

**Minutes of the Public Hearing on Special Assessments Pursuant to Notice Duly Given:**

The agenda of the hearing was as follows:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the governing body of the City of Oconto, Oconto, Wisconsin has declared its intention to exercise its police power in accordance with 66.0703, Stats., to levy special assessments upon property on **Harbor Road** for benefits conferred upon the property by the improvement of the following streets and the installation of Curb & Gutter for OC-21-A.

All objections will be considered at this hearing and thereafter the amount of the assessments will be finally determined.

Present: Al Schreiber, Dean Reed, Mayor Heier, Jean Feldt, Roger Reed, John Reed, Kim Bronikowski, Attorney Calvert, Building Inspector Joe Last, Superintendent of Public Works Jeremy Wusterbarth, Park & Rec Director John Bostedt, Police Chief Mike Rehberg, Sara Perrizo, Administrator

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

Mayor Heier asked three times for public input.

Allan Hapanionek, 6207 North Bayshore Road, owns property on the north end of Bayshore Road that is adjacent to Harbor Road. He would like to work with the city regarding his assessment as he doesn't feel that this project will benefit his land as it is mostly wetlands. The city would be getting the most benefit in terms of parking and recreation. He would like to dedicate 100 feet of his property to the city in exchange for waiver of his assessment. Wusterbarth stated that Hanpionek's assessment is for 1,562 feet of frontage on Harbor Road, which is estimated at \$15,932.10. There is no water or sewer to that property, but curb and gutter will be put in to protect the road edge and widen the road.

Terry DeBenedetto, 1471 Harbor Road, asked how the assessment amounts are determined. Wusterbarth explained that the contract cost is \$10.20 per linear foot of frontage. The remainder of the project cost will come out of bond money. DeBenedetto asked if maintenance of the pathway will be funded by the city. Wusterbarth replied that it will be a recreational trail, so if it is decided to keep it open in the winter, the city will plow it.

Diane DeBenedetto, 1471 Harbor Road, feels that they are paying for the boaters to be able to park. Her problem is when they can't get out of their driveway and also with the garbage that is left behind. Wusterbarth stated that the curb can be striped at the end of the driveways.

**Moved by Feldt, seconded by Schreiber to close the public hearing at 6:15 p.m.**

**Motion carried upon verbal voice vote.**

**6 ayes**

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council Held on June 8, 2021 Pursuant to Notice Duly Given:**

1. Meeting called to order by Mayor Heier at 6:16 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Al Schreiber, Dean Reed, Mayor Heier, Jean Feldt, Roger Reed, John Reed, Kim Bronikowski, Attorney Calvert

Also Present: Building Inspector Joe Last, Superintendent of Public Works Jeremy Wusterbarth, Park & Rec Director John Bostedt, Police Chief Mike Rehberg, Sara Perrizo, Administrator and as recording secretary and other interested parties

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Alderperson R. Reed
4. Approval of Agenda  
**Moved by Schreiber, seconded by Bronikowski to approve the agenda. 6 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. 6 ayes**
6. Approval of Department Reports as Presented  
**Moved by J. Reed, seconded by D. Reed to approve the department reports. Motion carried upon verbal voice vote. 6 ayes**

Wusterbarth stated that the Harbor Road project is waiting on the public comment period to expire. He is going to try to hold off the start of construction until after Waterfest.

7. Correspondence/Public Input. – None.
8. Approval of Consent Agenda
  - a. Approval of Accounts Payable for the Month of April 2021 in the Amount of \$883,978.53, Payroll for the Month of April 2021 in the Amount of \$154,182.57 and Other Financial Reports as Presented
  - b. Approval of Appointment of Mary Frost and Reappointment of Sue Jacquart to the Oconto Housing Authority
  - c. Approval of Reappointment of Nick Badendick and Jeff Werner to the Forestry Committee
  - d. Approval of Ordinance Creating Oconto Municipal Code Section 11-2-17 Establishing a Daytime Curfew for Minors During School Hours in the Municipal Code of Ordinances for the City of Oconto  
  
 This item was pulled by D. Reed. He opined that the Police Department has enough work already. Rehberg clarified that this ordinance would not be adding additional work, but would provide further ability to stop and ask questions of kids who should be in school.  
  
