

**CITY OF OCONTO FALLS  
COMMON COUNCIL  
MEETING**

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

**TUESDAY MAY 12, 2026 – 6:00 pm  
MINUTES**

1. **Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Clint Braun**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call Present:** Aldermen: Marty Coopman, Cathy Strom, Devin Wirtz, Ashley Bahrke and Tim Holman

Also Present: Mayor Clint Braun, Administrator Peter Wills, Deputy Clerk Jenny Friedman, Beth Rank-Interim Utility Manager, Streer Superintendent Wally Remic, Fire Chief Tim Magnin, Police Chief Brad Olsen, Michelle Tester, Bart Schindel, Cindy Leurquin, Sophie Ford, Heather Trempe

Absent: Jeff McDonald

4. **Approval of Minutes** – Common Council 04.14.26, Reorg Common Council 04.21.26

**MOTION: BAHRKE/COOPMAN**

*Motion to approve the minutes for the Common Council 04.14.26, Reorg Common Council 04.21.26.*

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

5. **Treasurer's Report-Revised March**

**MOTION: BAHRKE/WIRTZ**

*Motion to approve the Treasures Report.*

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

6. **Bills Payable –April**

**MOTION: WIRTZ/STROM**

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

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

7. **Reports: Written reports submitted**

✓ Administrator Report

✓ Police Department Report

Police Chief gave an update that one of the City of Oconto Falls fulltime officers will be dropping down to part time in mid-June.

✓ Municipal Court Report

✓ Fire Department Report

- ✓ Street Department Report
- ✓ Building Inspector Report
- ✓ Library Report

**MOTION: WIRTZ/COOPMAN**

*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.

**A.** Oconto Falls Area Ambulance Annual Meeting July 29, 2026 at 6:30pm

**B.** Thank you from Ron Curran family for the donation to St. Jude Hospital in lieu of flowers.

**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- 04.15.26

Main Street Committee Report N/A

Park & Recreation Committee Report-N/A

Personnel Committee Report N/A

Planning Commission Report 04.14.26, 05.07.26

Ordinance Commission N/A

Utility Commission Report 04.20.26

**MOTION: BAHRKE/STROM**

*Motion to place reports on file.*

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

**Old Business:**

**10. Amend Ordinance 25-007 Annexation of a portion of County I -Correction of Legal Description and Maps of 1966 & 1973 Annexations.**

**A.** Public Hearing held by Planning Commission May 7, 2026 5:00pm

**B.** Amend Ordinance 25-007 Annexation of a portion of County I -Correction of Legal Description and Maps of 1966 & 1973 Annexations.

Planning Commission met on May 7, 2026 and held a public hearing on Amend Ordinance 25-007 Annexation of a portion of County I -Correction of Legal Description and Maps of 1966 & 1973 Annexations. There were no public concerns at the meeting. Planning Commission recommended to Amend Ordinance 25-007 Annexation of a portion of County I- correction of legal description and maps of 1966 & 1973 Annexation.

**MOTION: BAHRKE/REVOLINSKI**

*Motion to approve Amend Ordinance 25-007 Annexation of a portion of County I - Correction of Legal Description and Maps of 1966 & 1973 Annexations.*

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

**11. Detachment of a Portion County I from the City of Oconto Falls to the Town of Stiles**  
**Re: Administrator Wills**

**A. Notice of Intention to Circulate a Petition of Detachment Territory Portion of County I**

The City of Oconto Falls intends to notify the public of its intent to circulate a Petition for Detachment concerning a portion of County Road I. The territory was originally annexed by the City for the purpose of reducing the speed limit along that section of roadway. Following the annexation, the County adjusted the speed limit to address the City's concerns. As a result of the County's action, the original purpose for the annexation has been satisfied, and the City is now pursuing detachment so the property may return to its original jurisdictional status.

