

**CITY OF OCONTO FALLS  
COMMON COUNCIL**

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

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2020 – 7:00 PM  
MINUTES**

**Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Council President Devin Wirtz.**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

**Present:** Aldermen: Devin Wirtz, Jeff McDonald, Marty Coopman, Kevin Rusch, and Mathew McDermid

**Also present:** Administrator Vicki Roberts, City Attorney Larry Jeske, Deputy Clerk Nancy Brye, Street Superintendent Terry Magnin, Utility Manager Greg Kuhn, and Fire Chief Tim Magnin (arriving at 7:03pm)

**Absent:** Mayor Brad Rice, Alderman Tim Holman, and Police Chief Brad Olsen

**Others:** Samantha Doney, Allan & Debbie Konitzer, Adam Ascher, Gail Yatso, Mark Krumrei, George Stuckey, and Scouts/Leaders: Alexis & Stacy Gilbert, Kara & Trace Philhower, Andrea & Elizabeth Radtke, and Milha Tassoul

**Approval of Minutes – Common Council Meeting on January 14, 2020.**

**MOTION: Rusch / McDermid**

*Motion to approve the minutes as presented for the Common Council Meeting on January 14, 2020.*

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

**Treasurer's Report – December**

**MOTION: McDermid / Coopman**

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

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

**Bills Payable – January**

**MOTION: Rusch / Coopman**

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

**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**

Fire Chief Tim Magnin arrived at 7:03 pm.

**Building Inspector Report**

**Utility Commission Report/Minutes**

**MOTION: Rusch / McDermid**

*Motion to place reports on file.*

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

**OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL – no citizen input**

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

**Correspondence:**

*Employee Service Recognition:*

**City: Nancy Brye – 10 years of service**

**Terry Magnin – 10 years of service**

**Utility: John Salscheider – 10 years of service**

**Justin Vanderbloemen – 10 years of service**

(Johnners and Vandy were recognized at the Utility Commission Meeting in January)

**Old Business:** Nothing to address

**New Business:**

A. Addition on to the existing pavilion at the Eastside Beach.

Adam Ascher presented plans on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce to expand the existing pavilion at the Eastside Beach. They would like permission to build a permanent bar and expand the open shelter area at their expense. After checking with the DNR and with the City's building inspector, the Chamber was informed there were no restrictions on the improvements they wish to make. Rusch asked City Attorney Jeske to check on the original deed to be sure there was no clause with regards to the consumption or sale of alcohol on the property.

**MOTION: Rusch / McDonald**

*Motion to grant permission for the Chamber of Commerce to proceed with plans for an addition to the existing pavilion at the Eastside Beach as presented.*

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

- B. Use of Eastside Beach facilities for Sunset Concerts on the following Fridays:
- June 26, 2020
  - July 24, 2020
  - August 28, 2020

Gail Yatso addressed the Council on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce. She would like permission to use the Eastside Beach facilities again this year for the Sunset Concerts on the above listed dates. They have another line up of great bands planned; The Cougars, Cat 5, and The Presidents. The Sunset Concerts have been very successful over the past years and have received no complaints from the Police Department.

**MOTION: Rusch / Coopman**

*Motion to allow the Chamber of Commerce to use the Eastside Beach facilities for 2020 Sunset Concerts on June 26, July 24, and August 28, 2020.*

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

- C. Sheridan Street options requested by Allan Konitzer.

Allan and Debbie Konitzer expressed their concerns with the undeveloped portion of Sheridan Street that runs in front of their home off of Flatley Avenue, all the way through to Golden Corners Road. They built their home over 30 years ago running along the undeveloped portion of Sheridan Street. Nothing has been done to this portion of the street and the Konitzers feel it has basically become a dirt and mud racetrack for ATVs and speeding vehicles. They would like to see the street closed off. They added that they pay city taxes and do not receive city services as the garbage and recycling pick up service will not come down the undeveloped street.

