CITY OF OCONTO FALLS
COMMON COUNCIL
MEETING
Council Chambers – Municipal Building
500 N. Chestnut Avenue - Oconto Falls, WI. 54154
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 8, 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, Jeff McDonald and Brandon Revolinski

Also Present: Mayor Clint Braun, Administrator Peter Wills, Police Chief Olsen, Michelle Tester, Bart Schindel, Officer Jamie Kuhn, Officer Cade Zimonick, Officer Jeff Virtues

4. **Approval of Minutes** – Common Council 08.18.2026
   MOTION: BAHRKE/WIRTZ
   Motion to approve the minutes for the Common Council 08.18.26 as amended.
   Voice Vote: All present voting aye - **MOTION CARRIED**

5. **Treasurer's Report-Not Available**

6. **Bills Payable** – August
   MOTION: WIRTZ/MCDONALD
   Motion to approve the bills payable as presented for August 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
   - ✓ Building Inspector Report
   - ✓ Library Report

   MOTION: BAHRKE/WIRTZ
   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 8.18.26
Library Board- N/A
Main Street Committee Report N/A
Park & Recreation Committee Report-09.03.26
Personnel Committee Report N/A
Planning Commission Report 08.18.26
Ordinance Commission N/A
Utility Commission Report 08.17.26 Joint Utility Commission and Common Council 08.17.26

MOTION: BAHRKE /WIRTZ

Motion to place reports on file.

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

Old Business:

9. 2027 Ambulance Rates

The Oconto Falls Area Joint Ambulance Service proposed 2027–2029 ambulance service contract. The Ambulance Board developed a new 60/20/20 formula intended to distribute municipal costs more equitably. The formula considers:

- **60% Equalized Value** – representing a municipality's ability to pay
- **20% Population** – representing who benefits from the service
- **20% Run Volume** – representing who uses the service

For the City of Oconto Falls, the 2027 calculations are:

- Equalized Value: **$103,087.39**
- Population: **$140,884.08**
- Run Volume: **$192,430.77**
- **2027 Contract Amount: $128,515.40**

The contract amount for 2028 and 2029 would increase by 3% annually from the previous year's amount. The Ambulance Service also has upcoming capital needs, including replacement of an ambulance from the 2003 fleet, which is expected to cost more than $300,000, as well as replacement of older LIFEPAK monitors. The service has been quoted $54,587.65 per LIFEPAK 35, with purchases planned over several years to minimize the budget impact. The Council has access to financial and run-volume information throughout the year and that the service strives to maintain transparency with participating municipalities. It is also reported that another municipality is considering joining the ambulance service. A decision is expected in mid-September. If the municipality joins, the contract amounts for the existing municipalities would be recalculated and are expected to be slightly lower. **NO ACTION TAKEN**

NEW BUSINESS

10. Temporary Class B Liquor License Oconto Falls Betterment Corporation Octoberfest September 26,2026

MOTION: WIRTZ/MCDONALD

Motion to approve Temporary Class B Liquor License Oconto Falls Betterment Corporation Octoberfest September 26,2026.

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

11. Community Event Application Octoberfest September 26,2026 Oconto Falls Betterment Corporation Community Event Application

MOTION: BAHRKE/COOPMAN

Motion to approve Community Event Application Octoberfest September 26,2026 Oconto Falls Betterment Corporation Community Event Application.

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

12. Community Event Application St. Anthony Parish Fall Festival September 19, 2026 3pm-7pm

MOTION: WIRTZ /MCDONALD

Motion to approve the Community Event Application St. Anthony Parish Fall Festival September 19, 2026 3pm-7pm

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

13. Temporary Class B Liquor License St. Anthony Parish Fall Festival September 19, 2026 3pm-7pm

MOTION: WIRTZ/REVOLINSKI

Motion to approve alcohol License for St. Anthony Parish Fall Festival September 19, 2026 3pm-7pm Contingent upon all appropriate paperwork being turned in to Deputy Clerk.

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

14. One Year Operators License Lavada Wielgus, Carl Blahnika

MOTION: COOPMAN/ MCDONALD

Motion to approve Lavada Wieglus one-year operator's license.

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

15. 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 6:28pm.

City Administrator Peter Wills