

CITY OF OCONTO
City Hall – Council Chambers
1210 Main St, Oconto, WI 54153
TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2022 - 6:00 PM

Draft for Approval

Minutes of the Public Hearing on Petition for Zoning Amendment Held on June 14, 2022 Pursuant to Notice Duly Given:

The agenda of the public hearing was as follows:

Petition for Zoning Amendment from Courtney & Garrett Sowle to Amend the Zoning for Parcels #265-33240752157M and #265-33240752157R from Residential Single Family (R1) to Recreational (REC)

Present at the Public Hearing: see roll call below

Mayor Panetti opened the public hearing at 6:00 p.m. and asked for public input.

Public Input –

- Garrett and Courtney Sowle, 116 Holtwood Way spoke in favor of the zoning amendment.
- Bob Webster, 115 Robin Lane, spoke in opposition of the zoning amendment.

Mayor Panetti asked three times for public input, hearing none.

MOTION: Wittkopf / Feldt

Motion to close the public hearing. Voice Vote: 6 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

Minutes of the Public Hearing on Special Assessments Held on June 14, 2022 Pursuant to Notice Duly Given:

The agenda of the public hearing was as follows:

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 Jones Ave for benefits conferred upon the property by the improvement of the following streets and the installation of Curb & Gutter and Driveway Apron for OC-22-A.

Present at the Public Hearing: see roll call below

Mayor Panetti opened the public hearing at 6:10 p.m. and asked three times for public input, hearing none.

MOTION: Bake / Wittkopf

Motion to close the public hearing. Voice Vote: 6 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council Held on June 14, 2022 Pursuant to Notice Duly Given:

Meeting of the Regular Council called to order at 6:18 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, and Robert LeBreck

Also present: Fire Chief Josh Bostedt, Board of Public Works & Utilities 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: Feldt / Wittkopf

Motion to approve the agenda as presented for the Council meeting on June 14, 2022.

Voice Vote: 6 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

Approval of Minutes –

MOTION: Stock / LeBreck

Motion to approve the minutes as presented. Voice Vote: 6 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

Correspondence –

- Emily Tyner from UWGB gave a Power Point presentation about the Bay of Green Bay NERR (copy is available at the office of the City Administrator).
- Recognition from Arbor Day of Oconto as Tree City USA for commitment to effective urban forest management. For 20+ years.

Public Input – none

Consent Agenda –

- a. Approval of Department Reports as Presented
- b. Accounts Payable for the Month of May 2022 in the Amount of \$158,193.08, Payroll for the Month of May 2022 in the Amount of \$159,089.27, and Other Financial Reports as Presented
- c. Approval of Pay Request #1 from Superior Sewer & Water for the Reconstruction of Jones Ave

Wittkopf asked to have item (c) pulled for further discussion.

- d. Approval of hire of chosen candidate for the Wastewater Treatment Plant

MOTION: Feldt / LeBreck

Motion to approve the consent agenda items (a), (b), & (d).

Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

Wittkopf asked about the status of the storm work because of the water. Wusterbarth explained the storm work is still being completed, it is taking a little more time because a majority of the outfalls going out to the river are underwater. The storm mains are about 50% full of water, when replacing storm inlets and they are opened, it creates an issue with the amount of water flowing. It's been a struggle to get the structures in place. Sandbags are being utilized. They have completed the majority of them this week. As they are getting further North, the elevation is higher and water is less and less of an issue, which speeds the process up. The water put us back about 2 weeks on the project. Wittkopf asked if these issues would affect the cost of the project. Wusterbarth explained "no". It is the responsibility of the contractor to fully inspect the project, they open up storm & sewer manholes, ask questions, and examine water vs dry soils and base the bid price accordingly.

MOTION: Wittkopf / Feldt

Motion to approve the consent agenda item (c).

Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

Discussion/Recommendation on –

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

MOTION: Wittkopf / Mehlberg

Motion to approve the final resolution as presented.

Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

- b. Approval of Application for Original Alcohol Beverage Retail License – Courtney Sowle – 116 Holtwood Way

MOTION: Feldt / Wittkopf

Motion to approve the license application as presented.

Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

Recommendation from Plan Commission:

- c. Certified Survey Map for Gary Sowle located in the City of Oconto

MOTION: Feldt / Bake

Motion to approve the CSM as presented.

Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

- d. Certified Survey Map for Robert & Vickie Bickel located in the City of Oconto

MOTION: Wittkopf / Stock

Motion to approve the CSM as presented.

Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

- e. Certified Survey Map for Garrett Sowle & Courtney Peter located in the City of Oconto

MOTION: Stock / LeBreck

Motion to approve the CSM as presented.

Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

- f. Petition for Zoning Amendment from Courtney & Garrett Sowle to Amend the Zoning for Parcels #265-33240752157M and #265-33240752157R from Residential Single Family (R1) to Recreational (REC)

MOTION: Feldt / Bake

Motion to approve the petition for zoning amendment as presented.

Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

Closed Session –

Council voted at 6:57 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 and Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(g) for the discussion on litigation for the following items:

- i. Fire Department Employee
- ii. Discussion of Legal Matters

MOTION: Wittkopf / Stock

Motion to convene into closed session at 6:57 pm.

Voice Vote: 6 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

Roll Call: Mayor John Panetti, City Attorney Frank Calvert, City Administrator Brittney Bickel, Fire Chief Josh Bostedt (left the meeting after discussion on item (i)/before discussion on item (ii)), Butch Mehlberg, Steve Stock, John Wittkopf, Patsy Bake, Jean Feldt, and Robert LeBreck

Open Session –

Council voted to reconvene into Open Session at 8:35 p.m. pursuant to notice duly given and as allowed by Wis. Stat. 19.85(2) for discussion/recommendation from Closed Session.

MOTION: Wittkopf / Mehlberg

Motion to reconvene into open session at 8:35 pm.

Voice Vote: 6 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: LeBreck / Stock

Motion to bring Fire Department Employee discussion to next meeting in Closed Session with prepared budget adjustment amounts.

Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: Wittkopf / LeBreck

Motion to refer to Building Inspection Ad-Hoc Committee for amendment to conditional uses in R-2 zoning ordinance. Voice Vote: 6 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

Adjournment –

MOTION: Wittkopf / Stock

Motion to adjourn at 8:47 pm. Voice Vote: 6 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

City Administrator Brittney M. Bickel