

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

**TUESDAY – APRIL 19, 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, Marty Coopman, Ashley Bahrke, Mathew McDermid, and Tim Holman

Also present: City Attorney Larry Jeske, Deputy Treasurer Eve Wallace
Administrator Vicki A. Roberts, Police Chief Brad Olsen, City Attorney Larry Jeske,
Utility Manager Greg Kuhn.

Others: Jim Kardoskee, Tammy Wall, Rueben Radke, Coopman aid Morgan Malecki, Warren Bluhm-Times Herald

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ANY OR OF THE FOLLOWING:

A. Options to consider for East and West Side Beach pertaining to usage charges.

Re: Park & Rec Committee

*Recommend the City implement usage charges at both the East and West Side Beach including the park.

*No fee for Citizens of Oconto Falls, red recycling center sticker will suffice.

*Discussion on seasonal pass

*No automated kiosk due to expense.

*Recommend use an envelope system.

*Keep money in a restricted beach fund.

*If the W. Side Beach is rented, leave that as a “free day” and no tickets will be issued.

*Chief mentioned ordinance will need to be looked at and possibly modified.

*Need to discuss signage from fishing dock to the exit of the beach.

This item was tabled until we have time to check out what is needed for ordinance.

Adjourn Sine Die

New Council Called to Order

Roll Call:

Mayor Brad Rice

Marty Coopman

Devin Wirtz

Jeff McDonald
Ashley Bahrke
Mathew McDermid
Tim Holman

Administer Oath of Office

City Administrator administered Oath of Office to:

Brad Rice, Mayor
Jeff McDonald, District 1 Alderman
Marty Coopman, District 2 Alderman
Tim Holman, District 3 Alderman

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL: None

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

A. ELECT A COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

Mayor opened the floor to nominations for Council President.

MOTION: Coopman / Holman

Motion to nominate Devin Wirtz for Council President.

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

Mayor asked again if there were any other nominations for City Council President.

There were no further nominations for Council President.

B. Election a Water and Light Commissioner – 5 year appointment.

RE: Common Council

The city received a letter of interest for the Water & Light Commissioner appointment from Jim Kardoskee. Jim was given the opportunity to address the Council.

Mayor opened the floor to nominations for Water and Light Commissioner appointment.

Mayor asked if there were any other nominations, hearing none vote closed.

MOTION: McDonald / Coopman

Motion to nominate Jim Kardoskee for Water and Light Commissioner.

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

C. Approval of Appointments by Mayor.

Mayor would like to add Ashley Bahrke to the Personnel Committee.

Marty, Mat and Devin 3 members is better than having an even number on the committee.

Mayor said he will then add Tim Holman to keep an odd number of voting members.

Marty indicated he is not a fan to have five people on the committee as historically it's always been three.

MOTION: McDermid / McDonald

Motion to approve the Appointments of the Mayor as changed.

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

D. Approval of Appointments by City Administrator.
Roberts indicated no changes.

MOTION: Holman / Bahrke

Motion to approve the Appointments of the City Administrator as presented.

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

E. Approval of Appointments by the Emergency Director

MOTION: McDonald / Holman

Motion to approve the Appointments of the Emergency Director as presented.

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

F. Resolution 22-001; a resolution designating newspaper for legally required notices.

MOTION: Coopman / Wirtz

Motion to approve Resolution 22-001; a resolution designating newspaper for legally required notices.

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

G. Application for Temporary Class B Retailers license for Memorial Weekend Celebration, May 27-30, 2022.

MOTION: McDonald / Holman

Motion to approve the Application for Temporary Class B Retailers license for Memorial Weekend Celebration, May 27-30, 2022.

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

H. Committee may go into closed session to discuss matters of employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of public employees pursuant to 19.85 (1c) Wis. Stats.

MOTION: McDermid / McDonald

Motion to go into closed session at 7:25 p.m. to discuss matters of employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of public employees pursuant to 19.85 (1c) Wis. Stats.

Those remaining in closed session were all Council members including, Mayor, Jeske, Roberts, Chief Olsen.

Those excused from closed session was Coopman's aid Megan and Deputy Treasurer, Eve Wallace.

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

- I. Council will return to open session and may take action on matters discussed in closed session.

MOTION: McDermid / Wirtz

Motion to go into open session at 9:20 p.m. to discuss matters of employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of public employees pursuant to 19.85 (1c) Wis. Stats.

MOTION: McDermid / McDonald

Motion to direct City Administrator to offer Jenny Friedman the Deputy Clerk position starting at \$20.00 per hour with a .50 increase after 6 months.

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

MOTION: McDermid / Bahrke

Motion to direct City Administrator to offer James Thibaudeau the Laborer position in the Street Department starting at \$22.00 per hour.

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

MOTION: Wirtz/ Coopman

Motion to Direct City Administrator to increase Bryce Roberts wage from \$21.33 to \$22.50.

Voice Vote: All present voting aye, Bahrke no – **MOTION CARRIED**

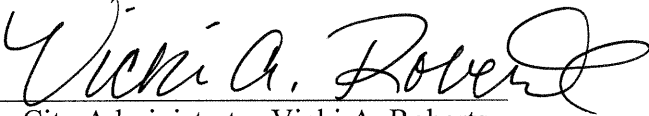
MOTION: Coopman / Holman

Motion to direct City Administrator to give Gerry Lemirande 3 days off without pay due to insubordination.

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

J. 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 9:25 pm.


City Administrator Vicki A. Roberts