

**CITY OF OCONTO FALLS
COMMON COUNCIL
MEETING**

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

**TUESDAY MAY 14, 2024 – 7:00 pm
MINUTES**

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

Also Present: Mayor Clint Braun, Administrator Peter Wills, Deputy Clerk Jenny Friedman, Police Chief Brad Olsen, Utility Manager Greg Kuhn, Street Superintendent Alan Winkler, Fire Chief Tim Magnin, Brad Magnin, Ben Andrews with MSA, Warren Bluhm Times Herald, Valerie Greetan, David Alsteen, Dale Brenwall, Kathy Brenwall, Brad Rice, Mary Beth Rice, Carrie Hill, Mike Feldt, Debbie Feldt, Christy Rosenthal, Keely Hendricks

4. Approval of Minutes – Common Council 04.09.2024, Public Hearing Common Council 04.09.2024, Common Council Reorganizational 04.16.2024

MOTION: Holman/McDonald

Motion to approve minutes Common Council 04.09.2024, Public Hearing Common Council 04.09.2024, Common Council Reorganizational 04.16.2024.

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

5. Treasurer's Report March

MOTION: Bahrke/Wirtz

Motion to approve treasurers reports for March as presented.

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

6. Bills Payable – April

MOTION: Coopman/Bahrke

Motion to approve the Bills Payable as presented for April.

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

7. **Reports: written reports submitted**

- ✓ Administrator Report
City Administrator Wills did talk with insurance on the Wirtz fence claim and will be receiving a written statement on the denial.
- ✓ Police Department Report
- ✓ Municipal Court Report

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

MOTION: McDermid/Wirtz

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

9. Committee Reports

- Emergency Management Committee Report-N/A
- Joint Review Board N/A
- Library Board-04.10.24
- Main Street Committee Report N/A
- Park & Recreation Committee Report- 04.03.24
- Personnel Committee Report 05.08.24
- Planning Commission Report 04.08.24
- Ordinance Commission 04.24.24, 05.08.24
- Utility Commission Report 04.08.24

MOTION: Wirtz/McDonald

Motion to approve and place reports on file.

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

Old Business:

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

The new fire station is ahead of schedule and should be done Tuesday May 21,2024.
This is four months ahead of the grant schedule. Grand opening has to be planned.

NO ACTION TAKEN

11. Oconto County Rec Grant Update

- a. Oconto County Recreation Committee Meeting May 13th.

Administrator Wills met with Oconto County Recreation Committee on May 13,2024. The city was granted a conditional \$50,000 of the grant. The city will have to place money in the 2025 budget for the grant and show proof of allocating funds towards the projects. Once projects start the city will need to report every six months and annually.

NO ACTION TAKEN

12. Columbia Street Reconstruction Project

- A. Ordinance 24-005 Amend Fair Housing Ordinance Ch 238. Public Hearing held 5.14.2024 at 6:30pm

A public Hearing was held on May 14,2024 at 6:30pm in regards to Ordinance 24-005 Amend Fair Housing Ordinance Ch. 238. There were no concerns at the Public Hearing. Amending the Fair Housing Ordinance has to be done to comply with the CDBG Grant, this would also help in the future to keep the ordinance updated with state statute.

MOTION: Coopman/Bahrke

Motion to adopt Ordinance 24-005 Amend Fair Housing Ordinance Ch. 238.

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

- B. Ordinance 24-007 Annexation Town of Oconto Falls portion of Columbia Street from Town Boundary west of Farm Road 936.62 linear feet east to County Road I including the road and right-of-way. Public Hearing held at 6:45pm.

A Public Hearing was held on May 14, 2024 at 6:45pm with no concerns.

MOTION: McDermid/Wirtz

Motion approve Ordinance 24-007 Annexation Town of Oconto Falls portion of Columbia Street from Town Boundary west of Farm Road 936.62 linear feet east to County Road I including the road and right-of-way

Voice Vote: McDermid -yes Wirtz-yes, McDonald -yes, Holman-yes, Coopman-yes, Bahrke -no- **MOTION CARRIED**

- 13. Ordinance 24-003 Amend Ch 365-7 Peace and Good Order No Hunting on City Land.** Public Hearing held 5/14 6:35pm.

