

**CITY OF OCONTO FALLS
COMMON COUNCIL**

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

**TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020 – 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: Jeff McDonald, Marty Coopman, Mathew McDermid, and Tim Holman

Also present: City Attorney Larry Jeske, Deputy Treasurer Eve Wallace, Street Superintendent Terry Magnin, Utility Manager Greg Kuhn, and Fire Chief Tim Magnin

Absent: Aldermen Devin Wirtz & Kevin Rusch, Administrator Vicki Roberts, Deputy Clerk Nancy Brye, and Police Chief Brad Olsen

Others: Samantha Doney, Debbie Konitzer, Chad & Trisha Trudell, Warren Bluhm-Times Herald, and Melinda & Riley Stevens & family

Approval of Minutes – Common Council Meeting on February 11, 2020.

MOTION: Holman / McDonald

Motion to approve the minutes as presented for the Common Council Meeting on February 11, 2020.

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

Treasurer's Report – January

MOTION: McDermid / Holman

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

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

Bills Payable – February

MOTION: Holman / Coopman

Motion to approve the Bills Payable as presented for February.

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

Reports: written reports submitted for review

Administrator Report

Police Report

Municipal Court Report

Fire Department Report

Fire Chief verbally added; tires have been ordered for the trucks.

Street Department Report

Building Inspector Report

Utility Commission Report/Minutes

MOTION: McDermid / McDonald

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:

Old Business:

A. Sheridan Street options.

At last month's meeting 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. Council agreed something needs to be done with this end of Sheridan Street. This item was tabled at the February meeting and instructed to bring back for discussion once the Utility Department completed service to a new home being built along this undeveloped portion of Sheridan Street.

Utility Manager Kuhn informed the utility connections have been completed for the new home and the roadway has been made back into gravel again. The new home is currently being built and their driveway is complete so there is some heavy equipment using the street. Now would be the time to look at a potential cul-de-sac or other options for the street. A road right of way would have to be determined to see if there is enough room for a turn around.

McDermid thought the street should be blacktopped with a cul-de-sac.

Street Superintendent Magnin informed we currently have a 60 foot right-of-way but would need approximately 100 foot right-of-way even though the cul-de-sac would only be 60 foot; this would be with no curb.

Debbie Konitzer reiterated her concerns from last month's discussion regarding the undeveloped street being muddy and wanting it not to be a through street as to deter 4-wheelers and racing vehicles. She would like something done about the mud for now as it may be a while before something can be completed. Street Superintendent Magnin will look into this matter and possibly put more gravel on it and/or grade it for the time being.

City Attorney Jeske will also take a look at the area and talk with property owners who will be affected so he can start working on deeds. He would like to discuss with the new home builders as to where they would like their driveway to be off the street and how close to the cul-de-sac if one is put in.

Street Superintendent Magnin will check into pricing options for both a through street and a cul-de-sac and bring back to next meeting.

Item tabled ... until property owners can be contacted regarding a right-of-way for possible cul-de-sac and street pricing options can be gathered.

New Business:

A. 2020 Memorial Weekend Celebration.

Chad Trudell, event chairman for Panther Pride's Memorial Weekend Celebration, gave a run-down of festivities planned for the weekend event. Festivities included the same events as last year with the exception that there will be no bicycle give-a-way this year. Events include the yearly carnival, softball tournaments, fireworks, Dash O.F. Color 5k run/walk, bean bag tournament, music bands, car show, craft vendors, and parade. Trudell informed he has been the chair of this event for the past 15 years and will be stepping down after this year's celebration is done.

No action taken.

B. Off Duty Adventures.
Re: Joe Ruiz

Item tabled... Ruiz was unable to attend.

C. Adjournment.

Mayor asked if there was any further business before the meeting is adjourned. Having no further business, he declared the meeting adjourned at 7:22pm.

City Administrator Vicki A. Roberts