

**CITY OF OCONTO**  
**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

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

**TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2022 - 6:00 PM**

Draft for Approval

**Meeting 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, and Jean Feldt

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

**Approval of Agenda –**

**MOTION: Feldt / Stock**

*Motion to approve the agenda as presented for the COW Meeting on May 10, 2022.*

**Voice Vote: 5 ayes - MOTION CARRIED**

**Correspondence –**

- First Event at the Oconto Riviera – May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 there will be a wedding of approx. 50-60 people. Set-up will happen around 9:00 am, ceremony will take place around 4:00 pm with a reception to follow.
- Mayor John Panetti read a Proclamation recognizing the Oconto High School Life Smarts Team.
- The Council was given John W. Reed's resignation letter from Alderperson and Committees.
- Two City Tourism members, as well as Sammy Boucher Director of County Tourism, attended the Annual Downtown Summit in Appleton on May 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> to get ideas for downtown development.
- Two additional changes have been made to the Commission and Committee Members. After the Mayor recommends and the Council approves a new Alderperson, the completed list will be posted on the City's Facebook and website.
- Memorial Day Parade and presentation at Evergreen Cemetery
- Waterfest 2022 will be organized by the Elks Club this year. It will be held on Sunday July 3<sup>rd</sup>, with fireworks happening at 10 pm.
- Copperfest parade will have a Nautical theme this year.
- LCS #29 USS Beloit – The Lockheed Martin-led LCS team is comprised of shipbuilder Fincantieri Marinette Marine, naval architect Gibbs & Cox, and more than 800 suppliers in 42 states. Built at the Midwest's only naval shipyard, LCS production supports 12,500 U.S. jobs, including more than 7,500 jobs in Wisconsin and Michigan

**Public Input – none**

**Discussion/Recommendation on –**

- a. **Department Reports:** written reports submitted and available upon request
  - i. Building Inspection Report was submitted by Building Inspector Joe Last, who was excused from the meeting
  - ii. Police and Fire Reports were presented by Police Chief Mike Rehberg and Fire Chief Josh Bostedt
  - iii. Parks & Recreation Report was presented by Parks & Recreation Director John Bostedt
  - iv. Public Works Report was submitted by Superintendent of Public Works Jeremy Wusterbarth, who was excused from the meeting.
  - v. Administrator Report was presented by City Administrator Brittney Bickel

**MOTION: Wittkopf / Mehlberg**

*Motion to approve department reports as presented.*

**Voice Recorded Vote: 5 ayes - MOTION CARRIED**

- 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

**MOTION: Stock / Bake**

*Motion to approve A/P, payroll, & others as presented for April 2022.*

**Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes - MOTION CARRIED**

- c. Approval of Application for Temporary Class “B” Retailer’s License – Oconto Elks Lodge 887, Waterfest 2022, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022

**MOTION: Feldt / Wittkopf**

*Motion to approve the application as presented.*

**Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes - MOTION CARRIED**

- d. Approval of Alcohol Beverage License Applications and Appointments of Agent

Mayor Panetti read the list of alcohol beverage license applications and agents.

**MOTION: Wittkopf / Bake**

*Motion to approve the applications and appointments of agent.*

**Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 5 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: Wittkopf / Bake**

*Motion to approve the resolution as presented.*

**Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes - MOTION CARRIED**

**Closed Session –**

Council voted at 6:58 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. Hire of Wastewater Treatment Plant Employee
- ii. Fire Department Employees

**MOTION: Feldt / Wittkopf**

*Motion to convene into closed session at 6:58 pm.*

**Voice Vote: 5 ayes - MOTION CARRIED**

**Open Session –**

Council voted to reconvene into Open Session at 7:14 p.m. pursuant to notice duly given and as allowed by Wis. Stat. 19.85(2) for discussion/recommendation from Closed Session.

**MOTION: Feldt / Stock**

*Motion to reconvene into open session at 7:14 pm.*

**Voice Vote: 5 ayes - MOTION CARRIED**

No motions were made.

**Adjournment –**

**MOTION: Wittkopf / Feldt**

*Motion to adjourn at 7:16 pm.*

**Voice Vote: 5 ayes - MOTION CARRIED**

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City Administrator Brittney M. Bickel