

**CITY OF OCONTO FALLS
COMMON COUNCIL
MEETING**

Council Chambers – Municipal Building
500 N. Chestnut Avenue - Oconto Falls, WI 54154
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 14, 2023 – 7:00 pm

MINUTES

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Brad Rice
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call Present: Mayor Brad Rice, Aldermen: Marty Coopman, Ashley Bahrke, Tim Holman and Mathew McDermid

Also Present: Administrator Peter Wills, Deputy Clerk Jenny Friedman, Utility Manager Greg Kuhn, Fire Chief Tim Magnin, Street Superintendent Alan Winkler, James Kardoskee, Valerie Greetan, Joel Schmechel, Frank Schmechel, Christos Anastasopoulos

Absent: Devin Wirtz, Jeff McDonald

4. Approval of Minutes –Common Council 10.10.2023, Special Common Council 10.24.2023

MOTION: Mc Dermid/ Holman

Motion to approve minutes Common Council 10.10.2023, Special Common Council 10.24.2023

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

5. Treasurer’s Report September

MOTION: Bahrke/Coopman

Motion to approve treasures reports for September as presented.

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

6. Bills Payable – October

MOTION: Coopman/Mc Dermid

Motion to approve the Bills Payable as presented for October.

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: Mc Dermid/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:

Mr. Schmechel presented pictures to the Council of his property where city trees are hanging close to his house and over his property. He is making the Council aware that the trees will need to be taken care of eventually before there is damage.

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

9. Committee Reports

Emergency Management Committee Report-N/A

Joint Review Board-11.02.2023

Library Board-10.02.2023

Main Street Committee Report-N/A

Park & Recreation Committee-N/A

Personnel Committee Report-N/A

Planning Commission Report-10.17.2023

Union Negotiating Committee-10.10.2023,11.07.2023

Utility Commission Report-09.18.2023,10.16.2023,10.30.2023

No Action Taken

Old Business:

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

The Fire Station project is about two/three weeks ahead of schedule according to Zeise's plans. Fire Chief Magnin will start the annual report so that the final funds can be requested in Januray 2024. The asphalt had a slight delay.

NO ACTION TAKEN

11. 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. All the Towns have now signed agreements.

MOTION: Bahrke/Coopman

Motion to approve the Town of Spruce, Town of Stiles, Town of Oconto Falls agreements as presented.

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

12. City of Oconto Falls Ordinance 23-010 amending City boundaries through Annexation of Jane A Rusch Estate 8005 W Highland Dr. Parcel# Parcel# 03223230462, Parcel# 03223230462B

MOTION: Mc Dermid/Coopman

Motion to approve the Ordinance 23-010 amending City boundaries through Annexation of Jane A Rusch Estate 8005 W Highland Dr. Parcel# Parcel# 03223230462, Parcel# 03223230462B.

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

New Business:

13. Resolution 23-009: 2024 Utility Commission Budget Resolution
The Utility Commission Budget with a brief summary was presented for review along with the Resolution 23-009.

MOTION: Coopman/Bahrke

Motion to approve Resolution 23-009: 2024 Utility Commission Budget Resolution

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

14. Sno-Jokers Request for approval to install gate by shed off South Maple.
The Sno-Jokers would like to place a gate off South Maple by snowmobile trail due to the excessive traffic.
15. Sno-Jokers Request for Blind Entrance Sign by shed driveway off South Maple.
There is a crested hill on South Maple. Is a hazard to the snowmobilers crossing due to you can't see what is coming over the hill.

MOTION: Mc Dermid/Bahrke

Motion to approve the installation of a gate and Blind Entrance Sign by the shed off South Maple.

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

16. Class A Fermented Malt Beverage & Class A Liquor:
Applicant: Family Dollar Stores of Wisconsin LLC – 500 Volvo Pkwy, Chesapeake VA 23320 – Agent: Debra Raymond; – d/b/a Family Dollar #23770 347 E. Highland Drive, Oconto Falls, WI 54154

MOTION: Bahrke/ Mc Dermid

*Motion to approve Class A Fermented Malt Beverage & Class A Liquor:
Applicant: Family Dollar Stores of Wisconsin LLC – 500 Volvo Pkwy, Chesapeake VA
23320 – Agent: Debra Raymond; – d/b/a Family Dollar #23770 347 E. Highland
Drive, Oconto Falls, WI 54154.*

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

17. One Year Operators License Ericka Michell, Arlene Ness, Alexis Strom, Mikhaela Champeau, Debra Raymond

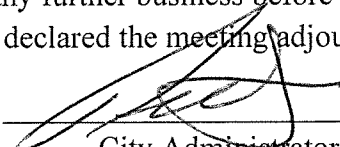
MOTION: Bahrke/Holman

Motion to approve One Year Operators License for Ericka Michell, Arlene Ness, Alexis Strom, Mikhaela Champeau, Debra Raymond

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

18. 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 7:22pm.



City Administrator Peter Wills