

**CITY OF OCONTO FALLS
COMMON COUNCIL
MEETING**

Council Chambers – Municipal Building
500 N. Chestnut Avenue - Oconto Falls, WI 54154
TUESDAY OCTOBER 10, 2023 – 7:00 pm

MINUTES

1. Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm by Brad Rice
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call Present: Mayor Brad Rice, Aldermen: Marty Coopman, Ashley Bahrke, Tim Holman, Mathew McDermid and Jeff McDonald

Also Present: Administrator Peter Wills, Deputy Clerk Jenny Friedman, Treasure Eve Wallace, Utility Manager Greg Kuhn, Fire Chief Tim Magnin, Street Superintendent Alan Winkler, Bart Schindel, Valerie Greetan, Stephanie Holman, Patrick Ahlgrim, Angie Ahlgrim, Rachel Pascoe, Erik Pritzel, Lawrence Kindel, Jeff Senn, Debbie Woods, Abby Gardebrecht, Sue Mogged, Judy Kostreva

Absent: Devin Wirtz

4. Approval of Minutes –Common Council 09.12.2023, Special Common Council 09.25.2023

MOTION: Holman/Mc Donald

Motion to approve minutes Common Council 09.12.2023, Special Common Council 09.25.2023

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

5. Treasurer's Report August

MOTION: McDermid/Coopman

Motion to approve treasures reports for August as presented.

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

6. Bills Payable – September

MOTION: Bahrke/McDermid

Motion to approve the Bills Payable as presented for September.

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

7. **Reports: written reports submitted**
 - ✓ Administrator Report

- ✓ Police Department Report
- ✓ Municipal Court Report
- ✓ Fire Department Report
- ✓ Street Department Report
- ✓ Building Inspector Report
- ✓ Utility Commission Report/Minutes
- ✓ Library Report

MOTION: Holman/Coopman

Motion to place the reports on file as presented.

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

8. OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL:

Patrick and Angie Ahlgrim with the Oconto Falls Ambulance gave an updated that the ambulance

- Oconto Falls Ambulance has taken on new employed staff.
- Oconto Falls Ambulance can now offer insurance to employed staff.
- Currently have a fleet of four ambulance.
- Some of the members of the Oconto Falls Ambulance are now certified to teach CPR.
- Run income has gone up.
- Call volume is over eleven hundred calls so far this year.

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

9. Committee Reports

Emergency Management Committee Report-N/A

Joint Review Board-09.25.2023

Library Board-09.13.2023

Main Street Committee Report-9.20.2023

Park & Recreation Committee-N/A

Personnel Committee Report-N/A

Planning Commission Report-09.20.2023

Utility Commission Report-N/A

Reports placed on file.

MOTION: Bahrke/Coopman

Motion to change the sequence of the agenda to bring agenda number 15 Library County Funding/Library Consolidation up under agenda number 9.

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

10. Library County Funding/Library Consolidation

County Administrator Pritzel explained that the Oconto County Board of Supervisors established a new Library Planning Committee in April 2023. The Committee is tasked to

prepare a new plan or revise the existing 2020-2024 County Library Services Plan. The committee meets monthly to discuss plan goals, funding sources, resource allocation, tax apportionment, library service compensation to libraries located outside Oconto County, and the composition of Municipal, Joint, and Consolidated library systems. The final goal is to find a sustainable funding system for across the county for all libraries in the county.

Old Business:

11. WI DOA NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTMENT GRANT- FIRE STATION PROJECT UPDATE

Fire Chief Tim Magnin had requested more funds for the Fire Station project these funds still haven't come in. The next billing cycle for the fire station will be on November 20 ,2023. The Fire Station project is about two/three weeks ahead of schedule according to Zeise's plans.

NO ACTION TAKEN

12. Mobile Home Park Annual Park application renewal status update

There was another inspection of the Mobil Home Park to follow up from last months. The corrections have been made. There is still one more safety correction that will need to be made. Fire Chief Tim Magnin will do another inspection. This will be under Fire Code inspection. If the correction isn't done when the next inspection happens, then the citizen will look into fining.

MOTION: Coopman/Holman

Motion to approve the Mobile Home Park Annual Park application renewal.

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

13. Snow Removal Proposal Zero Setback Businesses Main Street & West Side

The City Administrator brought forth snow plowing and removal issues that were a problem last winter. That would need to be resolved before this coming winter.

- Contractors having no place to go with snow and wanting City to haul snow away.
- Snow piles in zero lot lines and other inappropriate spots.

A suggestion of how to handle this is the City possibly be able to do the plowing and removal of snow for the businesses instead of the contractors on the Main Street and West Side.

MOTION: Holman/Bahrke

Motion to Not pursue the Snow Removal Proposal Zero Setback Businesses Main Street & West Side.

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

New Business:

14. Fire Protection Agreements with Towns

- A. Town of Stiles
- B. Town of Spruce

C. Town of Oconto Falls

The Towns are going to be on a different length term agreement to stagger when their annual meetings are. This way all meeting accommodations can be better met for all parties. The Town's would like to eliminate the call fee that is applied when a call for assistance goes out to the Fire Department and pay just a yearly fee. This is still being negotiated.

NO ACTION TAKEN

15. WPPA 2024 Police Union Contract Update

The Union Negotiation Committee met on 10.10.2023. Committee will be making a formal proposal to the Union soon.

NO ACTION TAKEN

16. 2024 Road Projects Planning

Oconto County informed City of Oconto Falls that they are eligible for Local Road Improvement Plan (LRIP) in 2024 in the amount of thirty-five thousand dollars. The city would have to contribute ten percent of a project. City Administrator presented road project quotes from Northeast Asphalt Company for several of city roads.

MOTION: McDermid/Bahrke

Motion to approve use of the Local Road Improvement Plan (LRIP) in the amount of \$35,000 to do Central Ave.

Roll Call Mc Dermid-yes, Bahrke-yes, Holman-yes, Mc Donald-yes, Coopman-yes, Wirtz-Absent- **MOTION CARRIED**

17. Donation in memory of Vi Mc Dermid

The Mc Dermid family is looking to donate a maple tree outside of the dog park. Family will be purchasing and planting the tree in memory of Vi Mc Dermid.

MOTION: Bahrke/Holman

Motion to approve the donation in the memory of Vi Mc Dermid outside of the dog park.

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

18. One Year Operator's License Applications- Melina Herr, Destiny Rabe

MOTION: Holman/Coopman

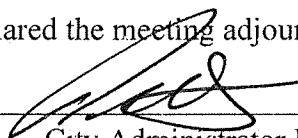
Motion to approve One Year Operator's License Applications- Melina Herr, Destiny Rabe.

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

19. Adjournment

Brad Rice asked if there was any further business before the meeting is adjourned.

Having no further business, he declared the meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.



City Administrator Peter Wills