

**CITY OF OCONTO FALLS
COMMON COUNCIL**

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

**TUESDAY – NOVEMBER 9, 2021 - 7:00 PM
MINUTES**

Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM by Mayor Brad Rice

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Brad Rice, Aldermen: Marty Coopman, Jeff McDonald, Devin Wirtz, Mathew McDermid, Tim Holman and Ashley Bahrke

Also present: Administrator Vicki Roberts, City Attorney Larry Jeske, Deputy Treasurer Eve Wallace and Street Superintendent Terry Magnin

Others: Michelle Tester, Warren Bluhm and Bart Schindel

Approval of Minutes – Common Council Meeting on October 12, 2021.

MOTION: Wirtz / Holman

Motion to approve the minutes as presented for the Common Council Meeting on October 12,, 2021.

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

Treasurer's Report – September

MOTION: McDermid / Coopman

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

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

Bills Payable – October

MOTION: Holman / McDonald

Motion to approve the Bills Payable as presented for October.

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

Reports: written reports submitted

✓ **Administrator Report**

Verbally added: Vicki received a phone call to commend the street department on the good job they have done with leaf pick-up this year.

✓ ***Police Department Report***

Vicki reported that we received confirmation that one of the Chief's officers now requires surgery and will be out of service for another 6 months.

✓ ***Municipal Court Report***

✓ ***Fire Department Report***

✓ ***Street Department Report***

Verbally added: Leaf pickup has been going well. The skating rink is ready to be flooded. The ski-tow is ready for the winter season.

✓ ***Building Inspector Report***

✓ ***Utility Commission Report/Minutes***

MOTION: Wirtz / McDermid

Motion to place monthly reports on file.

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

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL – no citizen in-put

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

Public Correspondence: Thank you note from Nancy Brye

Old Business:

A. 2022-2026 Oconto Falls Area Ambulance Service Contract

Attorney Jeske reported that he had made some changes to the initial proposed contract. In the contract presented today the actual payment schedule is referenced instead of as a memo of understanding. He also reported that the charges are clarified in this contract.

MOTION: Wirtz / Coopman

Motion to approve the 2022-26 Oconto Falls Ambulance Service Contract as presented.

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

New Business:

A. Memorial Field Playground

Terry reported that the Memorial Field playground is in very poor condition and has become unsafe to be used. Also, to try to maintain and fix the existing playground has become a losing battle. He is asking for permission to take the equipment down and will continue to maintain the playground area until a decision is made of what to do in the future.

MOTION: Wirtz / McDermid

Motion to remove any non-repairable equipment at Memorial Field.

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

B. Police Department vacation payout

Vicki reported that Chief Olsen has 72.25 hours remaining of vacation and Officer Russ has 60 hours. With 2 full-time officers not working due to on the job injuries the Chief is asking for permission to payout the vacation because it is very unlikely they will be able to take the time off before year end.

MOTION: McDermid / Holman

Motion to approve the police department vacation payouts.

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

C. Adjournment.

Mayor Rice asked if there was any further business before the meeting is adjourned. Having no further business, Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.



City Administrator Vicki A. Roberts