

**Minutes of the Public Hearing in the Matter of State and Federal Aid for Improvements at Oconto – J Douglas Bake Municipal Airport Held on February 11, 2020 Pursuant to Notice Duly Given:**

The City of Oconto is considering petitioning the State of Wisconsin, Department of Transportation, for state and federal aid to undertake the following development at the Oconto – J Douglas Bake Municipal Airport:

Construct hangars; Develop hangar area; Update wildlife site visit; Upgrade fuel system; Crack Fill and Sealcoat airport pavements; Purchase snow removal and mowing equipment; Construct equipment storage shed; Rehabilitate terminal building; clear runway approaches as stated in Wis. Admin. Code Trans Sects 55; and any necessary related work

Notice is hereby given that the City of Oconto will hold a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on February 11, 2020 in the City Council Chambers, 1210 Main Street, Oconto, Wisconsin.

Mayor Heier opened the public hearing at 6:00 p.m.

Present at the hearing were: Alderperson Schreiber, Alderperson Bronikowski, Alderperson D. Reed, Alderperson Markusen, Mayor Heier, Attorney Calvert, Administrator Perrizo, Police Chief Mike Rehberg, Fire Chief John Reed, Building Inspector Joe Last, Park & Recreation Director John Bostedt, Superintendent of Public Works Jeremy Wusterbarth, other interested parties.

Mayor Heier asked three times for input and none was received.

**Moved by Markusen, second by D. Reed to close the public hearing at 6:03 p.m.**

**Motion carried upon verbal voice vote.**

**4 ayes**

**Immediately Following - Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council Held on February 11, 2020 Pursuant to Notice Duly Given:**

1. Meeting called to order by Mayor Heier at 6:04 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Al Schreiber, Kim Bronikowski, Attorney Calvert, Mayor Heier, Wes Markusen, Dean Reed  
Excused: Roger Reed, Jean Feldt  
Also Present: Police Chief Mike Rehberg, Fire Chief John Reed, Building Inspector Joe Last, Park & Recreation Director John Bostedt, Superintendent of Public Works Jeremy Wusterbarth, 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 Schreiber, seconded by Bronikowski 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 Markusen, 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 Bronikowski, seconded by Schreiber to approve the department reports.  
Motion carried upon verbal voice vote.**

**4 ayes**

7. Correspondence/Public Input.

Schreiber spoke regarding the request for dedicated parking spots for a business on Main Street. He spoke with the owner of the business and gave her his opinion that if the City designates spots for one business, we will have to do it for all businesses.

8. Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. 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
- b. Approval of Accounts Payable for the Month of December 2019 in the amount of \$321,020.45, Payroll for the Month of December 2019 in the Amount of \$149,747.90, and other Financial Reports as Presented
- c. Approval of Municipal Disaster Proclamation
- d. Approval of Quote from Crane Engineering in the Amount of \$42,975 for Six Inch Pump

**Moved by Schreiber, seconded by D. Reed to approve the consent agenda.  
Motion carried upon electronically recorded vote.**

**4 ayes**

9. Discussion/Recommendation/Action on the Following

- a. Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$4,480,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2020A

Jeff Belongia from Hutchinson, Shockey, Earley was present to discuss this item. He stated that the City was assigned a new analyst for the rating process and the analyst didn't understand the nature of some unexpected expenses that the City incurred. The analyst did downgrade the City's bond rating, but we can purchase bond insurance to increase the rating to AA. The cost of the insurance is \$13,000 and purchasing it will save the City approximately \$400,000 in interest costs. When the bonds went to market, it was found that buyers are willing to pay a premium for them as the rates are currently very low. Because of this, the actual bond amount will be \$4,305,000 and \$71,000 of the bond premium will be used toward the cost of the first interest payment. The true interest cost of the bonding is 2.151%.

**Moved by D. Reed, seconded by Bronikowski to approve the resolution.  
Motion carried upon electronically recorded vote.**

**4 ayes**

- b. Emergency Chain of Command

J. Reed heard that there was some concern from an alderperson on how things were handled with the ice breaking during the recent flooding. The current emergency chain of command has the Mayor at the top, then the Administrator and then the Police and Fire Chiefs. J. Reed opined that the other department heads should also be listed. He has worked with Perrizo on this and she agrees. This chain of command has the authority to make decisions in emergencies, including financial decisions. The way things happened during the flood emergency was correct. Mayor Heier stated that there was a two-hour window to make a decision on bringing in the barge, so there was no time to have a meeting. He contacted Schreiber and R. Reed and Perrizo contacted

the other alderpersons within 10 minutes of making the decision to bring in the barge. He has always tried to keep the Council in the loop on things and will continue to do so. Schreiber thanked the City leadership for what is getting done now and noted that, while no one likes to spend money, if we hadn't brought in the barge to break up the ice it could have caused more damage. Schreiber opined that Mayor Heier is doing a great job and the group of department heads is the best he has seen in his 20 years on the Council.

No action.

- c. Approval of Resolution Petitioning the Secretary of Transportation for Airport Improvement Aid

**Moved by Schreiber, seconded by Bronikowski to approve the resolution.**

**Motion carried upon electronically recorded vote.**

**4 ayes**

- d. Approval of Certified Survey Map for Unlimited Services of Wisconsin, Inc. Property Located in the City of Oconto

Mayor Heier stated that this will separate the Guadalupe Chapel onto its own parcel. Schreiber thanked Unlimited Services for what they are doing to try to save the chapel. He noted that they are trying to donate the building and land to the historical society and trying to get it on the National Historical Register.

**Moved by D. Reed, seconded by Markusen to approve the certified survey map.**

**Motion carried upon electronically recorded vote.**

**4 ayes**

- e. Approval of Quote for SCBA Equipment

J. Reed stated that the current gear is expiring. Forty-one tanks are needed at a cost of \$59,942. In addition, two one-hour packs are needed and one Rit-Pak. The total cost is \$65,982.

**Moved by D. Reed, seconded by Markusen to approve the quote.**

**Motion carried upon electronically recorded vote.**

**4 ayes**

- f. Approval of Purchase of Cold Water Rescue Equipment

J. Reed stated that, in preparation for flooding, ice rescue suits are needed. Six new suits are needed so the department will have a total of twelve. The cost of these is \$3,400. In addition, he is requesting to purchase an H2O Rescue sled at a cost of \$2,800. This money will come out of the capital projects budget. All departments and alderpersons are invited to be trained in the use of the suits for cold water rescue.

**Moved by Schreiber, seconded by Bronikowski to approve the purchase.**

**Motion carried upon electronically recorded vote.**

**4 ayes**

- g. Approval of Purchase of New Loader in the Amount of \$160,148

Wusterbarth explained that this will replace the 1992 model that is currently in use. The expenditure will be paid for with money from the bonding.

**Moved by Markusen, seconded by D. Reed to approve the purchase.**

**Motion carried upon electronically recorded vote.**

**4 ayes**

- h. Approval of Invoice from Morton Salt in the Amount of \$17,882.52  
Wusterbarth said that this is for the remaining contracted amount of salt.

**Moved by Schreiber, seconded by Bronikowski to approve the invoice.  
Motion carried upon electronically recorded vote.**

**4 ayes**

10. Adjournment.

**Moved by D. Reed, seconded by Markusen to adjourn at 6:34 p.m.**

**Motion carried upon verbal voice vote.**

**4 ayes**

Respectfully Submitted:  
Sara J. Perrizo  
Administrator