has always kept her in the loop and that she has had numerous discussions with her regarding this matter.

McDermid questioned why they want to put the memorial at Memorial Field Park and not at the Veteran's Memorial site?

Park & Rec Director informed the reasoning is because Roger Greetan had always been involved with athletics in Oconto Falls. She asked if Harry Spice could get approval to raise money to put a memorial up.

City Administrator asked how much money Spice has raised already.

Park & Rec Director was not sure. He put a design together, is in the process of getting quotes for the project, and then needs to raise the funds.

McDermid suggested that instead of a memorial; why not have a field named after Greetan?

Park & Rec Director commented that one of the fields is being sponsored and will be in his name.

McDermid suggested no action be taken tonight and bring this item back to Council when more information is obtained as to the cost and time frame of the project.

City Administrator mentioned that she and Sheila have been going back and forth with discussion on this topic for months now. Osborne asked that it be put on the agenda and brought before Council after his conversation with Spice.

- C. Ordinance to allow citizens to keep chickens in the City.
RE: Ordinance Committee

Coopman explained the Ordinance Committee met earlier and directed the City Attorney to draft an ordinance to fit Oconto Falls and bring back to the Committee for more discussion.

Item Tabled

- D. Ordinance 16-003: An ordinance amending Chapter 24, to eliminate official newspaper.
RE: Ordinance Committee

Coopman explained that due to 2015 Act 79, the Ordinance Committee recommends the approval of Ordinance 16-003 as presented.

MOTION: Rusch/Coopman

Motion to accept the recommendation of the Ordinance Committee to approve Ordinance 16-003: An ordinance amending Chapter 24, to eliminate official newspaper.

Voice Vote: All voting aye, except Kostreva voting no - **MOTION CARRIED**

- E. Ordinance 16-004: An ordinance amending Chapter 100 to eliminate certain committees and authorities from Mayoral Appointments.
RE: Ordinance Committee

Coopman explained that the Ordinance Committee decided to table this item until next week when the Mayor would be present.

Item Tabled until the April 19, 2016 Reorganizational Council Meeting.

- F. Resolution 16-001; a resolution designating newspaper for legally required notices.
RE: Deputy Clerk

Deputy Clerk explained this goes in conjunction with the passing of Ordinance 16-003, eliminating the official newspaper. City Attorney suggested that we pass an annual resolution to designate a newspaper for legally required notices. We will no longer be publishing Council minutes which will save approximately \$2,500. These minutes will be posted at City Hall and on the City's website.

Joan Koehne thanked Council for giving the Oconto County Times Herald the opportunity to come back and serve as the designated newspaper.

MOTION: Rusch/Kostreva

Motion to approve Resolution 16-001; a resolution designating newspaper for legally required notices.

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

G. 2016 Fee Schedule Changes.

RE: Street Superintendent

Street Superintendent would like to see a few changes made to the fee schedule with regards to recycling center charges. The proposed changes were to increase fees charged to dispose of sofa/love seat from \$3.00 to \$8.00, mattress/box spring/chair/recliner from \$2.00 to \$5.00, and add a \$5.00 charge to dispose of large appliances (washers, dryers, stoves, etc).

MOTION: Rusch/Kostreva

Motion to approve recycling center fee changes as presented to the 2016 Fee Schedule.

Roll Call Vote: Rusch-yes, Kostreva-yes, Coopman-yes, Osborne-yes, Stuckey-yes - McDermid-yes -**MOTION CARRIED**

H. Declare the Timber Jack Wheel Loader as surplus.

RE: Street Superintendent

Street Superintendent informed the Timber Jack Wheel Loader hasn't been used in quite a while and would like permission to declare it as surplus.

MOTION: Kostreva/Rusch

Motion to approve the Timber Jack Wheel Loader be declared as surplus.

Continued discussion...

Coopman asked what would be done with it if declared as surplus.

Rusch explained as done with all equipment declared as surplus, a minimum bid will be set and then published to take bids.

Motion called...

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

- I. Operator's License Application for Tammy M. Flanigan – Riverview Quick Mart, Cailin M. Cleary – One5Seven & Ashley A. Reed – Krist Oil.
RE: Deputy Clerk

Deputy Clerk informed the applicants have 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 all applications.

MOTION: Rusch/Coopman

Motion to approve Operator's License Applications for Tammy M. Flanigan, Cailin M. Cleary, and Ashley A. Reed.

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

- J. Adjournment.

Council President McDermid asked if there was any further business before the meeting is adjourned. Having no further business, McDermid declared the meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

City Administrator Vicki A. Roberts