**Moved by Feldt, seconded by D. Reed to approve the ordinance. Motion carried upon electronically recorded roll call vote. 6 ayes**
  - e. Approval of Ordinance Regarding Revisions to the ATV Ordinances in the Municipal Code of Ordinances for the City of Oconto
  - f. Approval to Purchase a Used Truck in an Amount Not to Exceed \$15,000
  - g. Approval to Purchase K-9 Dog With Bond Foundation Grant Funds
  - h. Approval of Quote from Camera Corner Connecting Point in the Amount of \$4,680 for Office 365 Conversion

**Moved by D. Reed, seconded by J. Reed to approve the consent agenda except for item d.  
Motion carried upon electronically recorded roll call vote. 6 ayes**

9. Discussion/Action/Recommendation on the Following:

- a. Proposal from Konicek Environmental Consulting, LLC for Environmental Review in Relation to the Oconto Housing Authority Property (Cost to be Reimbursed by Oconto Housing Authority)

Perrizo explained that the Housing Authority asked the city to be the “responsible entity” for the required environmental review of their property for the upcoming building project. Since the city does not have anyone on staff who is qualified to perform an official environmental review, the Housing Authority obtained this quote from Konicek to review the environmental review that will be done by an engineer. Once Konicek completes their review, the city can sign off on the environmental review. If the city chooses not to be the responsible entity, the State of Wisconsin would have to do so, which would cost the Housing Authority more money.

**Moved by Feldt, seconded by Bronikowski to approve the proposal.  
Motion carried upon electronically recorded roll call vote. 6 ayes**

- b. Application for Temporary Class B Retailer’s License – Oconto Elks Lodge 887 for July 3, 2021

**Moved by Schreiber, seconded by Bronikowski to approve the application.  
Motion carried upon electronically recorded roll call vote. 6 ayes**

- c. Invoice from Stewart’s Heating & Cooling, Inc. in the Amount of \$4,885 for New AC System in the Multi-Purpose Room

**Moved by J. Reed, seconded by D. Reed to approve the invoice.  
Motion carried upon electronically recorded roll call vote. 6 ayes**

- d. Final Resolution Authorizing the Special Assessments Against Benefitted Property Owners in the City of Oconto, Oconto County, Wisconsin

Wusterbarth spoke regarding the request from the Hapanioneks. He stated the property is wetland and it would cost money through the DNR to develop it. There are no utilities to the property and it would be a lot of work to get them there. The land is basically not able to be developed without a large cost and there would be no real benefit to the city to take 100 feet of it in exchange for waiving the assessment. Last clarified that the land is classified as lakebed wetlands, which are more difficult than regular wetlands to develop. Wusterbarth noted that the cost for curb and gutter is the lowest he has seen in ten years. J. Reed questioned if waiving this assessment would set a precedence. He feels for the property owners, but stated that we need to be fair and consistent. Feldt asked if there are grants still being pursued for this project. Wusterbarth said that there are no grants available at this time, but he will be applying for LRIP grants for Bayshore Road and Spies Road/Yacht Club Road later this year.

**Moved by Schreiber, seconded by J. Reed to approve the resolution.  
Motion carried upon electronically recorded roll call vote. 6 ayes**

- e. Approval of Quote for Repaving Chicago Street  
Wusterbarth stated that Northeast Asphalt had the lowest bid at \$175,000, which includes milling, manhole adjustments and railroad permitting.

