

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

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 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: Devin Wirtz, Jeff McDonald, Marty Coopman, Kevin Rusch, Mathew McDermid, and Tim Holman

Also present: Administrator Vicki Roberts, City Attorney Larry Jeske, Deputy Clerk Nancy Brye, Fire Chief Tim Magnin, Street Superintendent Terry Magnin, and Utility Manager Greg Kuhn

Excused: Police Chief Brad Olsen

Others: Warren Bluhm-Times Herald, Christos Anastasopoulos, and Samantha Doney

Approval of Minutes – Common Council Meeting on June 11, 2019
Common Council Meeting on July 9, 2019
Common Council Meeting on August 13, 2019

MOTION: Rusch / Wirtz

Motion to approve the Common Council Meeting minutes as presented for June 11, 2019; July 9, 2019; and August 13, 2019.

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

Treasurer's Report – July

MOTION: Rusch / McDermid

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

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

Bills Payable – August

MOTION: Holman / Coopman

Motion to approve the Bills Payable as presented for August.

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

Reports: written reports submitted for review

Administrator Report

Police Report

Municipal Court Report

Fire Department Report

Street Department Report

Verbally added – Grass has been cut at the dog park. Things seem to be going good at the park. Stumps and brush near the ski tow area will be cleaned up and removed this fall.

Building Inspector Report

Utility Commission Report/Minutes

Verbally added – Public Power Week starts October 14, 2019. Instead of individual gifts this year, utility customers will have the chance to enter their names in a drawing for several larger prizes.

MOTION: Rusch / Wirtz

Motion to place reports on file.

Voice Vote: All present voting aye - MOTION CARRIED

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL – no citizen input

A letter was presented to the Mayor and Council from Barb Salscheider, inviting them to attend a meeting on September 17, 2019 at the Oconto Falls Library. A non-profit group will be discussing ideas to bring back the sense of community that Main Street once offered.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ANY OR ALL OF THE FOLLOWING

Old Business: Nothing to address

New Business:

A. Senior Center.

Agenda item canceled – no longer needs Council involvement.

B. Two-year maintenance contract with R&R Assessing Services LLC.

R&R Assessing Services maintenance contract is up for renewal. The two-year contract being presented was reviewed by the City Attorney and everything is in order. The only change is a \$30 per month increase from the last contract.

MOTION: Rusch / Coopman

Motion to approve the two-year maintenance contract with R&R Assessing Services LLC as presented.

Voice Vote: All present voting aye - MOTION CARRIED

C. Garbage and recycling options.

Currently the street department picks up residential curbside recycling every other week on Wednesday and Thursday with the county's recycling truck. The contract to use the county's recycling truck expires December 31, 2019, with a renewal due date by October 18, 2019.

Several recycling/garbage disposal companies were solicited for proposals; Great American Disposal (GAD), Poms, and Advance. GAD came in by far to be the most economical. GAD currently picks up residential curbside garbage every week in the city and has presented service proposals to include weekly curbside recycling. One proposal included the purchase of recycling bins, which Council decided to wait and check into bin pricing elsewhere. GAD's service proposal without bins was approximately an additional \$10,000 per year from their current garbage pickup fees to include curbside recycling on a weekly basis. It was estimated to cost the Street Department approximately \$27,520 per year to do curbside recycling on a bi-weekly basis. In addition to the cost savings, going with GAD would free up man hours for street department employees to do other duties. Another advantage is GAD offers a single stream recycling; whereas if using the county recycling truck, residents must separate their curbside recycling.

It was agreed to check into pricing for recycling bins and bring back this portion next month for further discussion.

MOTION: McDermid / Rusch

Motion to accept the 5 year service proposal from Great American Disposal (GAD) for weekly garbage and recycling service as presented; not to exceed \$6,479.12 per month.

Roll Call Vote: McDermid-yes, Rusch-yes, Wirtz-yes, McDonald-yes, Coopman-yes, Holman-yes - **MOTION CARRIED**

D. Storm Sewer Project.

Utility Manager Kuhn explained there was a storm sewer break again near the golf course and it has washed out the hill. Proposals to fix the storm sewer were submitted from DeGroot in the amount of \$143,000 and from Holtger Brothers in amount of \$234,000. Kuhn explained the process it would take to repair. Proposed financing options were also presented from five local banks to complete the project.

MOTION: Rusch / Wirtz

Motion to accept the proposal from DeGroot, Inc. in the amount of \$143,000 to complete the storm sewer project near the golf course with financing to be determined.

Roll Call Vote: Rusch-yes, Wirtz-yes, McDonald-yes, Coopman-yes, McDermid-yes, Holman-yes - **MOTION CARRIED**

E. Revised Mayoral Appointments.

The only update is the building inspector appointment due to the retirement of Bobbie Krozell. Jane Meissner has been appointed as the new building inspector.

MOTION: Rusch / Coopman

Motion to approve the revision of Mayoral appointments as presented, appointing Jane Meissner as the new building inspector.

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

- F. Agreement for Mutual Police Aid between Village of Suring, Village of Lena, City of Gillett, City of Oconto Falls, and City of Oconto Police Departments.

This agreement allows officers for listed police departments to assist in emergencies without needing a verbal mutual aid request over the radio. This is a formality that covers our officers if they need to assist when county deputies are busy or further away.

MOTION: McDermid / Holman

Motion to approve the Agreement for Mutual Police Aid between Village of Suring, Village of Lena, City of Gillett, City of Oconto Falls, and City of Oconto Police Departments as presented.

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

- G. Operator’s License Applications: 1 year - Cindi L. Boucher
 1 year – Sharon L. Umentum

Both applicants have completed the Beverage Server Class and filed proper application with the City to obtain an operator’s license. Chief Olsen completed background checks and signed off on both applications.

MOTION: Wirtz / Rusch

Motion to approve operator’s license applications for Cindi L. Boucher and Sharon L. Umentum as presented.

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 7:34 pm.

City Administrator Vicki A. Roberts