

**CITY OF OCONTO FALLS
COMMON COUNCIL
MEETING**

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

**DECEMBER 10, 2024 – 6:00 pm
MINUTES**

1. Meeting called to order at 6:00pm by Mayor Clint Braun
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call Present: Aldermen: Marty Coopman, Jeff McDonald, Ashley Bahrke, Tim Holman

Also Present: Mayor Clint Braun, Administrator Peter Wills, Deputy Clerk Jenny Friedman, Street Superintendent Wally Remic, Library Director Rachel Pascoe, Warren Bluhm with Time Herald, Utility Manager Greg Kuhn, Michelle Tester, Mike Faucet

Absent: Mathew McDermid and Devin Wirtz

4. **Approval of Minutes** - Common Council 11.12.24 Public Hearing, 11.12.24

MOTION: Bahrke/Coopman

Motion to approve the minutes as presented for the Common Council 11.12.24 Public Hearing, 11.12.24.

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

5. **Treasurer's Report-October**

MOTION: Holman/McDonald

Motion to approve the Treasurer's report for October as presented and placed on file as presented.

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

6. **Bills Payable – November**

MOTION: Bahrke/Holman

Motion to approve the Bills Payable as presented for November and place on file.

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

Street Superintendent Wally Remic informed the council that they will be working on getting the ice rink up and running this week.

- ✓ Building Inspector Report
- ✓ Library Report

MOTION: Bahrke/Holman

Motion to place reports as presented on file.

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

- 8. OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL** - Citizen in-put will be limited to 3 minutes.

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

9. Committee Reports

- Board of Review N/A
- Emergency Management Committee Report-N/A
- Finance Committee N/A
- Joint Review Board N/A
- Library Board- N/A
- Main Street Committee Report N/A
- Park & Recreation Committee Report-N/A
- Personnel Committee Report N/A
- Planning Commission Report 11.06.24,12.03.24
- Ordinance Commission N/A
- Utility Commission Report 11.18.24

MOTION: Bahrke/Coopman

Motion to place reports on file.

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

Old Business:

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

- B. Timeline for emptying 98 Jackson St Station
- The Fire Station on 98 Jackson St has been cleaned out.

No Action Taken

- 11. Columbia Street Reconstruction Project (CDBG-PF) Community Development Block Grant- Public Facilities Contract PF 24-17 \$1,000,000.**

MOTION: Coopman/Holman

Motion to approve Columbia Street Reconstruction Project (CDBG-PF) Community Development Block Grant- Public Facilities Contract PF 24-17 \$1,000,000.

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

12. Oconto Falls Municipal Utilities Annexation Driveway for Utility Substation Doc# 768590
0.406 Acres Part of Parcel# 40-30300010322

- a. Planning Commission Public Hearing held December 3, 2024 5:00pm.

There were no complaints or concerns from citizens at the public hearing that was held on December 3, 2024 5:00 pm by Planning Commission. Planning Commission found no reason for this annexation to not go through and recommended it to council.

- b. ORD 24-011 Oconto Falls Municipal Utilities Annexation Substation Driveway of Doc# 768590 0.406 Acres Part of Parcel# 40-30300010322

MOTION: Bahrke/McDonald

Motion to approve Ordinance 24-011 Oconto Falls Municipal Utilities Annexation Substation Driveway of Doc #768590 0.406 Acres Part of Parcel # 40-30300010322.

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

13. 782 N. Main Street -Former Hardees Status Update

A. Public hearing on Slum & Blight held August 20, 2024

B. Resolution 24-012 Determination of Slum & Blight 782 N Main St

Mr. Faucett gave an update on the 782 N. Main Street- Former Hardees. Edna&M's is still on track to open up in the 2025 year to do food manufacturing.

NO ACTION TAKEN

14. Oconto Falls Municipal Utilities Bucket Truck

The old 2005 F550 Utility Bucket Truck is no longer needed by the Oconto Falls Municipal Utilities. This could be utilized by the Street Department the utilities would still do the inspections on it.

MOTION: Coopman/Bahrke

Motion to support buying or in-kind purchase of 2005 F550 Utility Bucket Truck from the Oconto Falls Municipal Utilities to be determined in the year 2025. With terms of twenty thousand dollars in cash or thirty thousand in-kind.

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

NEW BUSINESS

15. Street Dept Brine Equipment Quote Total \$31,935

a. Brine Sprayer & Equipment \$19,385.00

b. Brine Storage Tank \$12,100.00

The DNR has been monitoring how much salt the municipalities are using and where the salt goes in the environment. DNR is encouraging municipalities to go to brining. The brining and pretreating of the streets will save Oconto Falls about ten to twenty tons of salt usage. The sprayer equipment and storage tank would slide into the back of the city's current trucks. The Brine Storage Tank does not make the brine it is strictly for holding the brine. The brine would come from the county. Questions that were asked;

- How many miles of roads can you do with the two-hundred-and-fifty-gallon tank? *About 15 miles per running mile.*
- How long do you think it would take to treat the whole city? *Estimated at twenty-five miles per hour about two maybe three hours to brine.*
- How much does the city pay a year for salt? *Seventy to eighty thousand dollars a year in salt.*
- How many hours in advance of a snow coming do you brine? *Up to twelve hours advance.*
- If it happens on a weekend can our budget support someone extra coming in. *It would help cut back on the clean up after a storm and would help there.*
- Is there salt from last year to use yet? *Yes*
- The money used for this would be coming from the extra borrowed for the street sweeper that was not all needed? *Yes*
- Is this in stock to receive right away? *The demo one that was looked at was sold and they will have to order in another one and should have in a week or two possibly four weeks at most.*
- How hard is it to hook up? *It slides right in the truck and hook up a couple hoses.*
- Dose the street department know how to run this equipment already? *Yes*

MOTION: McDonald/Holman

Motion to approve purchasing Brine Sprayer Equipment for \$19,385.00.

ROW CALL: McDonald-aye, Holman-aye, Bahrke-aye, Coopman-aye, Absent: McDermid, Wirtz- **MOTION CARRIED**

16. Two-year Operators License- Rose Staidl,

MOTION: Holman/McDonald

Motin to approve the two-year operator's license for Rose Staidl.

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

17. 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 (1C) Wis. Stats.

Re: Police Department

MOTION: Bahrke/McDonald

Motion to go into closed session at 6:50pm regarding discuss matters of employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of public employees pursuant to 19.85 (1C) Wis. Stats.

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

Those remaining in closed session Bahrke, Coopman, McDonald, City Administrator Peter Wills, Police Chief Brad Olsen, Mayor Clint Braun, Deputy Clerk Jenny Friedman.

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

Re: Police Department

MOTION: Bahrke/Holman

Motion at 6:58pm to return into open session and may take action on matters discussed in closed session.

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

NO DISCUSSION

19. The Committee may go into closed session regarding public property negotiations under Wis. Stat. §19.85(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.

Re: Former Fire Station 98 Jackson St

MOTION: Coopman/Holman

Motion to go into closed session at 6:59pm in regarding public property negotiations under Wis. Stat. §19.85(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**

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

Re: Former Fire Station 98 Jackson St

MOTION: Holman/Coopman

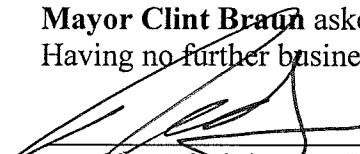
Motion at 7:30pm to return into open session and may take action on matters discussed in closed session.

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

NO DISCUSSION

21. 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 7:31pm.



City Administrator Peter Wills