

CITY OF OCONTO
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

City Hall – Council Chambers
1210 Main St, Oconto, WI 54153

TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2022 - 6:00 PM

Draft for Approval

Meeting of the Regular Council called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor John Panetti

Roll Call –

Present: Mayor John Panetti, City Attorney Frank Calvert; Alderpersons: Butch Mehlberg, Steve Stock, John Wittkopf, Patsy Bake, Jean Feldt (arrived at 6:01 pm), and Robert LeBreck

Also present: Police Chief Mike Rehberg, Fire Chief Josh Bostedt, Parks & Recreation Director John Bostedt, Board of Public Works Director Jeremy Wusterbarth, City Administrator Brittney Bickel and as recording secretary, and other interested parties

Excused: none

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Alderperson Butch Mehlberg

Approval of Agenda –

MOTION: Wittkopf / Mehlberg

Motion to approve the agenda as presented for the Council meeting on May 17, 2022.

Voice Vote: 5 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

Approval of Minutes –

MOTION: Bake / Feldt

Motion to approve the minutes as presented for the Regular Council meeting on April 19, 2022. Voice Vote: 5 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

Correspondence –

- Mayor Panetti asked for a round of applause for the volunteer efforts of Firefighter Cody Henry, Firefighter Gavin Kuerschner, Officer Brad Scherer, and Sheriff's Department Deputy Miller who participated with the surrounding areas with Police & Fire escorts awaiting on over-passes with flashing lights welcoming the 5 WWII veterans' bus on their way to the LCS 29 USS Beloit christening
- Garrett and Courtney Soble presented a Power Point presentation explaining their upcoming rezoning request for 116 Holtwood Way property: "The Yard – Park and Bier Garden on the Oconto River". This Petition for Zoning Amendment and Liquor License Application will be on the June 14th Plan Commission and Council meeting agendas.
- Jeremy Wusterbarth handed out a list of upcoming 2022 events and street closure requests. The City received \$14,541 for a 2022 Recycling Grant. Congress Street project was put on hold for 2022: After talking to the State on the LRIP grant, the funds can be used thru 2026. We were awarded an 80/20 grant for Arbutus Street. From Madison St to Memorial Dr. Out of the estimated \$310,000 total costs for the 2023 project, the City will be responsible for

only \$70,000. A grant for VanDyke, from Cook Ave to Percy Ave, is going to be written pending response from the DOT if the project needs to be completed in 2023 or if we can extend it out to 2026. It would also be an 80/20 grant. Out of the estimated \$600,000 total costs, the City will be responsible for only \$120,000. There are a lot of grants being offered right now, that Wusterbarth has never seen in the 20 years working for the City of Oconto.

Public Input – none

Consent Agenda –

- a. Approval of Department Reports as Presented
- b. Accounts Payable for the Month of April 2022 in the Amount of \$218,805.54, Payroll for the Month of April 2022 in the Amount of \$164,213.44, and Other Financial Reports as Presented
- c. Approval of Application for Temporary Class “B” Retailer’s License – Oconto Elks Lodge 887 – Waterfest 2022, July 3rd, 2022
- d. Approval of Alcohol Beverage License Applications and Appointments of Agent

MOTION: Wittkopf / Stock

Motion to approve the consent agenda.

Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

Discussion/Recommendation on –

- a. Recommendation of Appointment of Robert LeBreck to Alderperson who upon approval will be given an oath and seated immediately.

MOTION: Wittkopf / Feldt

Motion to approve the recommendation of appointment of Robert LeBreck to Alderperson.

Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

Robert LeBreck was given his oath and seated.

- b. Recommendation of Appointment of Robert LeBreck to Technology Committee, Emergency Government, Parks & Recreation Committee, and Historical Preservation Committee.

MOTION: Feldt / Mehlberg

Motion to approve the recommendations of appointment.

Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 1 abstain (Robert LeBreck) - MOTION CARRIED

- c. Recommendation of Appointment of Bryce Hearley to the Tourism Committee for a 2-year term

MOTION: Stock / Feldt

Motion to approve the recommendation of appointment.

Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

- d. Approval of low bid from Superior Water & Sewer from Luxemburg in the amount of \$604,792.92 for the Reconstruction of Jones Ave

MOTION: Wittkopf / Stock

Motion to approve low bid from Superior Water & Sewer as presented for Jones Ave.

Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

- e. Approval of Preliminary Resolution Declaring Intent to Exercise Special Assessment Police Powers Under Wisconsin Statutes Sec. 66.0703 – Jones Ave

MOTION: Feldt / Bake

Motion to approve preliminary resolution as presented for Jones Ave.

Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

Recommendation from Parks & Recreation:

- f. Approval of Holtwood Campground Lift Station Rehabilitation from Crane Engineering in the amount of \$13,870.00

MOTION: Wittkopf / Stock

Motion to approve the invoice as presented.

Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

- g. Approval of Mooring Permit for Hi Seas Marina, LLC

MOTION: Feldt / Bake

Motion to approve the mooring permit as presented.

Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

- h. Approval of Resolution Regarding Three Year Harbor Development Statement of Intentions

MOTION: Feldt / Stock

Motion to approve the resolution as presented.

Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

Closed Session –

Council voted at 6:40 p.m. to convene into Closed Session pursuant to notice duly given and as allowed by Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(c) for the for discussion on personnel matters for the following items:

- i. Fire Department hire of chosen candidate
- ii. Wastewater Treatment Plant hire of chosen candidate

MOTION: Wittkopf / Bake

Motion to convene into closed session at 6:40 pm.

Voice Vote: 6 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

Roll Call: Mayor John Panetti, City Attorney Frank Calvert, City Administrator Brittney Bickel, Fire Chief Josh Bostedt, Butch Mehlberg, Steve Stock, John Wittkopf, Patsy Bake, Jean Feldt, and Robert LeBreck,

Open Session –

Council voted to reconvene into Open Session at 6:54 p.m. pursuant to notice duly given and as allowed by Wis. Stat. 19.85(2) for discussion/recommendation from Closed Session.

MOTION: Feldt / Bake

Motion to reconvene into open session at 6:54 pm.

Voice Vote: 6 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: Feldt / Wittkopf

Motion to approve the Fire Department hire of chosen candidate.

Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

Adjournment –

MOTION: LeBreck / Stock

Motion to adjourn at 6:56 pm.

Voice Vote: 6 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

City Administrator Brittney M. Bickel