**MOTION: Bahrke/Revolinski**

*Motion to approve Notice of Intention to Circulate a Petition of Detachment Territory Portion of County I.*

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

**B. Petition for Detachment of Land from the City of Oconto Falls to the Town of Stiles, WI.**

**MOTION: Wirtz/Revolinski**

*Motion to approve Petition for Detachment of Land from the City of Oconto Falls to the Town of Stiles, WI.*

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

**12. Fire Dept-Follow Up on Raised Funds or Sell Truck from January Council**

Fire Chief Tim Magnin gave an update that the Fire Department has been raising funds to pay for the fire truck purchased in January. The approved motion for the purchase stated: "Motion for the Fire Department to purchase the 2002 Pierce Saber Truck for an amount not to exceed \$40,000, using \$10,000 in donations, \$16,000 from the equipment balance account, and authorizing the City Administrator to borrow the remaining funds, not to exceed \$15,000, with deferred payment. The Fire Department would then have 120 days to secure the remaining funds, or the 1995 fire truck would be put up for sale." The Fire Department expects to have the full amount raised by the end of May or beginning of June.

**NO ACTION TAKEN**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**13. Resolution 26-004 Transportation Funding for Local Governments -LWM**

Wisconsin's local roads have declined in quality as transportation funding has failed to keep pace with inflation and rising construction costs. Because state transportation aid covers

only a small portion of local expenses, communities are increasingly using local tax dollars to maintain roads rather than improve them. Resolution 26-004 urges the Governor and State Legislature to create a sustainable transportation funding plan that provides reliable revenue, responsibly uses state funding and bonding, adjusts transportation fees to maintain purchasing power, and adequately funds road reconstruction, preservation, and safety improvements.

**MOTION: WIRTZ/STROM**

*Motion to approve Resolution 26-004 Transportation Funding for Local Governments - LWM*

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

**14. Maintain Physical Ordinance Binders for Council Members**

**MOTION: WIRTZ/ MCDONALD**

*Motion to maintain the minimum physical ordinance binders.*

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

**15. August Common Council will need to change due to the August 11, 2026 Partisan Primary**  
The Common Council for August 11, 2026 is the same day as the Fall Primary Election. The Common Council date will need to be moved. Council has agreed to move this date to August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 6:00pm.

**NO ACTION TAKEN**

**16. Community Event Application Barb's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at Antique Bar July 25<sup>th</sup> 2026**

**MOTION: WIRTZ/STROM**

*Motion to approve the Community Event Application Barb's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at Antique Bar July 25<sup>th</sup> 2026.*

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

**17. Community Event Application Farmers Market June 2,2026 – August 25,2026 from 4pm-8pm**

**MOTION: BAHRKE/WIRTZ**

*Motion to approve Community Event Application Farmers Market June 2,2026 – August 25,2026 from 4pm-8pm.*

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

**18. Community Event Application Joyful Noise June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**MOTION: BAHRKE/WIRTZ**

*Motion to approve Community Event Application for Joyful Noise June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026.*

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

**19. Community Event Application Dash O.F. Color May 23, 2026**

**MOTION: WIRTZ/REVOLINSKI**

*Motion to approve Community Event Application Dash O.F. Color May 23, 2026.*

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

**20. One Year Operators License for Jordan Decoursin, Jody Katers, Cindi Boucher**

**MOTION: BAHRKE/WIRTZ**

*Motion to approve One Year Operators License for Jordan Decoursin, Jody Katers, Cindi Boucher.*

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

**21. Two Year Operators License for Stephen Robb**

**MOTION: WIRTZ/STROM**

*Motion to approve Two Year Operators License for Stephen Robb.*

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

**22. The City Council may go into closed session regarding public property negotiation under Wis. Stat. §19.85(1)(e). Deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public property, investment of public funds, or other specified public business, when competitive or business reasons require a closed session.**

**Re: Property Development Negotiations**

**MOTION: BAHRKE/ STROM**

*Motion to go into closed session at 6:42pm.*

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

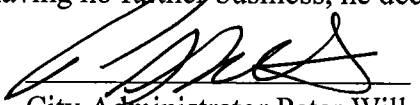
Those remaining in closed session were Mayor Clint Braun, City Administrator Peter Wills, Aldermen, Marty Coopman, Cathy Strom, Devin Wirtz, Ashley Bahrke and Tim Holman, Deputy Clerk Jenny Friedman.

**MOTION: BAHRKE/ WIRTZ**

*Motion to go into open session at 7:02pm*

**23. 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 7:02pm.

  
City Administrator Peter Wills