Ordinance 24-003 Amend Ch 365-7 No Hunting on City Land-Revision has included Act 71. The Act 71 cannot be amended due to it is a state statute. The city attorney has given approval of the ordinance that was presented. A Public Hearing was held on May 14,2024 at 6:35pm for Ordinance 24-003 Amend Ch 365-7 Peace and Good Order No Hunting on City Land. At the time of Public Hearing no concerns were brought up.

MOTION: Bahrke/Coopman

Motion to approve Ordinance 24-003 Amend Ch 365-7 Peace and Good Order No Hunting on City Land.

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

New Business:

- 14. The Yard Proposal for Eastside Beach**

Courtney Sowel presented the possibility of bring her business The Yard to Oconto Falls. The Yard currently is located in Oconto as a beer garden. Courtney is looking to expand and doing brewing and distillery. The brewing and distilling will still stay in Oconto.

NO ACTION TAKEN

15. Food Truck Eastside Beach

Dale and Kathy Brenwall presented to council their food truck The Lunchbox. The Brenwall's would like to bring their food truck to the city at least once a week at the Eastside Beach and possibly a couple more times a week. The Brenwall's have presented the city with proof of insurance and Servsafe Food Handler.

MOTION: Coopman/Bahrke

Motion to allow the Lunchbox to operate their food truck in the City of Oconto Falls Eastside Beach and other days in town.

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

16. Election Water and Light Commissioner – 5-year appointment

A. Christos Anastasopoulos

The city received a letter of interest for the Water & Light Commissioner appointment from Christos Anastasopoulos.

MOTION: Coopman/Holman

Motion to nominate Christos Anastasopoulos for Water and Light Commissioner.

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

17. Removal/Rescind Ordinance Chapter 455-34 and 455-35 – Cable TV Commission

The Oconto Falls Utility no longer has this cable TV commission so the Ordinance is no longer needed.

MOTION: Coopman/Wirtz

Motion to Rescind Ordinance Chapter 455-34 and 455-35- Cable TV Commission.

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

18. The Committee may go into closed session regarding Purchases and competitive bargaining pursuant to Wis. Stat. §19.85(1)(e) deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.

MOTION: Holman/Wirtz

Motion to go into closed at 7:59pm to discuss purchases and competitive bargaining pursuant to Wis. Stat. §19.85(1)(e) deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.

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

Those remaining in closed session were McDonald, Bahrke, Holman, McDermid, Wirtz, Coopman, Administrator Wills, Deputy Clerk Friedman, Mayor Braun, Carrie Hill, Police Chief Olsen, Utility Manager Kuhn, and Valerie Greetan.

19. The Committee 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 8:29pm.

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

MOTION: Wirtz/ Bahrke

Motion to approve administrator to continue gathering information on purchasing specific business properties.

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

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

MOTION: Holman/Wirtz

Motion to go into closed at 8:31pm to discuss matters of employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of public employees pursuant to Wis. Stat. §19.85(1)(c) reasons require a closed session.

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

Those remaining in closed session were McDonald, Bahrke, Holman, McDermid, Wirtz, Coopman, Administrator Wills, Deputy Clerk Friedman, Mayor Braun

21. The Committee will return to open session and may take action on matters discussed in closed session.

Motion: Holman/Wirtz

Motion to go into open session at 9:33pm.

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

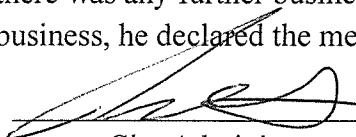
MOTION: Bahrke/Holman

Motion to immediately terminate Street Superintendent for cause.

Row Call: Bahrke-yes, Holman-yes, McDermid-yes, Wirtz-yes, McDonald -yes, Coopman-yes - **MOTION CARRIED**

22. Adjournment

Mayor Clint Braun asked if there was any further business before the meeting is adjourned. Having no further business, he declared the meeting adjourned at 9:35pm.



City Administrator Peter Wills