

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

**TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2019 – 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: Kevin Rusch, Marty Coopman, Mathew McDermid, and Tim Holman

**Also present:** Administrator Vicki Roberts, City Attorney Larry Jeske, Deputy Clerk Nancy Brye, Police Chief Brad Olsen, and Street Superintendent Terry Magnin

**Excused:** Alderman Devin Wirtz and Fire Chief Tim Magnin

**Others:** Samantha Doney, Warren Bluhm-Times Herald, Judy Kostreva & family, Emily, Sue, & John Gonnering, Nathaniel & Lori Johns, Tony & Connie Kriescher, Lou & Kathy Hobyman, Wally & Sandy Fischer, Belinda Cho, Fred Marquardt, Trent Gagnon, Daryl Pearcey, Darrel Krejcarek, Jason Blazek, Gail Yatso, Oconto Falls Firefighters and City Police Officers.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING - Correspondence/Information:**

- ❖ Memorial Proclamation honoring the life of Jay A. Kostreva

Alderman Jay Kostreva passed away on Tuesday, April 23, 2019. During his tenure with the City of Oconto Falls, Jay has worked for the Street Department; Police Department – starting as a patrol officer and then as the Chief of Police; Fire Department as a volunteer firefighter; and has served as an elected District 1 Alderman on the City Council for the past 11 years which included being appointed to multiple city committees. Mayor Rice and the City Council honored the life of Jay A. Kostreva with the presentation of a Memorial Proclamation to his family. Many police officers and firefighters were present to honor his service as the city retired his seat. Furthermore, a bench will be dedicated in his memory near the entrance of city hall.

**Approval of Minutes** – Joint Common Council / Utility Commission Meeting on April 9, 2019  
Common Council Meeting on April 9, 2019  
Common Council Reorganizational Meeting on April 16, 2019

**MOTION: Rusch / McDermid**

*Motion to approve the minutes as presented for the Joint Common Council / Utility Commission Meeting on April 9, 2019, Common Council Meeting on April 9, 2019, and Common Council Reorganizational Meeting on April 16, 2019.*

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

**Treasurer's Report – March**

**MOTION: McDermid / Holman**

*Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented for March and place on file.*

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

**Bills Payable – April**

**MOTION: McDermid / Coopman**

*Motion to approve the Bills Payable as presented for April.*

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

**Reports: written reports submitted for review**

**Administrator Report**

**Police Report**

**Municipal Court Report**

**Fire Department Report** – no written report

**Street Department Report**

**Building Inspector Report**

**Utility Commission Report/Minutes**

**MOTION: Rusch / Holman**

*Motion to place reports on file.*

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

**OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL**

**Emily Gonnering** updated the Council on the progress of her Girl Scout Gold Award project for the construction of a dog park. She currently has a little over \$17,000 towards the \$20,000 needed for the fence. 20 successful test holes were done for fence placement. She is hoping to be on schedule to start construction in June.

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

**Old Business: Nothing to discuss**

## **New Business:**

### **A. Water issues on Grove Street.**

Many citizens were present to discuss issues regarding water run-off from Grove Street and causing issues with flooding on properties along Paul Street. Tony Kriescher and Fred Marquardt presented photographs and a written report describing the path of water flowage and damage that is being caused to their properties. Belinda Chou read a letter from Ken Huibregtse who could not be present at the meeting. Kriescher, Marquardt, and Huebregtse properties are the ones most affected from water issues as their properties are either on the route to or on the next street over and are lower than properties on Grove Street. Many property owners spoke and described the flooding of yards, damage being done to house foundations, vegetation, trees, and gardens. It was agreed that this area has always had water issues but property owners feel it has increased over the past few years and believe it is due to the property and driveway construction from Hobyan's property on Grove Street. Lou and Kathy Hobyan also spoke and stated their home has been there for over 25 years. They also commented that water issues have been in this area well before they built their home or put in their driveway. Citizens in the problem area would like to see the city hire a professional engineer and try to resolve these issues with possibly installing catch basins to help reroute the water flow. Marquardt has video showing water flow and damage on a flash drive which he would like the Council to view. Council asked that he drop off the flash drive to the Deputy Clerk at City Hall so she can copy it and send on to Council for review. Once Council has time to review these videos, this issue will be brought back to Council for further discussion at their next meeting on June 11, 2019. A copy of flash drive will be available to the public for review upon request at City Hall.

### **ITEM TABLED ... until next Council Meeting on June 11, 2019**

### **B. City of Oconto Falls - 100 year celebration update.**

Council President Devin Wirtz has been working on the 100 year celebration for the City of Oconto Falls along with Chamber of Commerce President, Gail Yatso. A 4 x 8 foot centennial banner is being made to display at the Memorial Day parade and at the park during the weekend celebration. The banner should be done next Wednesday and will cost approximately \$360. Wirtz informed he is also working on a centennial coin and a plaque to be put on the outside of the building at city hall.

### **C. Application for agent change on the RKO Enterprises Inc. Alcohol License (d/b/a Riverview BP) from Sarah Colson to Susie Stutzman.**

Proper application has been filed with the city to change the agent on the alcohol license for RKO Enterprises Inc. Police Chief Olsen completed a background check and has signed off on the agent application for Susie Stutzman.

**MOTION: Rusch / Coopman**

*Motion to approve the application for agent change on the RKO Enterprises Inc. Alcohol License (d/b/a Riverview BP) from Sarah Colson to Susie Stutzman as presented.*

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

- D. Resolution 19-004; an updated resolution to participate in the Wisconsin Public Employers' Group health insurance program.

This is a standard resolution which is required to be on file with ETF (Employee Trust Fund).

**MOTION: Rusch / Holman**

*Motion to approve Resolution 19-004; an updated resolution to participate in the Wisconsin Public Employers' Group health insurance program as presented.*

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

- E. Resolution 19-005; resolution regarding the adoption of a qualified retirement plan.

This is a previously approved adoption for the police department's 401A retirement plan which needs to be on file as a resolution.

**MOTION: Coopman / McDermid**

*Motion to approve Resolution 19-005; resolution regarding the adoption of a qualified retirement plan as presented.*

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

- F. Operator's License Application: 2 year – Sheila M. Rathsack

The applicant has completed a Responsible Beverage Server Class and filed proper application with the city to obtain an operator's license. Police Chief Olsen completed a background check and has signed off on the application.

**MOTION: McDermid / Holman**

*Motion to approve the operator's license as presented for Sheila M. Rathsack.*

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

- G. Temporary Class B License Applications for the Chamber of Commerce to sell beer and/or wine at the East Side Beach during Summer Sunset Series Concerts – Music by the River on;

- ❖ Friday, June 28, 2019 (wine and beer)
- ❖ Friday, July 26, 2019 (wine and beer)
- ❖ Friday, August 23, 2019 (beer only)

Proper application was filed with the city to sell malt beverages during the Summer Sunset Series Concerts to include wine at the first two concerts.

**MOTION: Holman / Rusch**

*Motion to approve Temporary Class B License Applications for the Chamber of Commerce to sell beer and wine at the East Side Beach during Summer Sunset Series Concerts – Music by the River as presented on; Friday, June 28, 2019 (wine and beer), Friday, July 26, 2019 (wine and beer), and Friday, August 23, 2019 (beer only).*

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

H. 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 8:02 pm.

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City Administrator Vicki A. Roberts