

**CITY OF OCONTO FALLS
COMMON COUNCIL
MEETING**

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

MONDAY JANUARY 19, 2026 – 5:00 pm

MINUTES

1. **Meeting called to order at 5:00pm by Mayor Clint Braun**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call Present:** Aldermen: Jeff McDonald, Marty Coopman, Cathy Strom, Ashley Bahrke and Tim Holman

Also Present: Mayor Clint Braun, Administrator Peter Wills, Deputy Clerk Jenny Friedman, Police Chief Brad Olsen, Street Superintendent Walley Remic, Fire Chief Tim Magnin, Michelle Tester, Bart Schindel, Dave Alsteen, Cole Magnin, Nate Sagen, Vincent Norling, Tyler Coopman

Absent: Devin Wirtz

4. **OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL** - Citizen in-put will be limited to 3 minutes.
Dave Alsteen Chairman for the Town of Oconto Falls is in favor of the City of Oconto Falls getting the firetruck from Egg Harbor.

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

Old Business:

5. **Fire Truck Financing**

A. **Purchase of used truck**

Purchase used fire truck to be replace truck during refurbishment with the possibility of engine 1311 and 1312 go out to be refurbish at the same time the Fire Department will be down two working trucks. The question arises if the Fire Department should purchase a used fire truck from Egg Harbor to replace the 1995 firetruck or keep and help provide service until the refurbishments are done on engine 1311 and 1312. Fire Chief Magnin presented photos of a 2002 Pierce Saber Fire Truck for \$40,000 in Egg Harbor it currently has 2120 hours 1000 water, 1500 water hose pump, Harrison Generator (currently not working), current pump test (passed pumps to capacity) foam system working. NFPA equipment included (suction hoses, ladders pick polls.) Same manufactures as we currently use the layout is little different but to be expected. Questions and concerns that were brought up about the truck and how to purchase:

- Was this truck on Wisconsin Surplus? *No, it was on market place only.*
- Did Fire Chief try and get lower price than \$40,000? *Yes, the City Administrator also tried to get a lower price. Egg Harbor would not lower the price and were firm on \$40,000.*

- Was the truck DOT inspected? *Yes, and it passed and looks good.*
- Is Egg Harbor holding this or did you write an agreement for this? *They are holding it. The city will have to let them know on Tuesday January 20, 2026 in the morning.*
- If this truck gets purchased, do you need to change the wording on the side or paint? *Yes, just the lettering, it would cost about four hundred dollars. The letters on the truck are vinyl and Fire Department can do.*
- Does it still seem within reason to sell the 1995 fire truck for the cost of fifteen thousand dollars? *Fire Chief Magnin feels it should go for that.*
- With this truck also having rust is the condition better than the 1995? *Yes, there is less rust on this truck than our current 1995 truck.*
- Did you test the pumps on the truck? *Yes, it is pretty much the same as the 2005 truck we have. It is actually a step up from current 1995.*
- Do the nasals and fixtures we have now the same and compatible on the 2002 Pierce Saber? – *Yes, same size fittings.*
- How many passengers dose this hold? *This is a six-person cab.*
- Are the tires good on this truck yet? *Yes, for two years yet.*
- Does everything look good on the truck under neither other than the rust? *The breaks and body look good other than the rust. Has new radiator, injector lines and clutch.*
- Is there anything else that this truck needs? *Just an oil change. Egg Harbor did do yearly maintenance on it and kept it in good condition.*
- Did City Administrator check on financing for the 2005 fire truck. Loan options to fund purchase of truck and repairs. - *City Administrator presented the following loan options to fund purchase of truck and repair. Peshtigo National Bank proposed for the fifty-thousand-dollar loan with a proposed interest rate at four-point two percent for ten years. Peshtigo National Bank second proposal for the amount of four hundred and fifty thousand dollars for a nine-year loan at four-point two percent interest rate. The first payments would be due in January twenty twenty-seven. Premier Community Bank proposed for the fifty-thousand-dollar loan with a proposed interest rate at four-point five percent for ten years. Premier Community Bank second proposal for the amount of four hundred and fifty thousand dollars for a ten-year loan at four-point two percent interest rate. The first payments would be due in January twenty twenty-seven. BCPL-Board of Commissioners of Public Lands proposed for the fifty-thousand-dollar loan with a proposed interest rate at five-point five percent for ten years. BCPL-Board of Commissioners of Public Lands second proposal for the amount of four hundred and fifty thousand dollars for a ten-year loan at five-point five percent interest rate. The first payments would be due March fifteenth twenty twenty-seven.*
- Will we have to refurbish this truck in the next two years? *Egg Harbor stated this truck should run until 2030 potentially four years.*
- How old is our ladder truck? *Fifteen years.*
- Would the under coating help this truck? *Yes, it would.*
- Does the fire department wash the trucks when the comeback from a call. *Yes, they are cleaned after calls out.*
- Potentially the funding for the 2002 Peirce Saber Fire Truck would possibly come from a donation of ten or eleven thousand dollars to go towards the fire truck,

about sixteen thousand in the equipment account and sell the 1995 truck for possibly fifteen thousand? Does that sound right on the funding? *Yes*

- How soon would you sell the 1995 to get the funds to pay for the 2002 Peirce Saber Truck? *It would depend on if the city would refurbish a current truck. Possibly a year or two.*

If the City were to decide to do a referendum for April, they would need to have questions submitted to Deputy Clerk Friedman by January 27, 2026. A referendum question can go onto any election the city sees a need for, as for the cost of a referendum would be to split the ballot price and the cost of newspaper publications which with reviewing with the county should be estimated high at twelve hundred dollars. This does not include the cost of lawyer fees to review the referendum question.

MOTION: Holman/ Bahrke

Motion for the Fire Department to purchase the 2002 Peirce Saber Truck not to exceed \$40,000 using ten thousand dollars of donations sixteen thousand dollars of the equipment balance account and City Administrator authorized borrowing rest of funds not to exceed fifteen thousand dollars with deferred payment or Fire Department to come up with funds in one hundred and twenty days or the 1995 fire truck goes up for sale.

Roll Call: Holman- aye, Bahrke-aye, McDonald-aye, Coopman-aye, Strom-aye, Wirtz-absent

MOTION CARRIED

6. Innovation Grant -Library Consolidation Study Results

The Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR)'s Innovation Grant assists municipalities that transfer one or more allowable services to another entity or municipality. The program is intended to encourage long-term service innovation through shared services, consolidation, or restructuring, while providing financial support to offset transition costs and promote sustainable service delivery. The Oconto Falls Library consolidation study results have been turned into the library. The library board has not had the chance to meet on this yet.

NO ACTION TAKEN

NEW BUSINESS

None

7. 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 5:45pm.



City Administrator Peter Wills