

# CITY OF OCONTO FALLS PUBLIC HEARING

Regarding the proposed 2017 Budget

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

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2016 – 6:00 PM  
MINUTES**

**Public Hearing called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Rice.**

## **Roll Call**

**Present:** Mayor Brad Rice, Alderpersons: Marty Coopman, Mathew McDermid, Don Osborne, Jay Kostreva, and Keith Schneider

**Absent:** Alderman George Stuckey

**Also present:** Administrator Vicki Roberts, Deputy Treasurer Eve Wallace, Police Chief Brad Olsen, Kevin Rusch, and Vaughn Spaulding

**Others:** Joan Koehne-Times Herald, Judy Kostreva, and Beth Julius

*Notice was hereby given that on Tuesday, November 29, 2016 at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Oconto Falls Municipal Building, 500 North Chestnut Avenue, Oconto Falls, Wisconsin, a Public Hearing will be held on the proposed 2017 budget. Immediately following the Public Hearing, the Common Council will vote on the proposed budget during a special meeting called for this purpose. The proposed budget was made available for inspection in the business office at City Hall, the Oconto Falls Post Office, the Oconto Falls Public Library, and Witt's Piggly Wiggly. The Public Hearing Notice was published in the Oconto County Times Herald on November 09, 2016.*

**Mayor** opened the floor to any questions or comments.

**Deputy Treasurer** explained the expenditure restraint numbers came from the state. Our current general fund expenditures were at 1.9% and needed to be below 1.5% to qualify. Looking at the budget, it was realized that the boat launch and holiday decorations should be a capital expenditure. By moving these, we now qualify for the expenditure restraint funds.

**Joan Koehne** asked and was given answers to a few questions:

- What approach was taken to formulate the budget?

*The committee went line by line to formulate the budget.*

- What direction was given to department head?

*They were asked to keep the wish list small.*

- Were any funds put towards the sidewalk project presented by Ann Senn and Gail Yatso?

*There was no money available at this time to put towards this project; only money set aside for existing sidewalk projects.*

- What were the highlights of the budget?

*Capital projects changed significantly; squad car, skid steer, baseball net, sidewalks, and cameras for the parks.*

- Were any funds allocated for Memorial Field renovations?

*No. The city will not allocate any funds towards the renovations. The project is funded by donations.*

- Has any street work been planned?

*Nothing has been planned at this time. In 2018 we will be looking at correlating with the utility department on Adams Street from Monroe Street to Union Avenue.*

- How did the recycling program change the budget?

*It increased the recycling line by approximately \$20,000.*

- What were the employee benefit changes?

*Effective January 2, 2017 wage increases will be:*

*Police Department – 1.5% / 1.5% split (January / July)*

*City employees – 2%*

*Utility employees – 1.5%*

### **Adjournment**

Having no further questions or comments, Mayor Rice declared the Public Hearing closed and adjourned at 6:15 PM.

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City Administrator Vicki A. Roberts

\*A quorum of the Common Council was in attendance of this Public Hearing