

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

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2017 – 7:00 PM
MINUTES**

January Common Council meeting was canceled due to a snow storm

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, George Stuckey, Don Osborne, and Keith Schneider

Excused: Alderman Jay Kostreva, Police Chief Brad Olsen, and Fire Chief Tim Magnin

Also present: Administrator Vicki Roberts, City Attorney Larry Jeske, Deputy Clerk Nancy Brye, Street Superintendent Terry Magnin, and Gerry Lemirande-Street Department

Others: Beth Julius and Devin Wirtz

Approval of Minutes – Common Council meeting on December 13, 2016.

MOTION: McDermid/Osborne

Motion to approve the minutes from the Common Council meeting on December 13, 2016.

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

Treasurer's Report – November / December 2016

MOTION: McDermid/Schneider

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for November / December 2016 and place on file.

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

Bills Payable – December 2016 / January 2017

MOTION: Osborne/Coopman

Motion to approve the Bills Payable for December 2016 / January 2017.

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

Reports: (*January /February Reports*)

Administrator Report –written reports given.

Police Report – written reports given.

Municipal Court Report – written reports given.

Fire Department Report –written reports given.

Street Department Report – written reports given.

Street Superintendent also reported on remaining salt supply: 100 ton on reserve and 120 ton in shed. It has been a heavy salting winter season so far but the City is sitting well on remaining supply.

Building Inspector Report – written reports given.

Schneider questioned what is happening with the property at 409 Cherry Avenue.

City Attorney informed he has made contact with the property owner in the past three days and are trying to work out an agreement for the City to accept title of the property. This property is adjacent to current City property. Prior to any agreement being set, the City Attorney will check property to be sure there are no pollutants. The owner has reports from professional inspections which he had done and will forward them to the City.

Stuckey also asked what has been happening with the cat house on Jackson Street.

City Attorney informed a law suit has been filed with the Circuit Court. We should hear something in the next 40 days. If we hear nothing, we will then take judgment. City Attorney went on to explain the process. Once the court issues an order giving us the right to raze, we will go out for bids to have the house razed. Bids will go before Council to decide. Property owner, Roberta Olsheky did not show up at the initial court hearing. Her attorney asked out of the case for failure from his client to cooperate with him. The judge granted his request and to our knowledge she has not retained another attorney.

Utility Commission Report/Minutes – written reports given.

MOTION: McDermid/Schneider

Motion to place reports on file.

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

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:

Correspondence/Information

- ❖ Thank you from the Family of Robert “Otis” Magnin for funeral flowers.
- ❖ Thank you from the Family of Assistant Fire Chief John Salscheider for funeral flowers.
- ❖ Employee Recogniton: **Gerry Lemirande** – 15 years of service with the Street Department.

(**Lisa Christensen** was recognized for 15 years of service at the Utility Commission Meeting)

Mayor, City Administrator, and Council thanked Gerry Lemirande for his 15 years of dedicated service to the Street Department and presented him with a certificate and gift card. Gerry expressed his gratitude and emphasized how much he enjoys his job and working for the City.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL – (nothing to report)

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

Old Business: Nothing to address

New Business:

- A. Oconto County Library Agreement.
Re: City Administrator

Administrator explained this is a continued agreement and there have been no changes from the last agreement which was signed in 2010.

MOTION: McDermid/Coopman

Motion to approve the Oconto County Library Agreement as presented.

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

- B. Operator License Applications for Markel K. Keith – Riverview Quick Mart, Brandon A. Dey – Krist Oil, and Maria C. Laws – Mobil 22.
Re: Deputy Clerk

MOTION: Osborne/McDermid

Motion to approve the Operator’s License Applications for Markel K. Keith, Brandon A. Dey, and Maria C. Laws as presented.

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

- C. Temporary Class B License Application for the Friends of the Oconto Falls Fire Department to sell beer at their Annual Spaghetti Fundraiser Dinner on Saturday, March 18, 2017 at the Fire Station.
Re: Deputy Clerk

MOTION: McDermid/Coopman

Motion to approve a Temporary Class B License for the Friends of the Oconto Falls Fire Department to sell beer at their Annual Spaghetti Fundraiser Dinner on Saturday, March 18, 2017 at the Fire Station.

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, he declared the meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

City Administrator Vicki A. Roberts