

Meeting of the Meeting of the City Council held on Tuesday, August 15, 2017 Pursuant to Notice Duly Given:

1. Meeting called to order by Council Vice-President Al Schreiber at 6:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Dean Reed, Al Schreiber, Jean Feldt, Robert Le Breck, Attorney Calvert
Excused: Mayor Heier, Roger Reed, Kim Bronikowski

Also Present: Parks & Recreation Director John Bostedt, Building Inspector Joe Last, Fire Chief John Reed, Police Chief Bernie Faith, Superintendent of Public Works Jeremy Wusterbarth, Fire Lieutenant Josh Bostedt, Sara Perrizo, Administrator and as recording secretary and other interested parties

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Alderperson D. Reed
4. Approval of Agenda

**Moved by D. Reed, seconded by Feldt to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion carried upon verbal voice vote.**

4 ayes

5. Approval of Minutes as Presented from City Council and any Special Council Meetings
**Moved by Feldt, seconded by D. Reed to approve the minutes as presented.
Motion carried upon verbal voice vote.**

4 ayes

6. Approval of Department Reports as Presented
**Moved by Le Breck, seconded by Feldt to approve the department reports.
Motion carried upon verbal voice vote.**

4 ayes

7. Correspondence/Public Input.
Ron and Kathy Hayes presented two Rose Awards on behalf of the City and the Chamber of Commerce. Recipients were Jim & Rebecca Denowski and Oconto County Economic Development.

Lieutenant Bostedt presented an award of recognition on behalf of Mayor Heier to Eugene Stamsta for his efforts in a recent river rescue.

Victoria Bostedt, 224 Third Street, remains concerned about the “lack of police presence” and “lack of leadership” demonstrated by Chief Faith. There was recently a Kiwanis 5K event at Copper Culture Park and the bubbler there no longer functions because it has been vandalized. In addition, there were pieces of glass and clay pigeons on the ground due to people shooting those items in the park. Bostedt also commented on what she perceives as a drug problem in the City and feels as though “nothing is being done”.

John Bostedt announced that the annual inspection of Aageson Pool took place and, with the exception of a few minor infractions (not violations), the State Inspector stated that

we have a quality pool and commended the City on the maintenance and upkeep of it and the grounds surrounding it.

Faith informed that there were 33 code enforcement violations issued last month.

- a. Presentation of 2016 Audit Results from Schenck, S.C.
Scott Sternhagen appeared on behalf of Schenck to present the audit results. The 2016 general fund balance is approximately \$848,000, with a net number of \$618,000 after advances to other funds. Schenck issued an unmodified opinion, which is the best that the City can earn. Sternhagen noted that the City's management and staff were very easy to work with and no major audit findings were discovered.

Discussion ensued regarding water rates and whether a rate increase may be needed. Wusterbarth will bring this to the Utility Commission for discussion.

Moved by Feldt, seconded by D. Reed to accept the 2016 audit report.

Motion carried upon electronically recorded vote.

4 ayes

8. Approval of Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of Appointment of Ronney Daul to the Board of Public Works
 - b. Approval of Alcohol Beverage License Applications, Applications for Temporary Class B Retailer's License, Applications for License to Serve Fermented Beverages and/or Intoxicating Liquor and Appointment of Agents
 - c. Approval of Accounts Payable for the Month of July 2017 in the Amount of \$369,930.67, Payroll for the Month of July 2017 in the Amount of \$147,486.79 and Other Financial Reports as Presented
 - d. Approval of Resolution Honoring the Life and Sacrifice of U.S. Army PFC Valentine T. Warrichalet
 - e. Approval of Resolution for the Submission of a Harbor Assistance Grant Application
 - f. Approval of Preliminary Resolution Declaring Intent to Exercise Special Assessment Police Powers Under Wisconsin Statutes 66.0703 for Charles Street
 - g. Approval of Engineering Agreement with Robert E. Lee for McDonald Street
 - h. Approval of Engineering Agreement with Robert E. Lee for Lindsay Avenue, Washburn Avenue and Van Hecke Avenue
 - i. Approval of Engineering Agreement with Robert E. Lee for Doran Avenue

- j. Approval of Quote from Struck & Irwin for Spray Patching & Micro-Surfacing City Streets in the Amount of \$23,488.95
- k. Approval of Street Closure Request from Oconto Area Chamber of Commerce for September 30, 2017
- l. Approval of Repairs to Well #7 in an Amount Not to Exceed \$72,920
- m. Approval of Changes to Chapter 2 of the City of Oconto Code of Ordinances Section 9-2-11
- n. Approval to Allow Tables Not to Exceed 36 Inches in Size to be Placed on Main Street Sidewalks for Restaurant Use With the Tables Being Removed During Non-Business Hours

This item was pulled by Alderperson Le Breck. He stated that he is not against doing this, but most restaurants located on Main Street serve alcohol and there is nothing in this motion that states that it can't be served at these tables. Faith stated that once people are on the city sidewalk, drinking is prohibited under State Statute. Le Breck has noticed this happening in some places. Faith and the Police Department will stop any activity like that if they are made aware of it. Wusterbarth and Faith will look at the locations in question and determine if their tables are located in the city right-of-way.

Moved by D. Reed, seconded by Feldt to approve allowing tables not to exceed 36 inches in size to be placed on Main Street sidewalks for restaurant use with the tables being removed during non-business hours.

Motion carried upon electronically recorded vote.

4 ayes

- o. Approval of Amendment to Ordinance Section 13-1-200 – Accessory Uses or Structures
- p. Approval of Ordinance Regarding Vacant Buildings Located in the City of Oconto

Moved by Feldt, seconded by D. Reed to approve the consent agenda with the exception of item n.

Motion carried upon electronically recorded vote.

4 ayes

- 9. Discussion/Recommendation/Action on the Following
 - a. Bids for Sidewalk Project
Wusterbarth would like to table this item as well as item 9b so that he can take the bids back to the Board of Public Works. Only one bid was received for the

sidewalk project and he wants to make sure that the Board of Public Works is ok with that. There were three bids for the crushing and Wusterbarth would also like to bring those to the Board of Public Works.

Item tabled.

b. Bids for Concrete Crushing

Item tabled.

c. Quotes to Raze Garage Located at 121 Fifth Street

Last explained that there is a major safety concern with this garage. The homeowner passed away several years ago and the heirs to the property can't be located. The City has been granted a court order to raze the garage. Three quotes were received, ranging from \$1,640 to \$3,000.

Moved by Feldt, seconded by D. Reed to accept the bid of \$1,640 from Carlies Landscaping & Excavating for the razing of the garage located at 121 Fifth Street.

Motion carried upon electronically recorded vote.

4 ayes

10. Adjournment.

Moved by Le Breck, seconded by D. Reed to adjourn at 6:41 p.m.

Motion carried upon verbal voice vote.

4 ayes

Respectfully Submitted:
Sara J. Perrizo
Administrator