

**CITY OF OCONTO FALLS
COMMON COUNCIL**
Council Chambers – Municipal Building
500 N. Chestnut Avenue - Oconto Falls, WI 54154
TUESDAY – APRIL 15, 2025– 6:00 pm
MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Clint Braun

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Clint Braun, Aldermen: Jeff McDonald, Ashley Bahrke, Mathew McDermid, Tim Holman, Marty Coopman and Devin Wirtz

Also present: Administrator Peter Wills, Deputy Treasurer Eve Wallace, Street Superintendent Wally Remic, Utility Manager Greg Kuhn, Fire Chief Tim Magnin, Michelle Tester, Stephanie Holman, Beth Rank and Reuben Radke

MOTION: Bahrke/McDermid

Motion to move agenda item ten up to under item number two in new business.

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

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ANY OR OF THE FOLLOWING:

Old Business:

1. Treasure's Report- February

MOTION: Wirtz/McDonald

Motion to accept the Treasure's Report- February

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

2. Kenworth repaint estimate

While the Kenworth is in for repair with Custom Metals it was observed that the frame on the Kenworth is very rusty. The Kenworth had an estimate to have frame sandblasted and painted about three years ago but it was not done. Street Superintendent Wally Remic received two estimates;

- Trudell \$8,000
- Cory Korban \$3,500

MOTION: Bahrke/Coopman

Motion to approve Cory Korban's bid with the funds from the sale of the lift to pay for the repaint.

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

Adjourn Sine Die

New Council Called to Order at 6:05pm

Roll Call: Mayor Clint Braun, Marty Coopman, Tim Holman, Jeff McDonald, Ashley Bahrke,

Mathew McDermid, Devin Wirtz

Administer Oath of Office

Deputy Treasurer administered Oath of Office to:

Devin Wirtz – District 1 Alderperson

Ashley Bahrke- District 2 Alderperson

Mathew McDermid–District 3 Alderperson

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

Reuben Radke was acknowledged and presented a plaque for fifty years of service on the Park and Recreation Committee.

New Business

1. Elect a Council President.

Mayor opened the floor to nominations for Council President. Ashley Bahrke was nominated.

Mayor asked again if there were any other nominations for City Council President.

There was another nomination for Devin Wirtz Council President.

MOTION: Coopman/Holman

Motion to nominate Ashley Bahrke for Council President.

Roll Call- Coopman-yes, Holman-aye, McDermid-no, McDonald-no, Wirtz-no, Bahrke-yes,

MOTION: McDermid/ McDonald

Motion to nominate Devin Wirtz for Council President.

Roll Call- McDermid-yes, McDonald-yes, Bahrke-no, Holman-no, Coopman-no, Wirtz-aye

With outcome of roll call comes to a tie. A tie breaker was the City of Oconto Falls city coin.

The picture of the coin was heads and the engraving of the coin was tails. Alderman Ashley Bahrke called heads and Alderman Devin Wirtz had tails.

Tiebreaker -Mayor Braun flipped coin and landed on heads-Bahrke won coin flip and is Council President for the year 2025.

2. Appoint Water and Light Commissioner – 5-year Appointment

There was one letter that was received from Bart Schindel in request to be on Water and Light Commissioner. The City Administrator opened the floor to nominations for Water and Light Commissioner. There were no further nominations.

MOTION: McDermid/ McDonald

Motion to appoint Bart Schindel as Water and Light Commissioner -- 5-year Appointment.

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

3. Volunteer Application for Kenneth Harter

Reuben Radke has stepped down from the Park and Recreation Committee leaving a spot open. Kenneth Harter has shown interest in this and has submitted a volunteer application to fill the spot.

MOTION: McDermid/ Coopman

Motion to except the volunteer application for Kenneth Harter.

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

4. Approval of Appointments by Mayor.

There were some amendments that were made to the appointments that were:

- ❖ Mayoral Appointments l. Arborist Wally Remic
- ❖ Main Street Committee Jayme Sellen represents TEDCOR, Christine Grzelak Chamber Representative
- ❖ Personnel Manual will be represented by both Jason Valentine and Beth Rank Interim Utility Manager (non-voting)

MOTION: Coopman/Holman

Motion to approve the Appointments of the Mayor as amended.

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

5. Approval of Appointments by City Administrator.

MOTION: McDermid/Wirtz

Motion to approve the Appointments of the City Administrator.

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

6. Approval of Appointments by the Emergency Director

MOTION: Bahrke/McDonald

Motion to approve the Appointments of the Emergency Director.

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

7. Homegrown Fitness Oconto Falls Dri-Tri Saturday, July 12, 2025

No Discussion or Action Taken

8. Resolution 25-02 City of Oconto Falls Emergency Declaration

MOTION: McDermid/Wirtz

Motion to approve Resolution 25-02 City of Oconto Falls Emergency Declaration.

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

9. Resolution 25-003 WI DNR Urban Forestry Grants Combined

This grant will help the city apply for normal grants and the Urban Forestry Grant as well.

MOTION: Bahrke/McDonald

Motion to approve Resolution 25-003 WI DNR Urban Forestry Grants Combined

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

10. Resolution 25-004 Resolution Designating Newspaper for Legally Required Notices

MOTION: Holman/Coopman

Motion to approve Resolution 25-004 Resolution Designating Newspaper for Legally Required Notices

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

- 11. Oconto Falls Ambulance Annual Meeting July 23, 2025 at 6:30pm**
This is an update on the Oconto Falls Ambulance Annual Meeting.
No Action Taken

12. Tornado Siren Failure

The Tornado Siren failed to work. Fire Chief Tim Magnin has called American Signal and will be having staff look into this to help diagnosis the problem. This may take a while to diagnosis to repair.

No Action Taken

13. Adjournment

Mayor Braun asked if there was any further business before the meeting is adjourned. Having no further business, he declared the meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.



City Administrator Peter Wills