

**CITY OF OCONTO FALLS
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
PUBLIC HEARING**

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

**MONDAY DECEMBER 1, 2025 – 5:00 PM
MINUTES**

Meeting called to order at 5:00pm by Mayor Clint Braun

Roll Call Present: Aldermen: Ashley Bahrke, Jeff McDonald, Tim Holman,
Marty Coopman, Devin Wirtz and Cathy Strom

Also Present: Mayor Clint Braun, Administrator Peter Wills, Treasurer Eve
Wallace, Michelle Tester, Street Superintendent Wally Remic, Fire Chief Tim
Magnin

- 1. Meeting Called to Order**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Roll Call**

Update on the status of the **OLD BUSINESS:**

- 4. *** The City Council of City of Oconto Falls will conduct a public hearing regarding its 2026 CITY BUDGET ******

A. Review the proposed 2026 City Budget

The General Fund Revenues is up 3.9%, General Fund Expenses is up 3.9%
Debt Services is down 100% due to Columbia Street finished and not having any
big projects for the 2026 year. The TIF revenue is up due to getting revenue for
2026 where in the year 2025 there was no revenue. Levy is up 6.1% none of the
levy is coming from fund balance. There currently is no sidewalk replacement in
the budget for 2026 and WI DNR Forestry Grant that was previously proposed in
the budget has now been removed due to the City of Oconto Falls was denied this
grant. The budget is doing ok at this time with no personnel and or services have
been cut. The city has applied for LRIP for Wisconsin Street for in 2027 and Paul
Street later. Concerns and questions that were brought up;

- Line 437 of budget went from five thousand dollars to thirteen thousand dollars for garage and machine shed expenses. What is this for? *This was*

a miscommunication and can be dropped down to five thousand dollars. Leaving a positive of eight thousand dollars.

- Line 440 of budget went from \$24,000 to \$42,194 why? *This is for machine maintenance. One of the loaders, plow and dump truck need new tires. The loader tire alone are ten thousand five hundred dollars.*
- Line 450 of the budget went from \$36,000 to \$44,000? *This is for the contract of the salt which is eighty-six dollars and thirty-seven cents per ton purchased from the state. Contracted for four hundred tons guaranteed plus eighty ton in reserve. The brine is two thousand two hundred dollars purchased from the county.*
- Line 594 Seven hundred- and fifty-dollars Park and Recreation FICA are for if there were lifeguards and supervisor. *Since there will be no lifeguards at the beach then this can be utilized elsewhere.*
- With the money being an error for lines 437 machine shed and garage expenses was an error. That is a total of eight thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars. Five thousand of that should be placed in budget for city wide sidewalk repair and three thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars is to go towards snow/ ice removal expenses for brine storage.
- Fire Chief Magnin brought to the councils Fire Department computers are too old and cannot be updated. This will cost an estimate of six thousand one hundred dollars for five new computers and two docking stations. The fire department had to borrow a hose due to ours broke. The pressure release valve on the 1995 truck isn't working and dose not pass the safety test. This could cost close to one hundred thousand to fix.

B. Open Public Hearing for comments on 2026 City Budget

City Administrator Wills verified there were no written in or called in concerns prior to the Public Hearing. First Call at 6:05pm by Mayor Clint Braun. There were no concerns from the public. Second Call at 6:07pm by Mayor Clint Braun. There were no concerns from the public. Third Call at 6:08 pm by Mayor Clint Braun. There were no concerns from the public.

C. Close Public Hearing on 2026 City Budget

With no concerns from the public Mayor Clint Braun closed the public hearing at 6:09pm.

5. Review Proposed 2026 City Budget

A. Any proposed revisions to the 2026 City Budget

B. Approval of 2026 City Budget

MOTION: McDonald/Wirtz

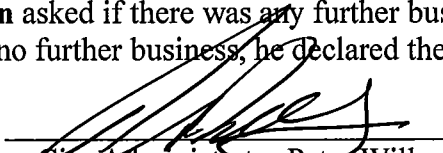
Motion to approve the 2026 budget with the changes five thousand dollars of that should be placed in budget for city wide sidewalk repair

and three thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars is to go towards snow/ ice removal expenses to increase the brine storage.

Roll Call: McDermid-aye, Wirtz-aye, Coopman-aye, Bahrke-aye, Strom-aye, Holman-aye MOTION CARRIED

3. 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 6:10pm.



City Administrator Peter Wills

A quorum of the Common Council was in attendance of this meeting