Another home is being built off this undeveloped street in the upcoming year; just past the Konitzer residence. Utility Manager Kuhn informed in order for the new home to connect to the city's utility services, a fire hydrant and manhole at the end of the connection need to be added. They plan to install these and connect service for the new property in the next couple of weeks.

Council agreed something needs to be done with this end of Sheridan Street. McDermid suggest a guard rail, similar to the one currently on Grove Street. It was agreed to table this item and bring it back for discussion once the Utility Department has completed service to the new home. Allan Konitzer was okay with waiting but would like the issue resolved this spring.

**ITEM TABLED...** until Utility Department has completed service to the new home.

- D. Ambulance Service updates.

Alderman Coopman gave an update on the Oconto Falls Ambulance Service. He indicated with the 2019 reconstruction; things have been running relatively smoother than in the past. There have been no missed calls in quite a long time. He is very happy with their performance and feels everything is on the right track. Fire Chief Magnin added the communication between the two departments have been much better as well.

**NO ACTION TAKEN**

E. Fire Department tire maintenance.

The Pierce fire truck was tested and the inside duals were found to be in pieces. These 4 tires were over 25 years old and had to be replaced. The 1999 tender truck, owned by the Town of Oconto Falls, has 15 year old tires and the ladder truck has 10 year old tires. The Town will cover the cost for the tender truck. Recommended replacement is 5-7 years on the steers and drives; with a maximum replacement of 9 years on drives. Fire Chief does not recommend replacing all tires at once, but strongly suggests we look into this issue soon.

**MOTION: McDermid / Rusch**

*Motion to have the Fire Chief and City Administrator get quotes and make a decision to purchase tires with funds to be taken from the Fire Department's maintenance budget.*

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

F. Declare miscellaneous items in Police Department as surplus.

The Police Department has old office chairs, miscellaneous evidence, and bikes that were unable to be returned. They would like to have these items declared as surplus.

**MOTION: McDermid / Rusch**

*Motion to declare presented miscellaneous items in Police Department as surplus.*

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

G. Declare Street Department Boss plow as surplus.

The Street Department's plow was replaced this past year. They would like to have the old plow declared as surplus so it can be put out for bids and sold.

**MOTION: Rusch / McDonald**

*Motion to declare the old Boss plow in Street Department as surplus.*

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

H. Temporary Class B License application for Friends of the Oconto Falls Fire Department to sell beer and wine at their annual Spaghetti Fundraiser Dinner on Saturday, March 21, 2020 at the Fire Station.

Proper application has been filed with the clerk for the Friends of the Oconto Falls Fire Department to sell beer and wine at their annual fundraiser.

**MOTION: Rusch / Coopman**

*Motion to approve the Temporary Class B License application for Friends of the Oconto Falls Fire Department to sell beer and wine at their annual Spaghetti Fundraiser Dinner on Saturday, March 21, 2020 at the Fire Station.*

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

- I. Request from Riverview Alliance Church to use Memorial Park facilities on Saturday, April 11, 2020 for their Annual Easter Egg Hunt.

Riverview Alliance Church has filed proper proof of insurance with the clerk and would like to use Memorial Park facilities for their annual Easter Egg Hunt.

**MOTION: Rusch / Coopman**

*Motion to allow Riverview Alliance Church the use of Memorial Park facilities on Saturday, April 11, 2020 for their Annual Easter Egg Hunt.*

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

- J. Operator's License Applications:

Two year license expiring June 30, 2021: Alexis S. Strom.

Strom has completed the Beverage Server Class and filed proper application with the clerk to obtain an operator's license. Chief Olsen completed a background check and has signed off on her application.

**MOTION: McDermid / Rusch**

*Motion to approve the operator's license application for Alexis S. Strom as presented.*

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

- K. Adjournment.

**Council President Wirtz** asked if there was any further business before the meeting is adjourned. Having no further business, he declared the meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

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City Administrator Vicki A. Roberts