

**CITY OF OCONTO FALLS
COMMON COUNCIL**

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

**TUESDAY – JANUARY 11, 2022 – 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, Devin Wirtz, Ashley Bahrke and Mathew McDermid

Absent: Alderman: Marty Coopman and Tim Holman, and Police Chief Olsen

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

Others: Jeff Schullo, Kevin Rusch and Pam Langley

Approval of Minutes – Common Council Meeting on December 14, 2021

MOTION: McDermid / Wirtz

Motion to approve the minutes as presented for the Common Council Meeting on December 14, 2021.

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

Treasurer's Report – November

MOTION: Wirtz / McDonald

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

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

Bills Payable – December

Question regarding check #034890 to Ayers in the amount of \$64,197.94. Vicki and Eve explained that a majority of this payment was for the Senior Center grant project with a small portion of it for the Park Avenue project.

MOTION: McDermid / Bahrke

Motion to approve the Bills Payable as presented for December.

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

Reports: written reports submitted

✓ *Administrator Report*

Verbally added: Vicki extended a big thank on behalf of Chief Olsen to all the volunteers and supporters of the K-9 fundraiser.

✓ *Police Department Report*

✓ *Municipal Court Report*

✓ *Fire Department Report*

✓ *Street Department Report*

Verbally added: -The holiday decorations will be taken down tomorrow.

-Terry did start soliticiting quotes for chipping the brush pile.

✓ *Building Inspector Report - no report*

✓ *Utility Commission Report/Minutes*

MOTION: McDermid / Wirtz

Motion to place monthly reports on file.

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

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL:

- Devin Wirtz extended a thank you to Terry and Tim for helping with another successful fat bike race. They had 70 racers and the event went very well
- Devin Wirtz would like to introduce the idea of a community garden across from the Food Pantry on OEC's property
- Sgt Fischer introduced the new part-time officer Elisabeth "Liddy" Hearly to the mayor and council.

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

Public Correspondence:

Holiday card from Carol & Dick Helstad.

Old Business:

New Business:

- A. Use of East Side Beach for concert in the park, July 23, 2022 from 11:00am – 3:00pm
Re: Jeff Schullo

Jeff Schulo and Pam Langley, members of Grace Lutheran Church, would like to use the East Side Beach to have a concert on the beach July 23, 2022 from 11:00am – 3:00pm. They would use the same stage that the chamber uses for their concerts and they will serve: hot dogs, soda and water (no alcohol). Council agreed to waive the vendor permit fee for the event.

Pam had questions regarding the no parking signs, garbage and the electricity. Vicki assured her that all details with the appropriate departments could be worked out closer to the time of the event.

MOTION: McDonald / Wirtz

Motion to approve the use of the East Side Beach July 23, 2022 for an outdoor concert from 11:00am to 3:00pm, waiving the vendor permit fee.

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

B. Cleaning personnel wages
Re: City Administrator

Vicki explained that finance had agreed to increasing Rose's wage to \$15.00/hour in 2022. Now that we are hiring again for that position she would like a range for a wage acceptable for the new personnel hired. After discussion the council agreed they would be in favor of paying up to \$18.00/hour for the new personnel.

NO MOTION

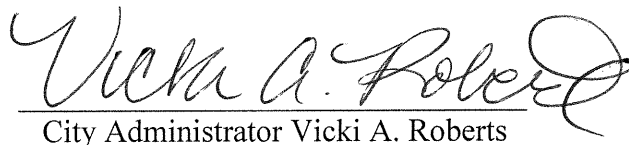
C. Proposal for cell tower located at 12 Jackson Street
Re: City Attorney

- Attorney Jeske explained an offer to purchase has been submitted to the city to purchase the cell tower and land.
- Fire Chief Magnin confirmed the tower is used by fire/EMS/highway and sheriff also.
- Administrator Roberts would like more details on what exactly the offer to purchase is offering to buy. The offer to purchase is not very specific.
- Attorney Jeske is going to do more investigating and will bring this back to council in the future

NO MOTION

D. 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 7:25 pm.


City Administrator Vicki A. Roberts