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

**Motion carried upon electronically recorded roll call vote.**

**6 ayes**

- f. Approval of Low Bid for Sidewalk Construction on Scherer Avenue  
Wusterbarth explained that four bids were received and the low bid was from Jim Fischer, Inc at \$4.42 per square foot. Approximately \$5,000 was saved on the project by the Department of Public Works doing some of the work. The project was completed this week because waiting would have pushed the project back two months.

**Moved by J. Reed, seconded by Feldt to approve the bid.**

**Motion carried upon electronically recorded roll call vote.**

**6 ayes**

- g. Adding Full-Time and Seasonal Positions to Parks  
Perrizo explained that the proposal is to change the six-month seasonal position to full-time, with funds coming half from the Parks budget and half from the Campground budget. The proposed pay would be \$14 per hour. R. Reed opined that \$14 is not enough to get people to apply for the position. Perrizo noted that the working foreman position is at \$17.03 per hour and stated that needs to be considered. Wusterbarth pointed out that the permanent part-time Parks position is also at \$14 per hour. Bronikowski asked what the Public Works employees are paid. Wusterbarth stated that depends on skill and experience. Feldt noted that it has been said often that these positions are underpaid. Discussion ensued regarding pay rates for each of the three positions.

**Moved by Schreiber, seconded by J. Reed to increase the Parks Working Foreman position to \$19 per hour, increase the Permanent Part-Time Parks position to \$17 per hour and change the six-month Parks Part-Time position to \$15 per hour and increase the position to full-time with the cost to be split 50/50 between Parks and the Campground.**

**Motion carried upon electronically recorded roll call vote. 5 ayes, 1 nay (Bronikowski)**

Regarding seasonal positions, John Bostedt stated that the Park & Rec committee recommended adding two positions with funding coming from the pool budget. Perrizo estimated that cost at \$8,000. J. Reed stated that the thought is to get the Parks Department caught up and the extra people would be for this year only. Perrizo suggested allocating \$8,000 for seasonal work to be spent as John Bostedt sees fit. Schreiber noted that it needs to be ensured that there is enough money left to do the upgrades to the pool as well. Perrizo stated that there is enough money in the budget to cover both.

**Moved by D. Reed, seconded by Feldt to use \$8,000 for the Pool budget for Parks seasonal employees at the discretion of John Bostedt.**

**Motion carried upon electronically recorded roll call vote.**

**6 ayes**

- h. Transfer of \$25,000 from Aageson Pool Operating Budget to Aageson Pool Capital Projects Budget  
John Bostedt stated that if the project cost increases, he will come back to ask for additional funds. Wusterbarth stated that the Department of Public Works is willing to help with the work to reduce costs if possible.

**Moved by Schreiber, seconded by Feldt to approve the transfer.  
Motion carried upon electronically recorded roll call vote.**

**6 ayes**

i. Approval to Construct Quad Unit Hangar Building

Calvert, who is also the Airport Manager, explained that the bids for this came in very high due to current construction costs. The State has come forward and offered grant assistance. The local share of the cost would be \$50,000 (\$25,000 from the City and \$25,000 from the County) and the rest would come from Federal funds. The plan is to even out the capital improvement budget requests for each year and the 2022 budget will have a 0% increase over 2021. D. Reed asked if the capital money carries over. Calvert stated that it does. Also, there is \$150,000 in grant money available each year from the FAA which can be saved for up to five years. J. Reed asked if the vote tonight would then also approve the 2022 budget. Perrizo stated that it would just be obligating the \$50,000 expenditure.

**Moved by Feldt, seconded by D. Reed to approve the construction of a quad unit hangar building.**

**Motion carried upon electronically recorded roll call vote.**

**5 ayes, 1 nay (R. Reed)**

10. Adjournment.

**Moved by J. Reed, seconded by Feldt to adjourn at 7:07 p.m.**

**Motion carried upon verbal voice vote.**

**6 ayes**

Respectfully Submitted:  
Sara J. Perrizo, Administrator