

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

**TUESDAY JANUARY 24, 2023 – 5:00 PM  
MINUTES**

**Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by Mayor Brad Rice**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

Present: Mayor Brad Rice, Aldermen: Devin Wirtz, Mathew McDermid, Marty Coopman, Ashley Bahrke and Jeff McDonald  
Commission President James Kardoskee, Commissioners: James Patenaude and Bart Schindel

Excused: Tim Holman and Christos Anastaspolous

Also Present: Administrator Peter Wills, Utility Manager Greg Kuhn, Utility Customer Service Representative Beth Rank, and Michelle Tester.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL – None**

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

**Old Business:**

1. Oconto Falls Municipal Utility Petition for Direct Annexation  
Re: Administrator Wills/Utility Manager Kuhn
  - A. The Council/Utility Commission may go into closed session per W.S.S.19.85 (1) (e) to discuss matters of deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session (re: annexation)  
Re: Administrator Wills/Utility Manager Kuhn

**MOTION: Coopman/Wirtz**

*Motion to enter into closed session at 5:01 pm per W.S.S.19.85 (1) (e) to discuss matters of deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session (re: annexation).*

**Roll Call:** Coopman, Wirtz, McDermid, McDonald, and Barhke voting aye –  
**MOTION CARRIED**

Those remaining in closed session were: Brad Rice, Devin Wirtz, Mathew McDermid, Marty Coopman, Ashley Bahrke, Jeff McDonald, James Kardoskee, James Patenaude, Bart Schindel, Peter Wills, Greg Kuhn, Beth Rank, and Michelle Tester.

Wills left closed session at 5:12 pm and returned at 5:13 pm.

- B. The 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 5:35 pm.*

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

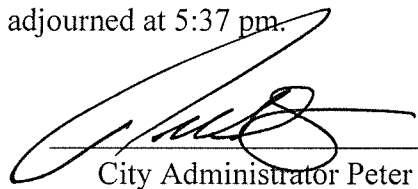
**Motion: Wirtz/Coopman**

*Motion to rescind the amended motion made on January 10, 2023 to accept the Oconto Falls School District & OF Municipal Utilities Petition for Direct Annexation following the SCM legal description and to cancel the Public Hearing for February 14, 2023 for 6:30 pm.*

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

2. 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 5:37 pm.

  
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City Administrator Peter Wills