

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

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 2017 – 1:30 PM
MINUTES**

Meeting called to order at 1:30 PM by Mayor Brad Rice.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Brad Rice, Aldermen: Marty Coopman, Jay Kostreva, Kevin Rusch, Mathew McDermid, and George Stuckey

Excused: Alderman Devin Wirtz

Also present: Administrator Vicki Roberts, Police Chief Brad Olsen, Deputy Clerk Nancy Brye, Street Superintendent Terry Magnin, and Utility Manager Greg Kuhn

Others: Don Heikkila & Kevin Wagner- Ruckert & Mielke, Jenny Boucher, and Warren Bluhm-Times Herald

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

A. Adams Street Sewer.

Utility Manager Kuhn reiterated a presentation given earlier in the day to the Utility Commission. He explained we are experiencing major problems with the sewer main on Adams Street. The sewer is flowing but it is half full of dirt. Kuhn presented a televised video showing the poor condition of the sewer main in question. There were visible roots, some joint offsets and cracks in the main. The stretch of sewer main in question on Adams Street is all clay tile. Kuhn noted this is the largest sewer main in the city in which half of the city's sewer runs through this pipe. It is well past its life expectancy as we have no records when it was initially put in. Kuhn provided a quote from DeGroot to replace the main on Adams Street, from Cherry to Caldwell, with the utility's cost being \$81,596.50. It would be replaced with 15 inch PVC. Kuhn recommended that at the present time, we declare a state of emergency for the sewer main on Adams Street, from Cherry to Caldwell and then at a later date submit planning for the remainder of Adams Street, from Monroe to Union. For the state of emergency portion, we would need the Common Council to pass a resolution. Once this is done, we would notify all affected residents.

City ordinance states if new sewer mains are installed, it is the homeowner's responsibility to cover the cost to replace sewer laterals from the sewer main to the house. Kuhn suggested laterals be replaced from the sewer main to the back of the curb. The cost would be put on the homeowner's taxes as a special assessment; similar to that of curb and gutter. There was discussion with street and police departments as to road closures during the construction. Street Superintendent also mentioned the possibility of tree removal from the terrace during this time as well. Many matured trees in the terrace are causing issues with roots breaking up sidewalks, plugging storm sewers, and roots in sewer mains. It was felt this could be discussed in the fall during finance along with road reconstruction and storm sewers.

MOTION: Rusch/Kostreva

Motion to approve a resolution to declare a state of emergency for the sanitary sewer system on Adams Street from Cherry to Caldwell.

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

B. 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 1:52 pm.

City Administrator Vicki A. Roberts