

CITY OF OCONTO
MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2022 - 6:00 PM

Draft for Approval

Meeting called to order at 6:05 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 Bob LeBreck

Also present: Fire Chief Josh Bostedt, Police Chief Mike Rehberg, Building Inspector Joe Last, Superintendent of Public Works and Utilities Jeremy Wusterbarth, City Administrator Brittney Bickel and as recording secretary, and other interested parties

Approval of Agenda –

MOTION: Wittkopf / Mehlberg

Motion to approve the agenda as presented for the COW Meeting on August 16, 2022.

Voice Vote: 6 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

Correspondence –

- Presentation by Rachel Brady & Andy Sweeney from Unlimited Services - Unlimited Services was founded in 1982 and has had big changes in the last 2 years. They explained the growth plan, operations, and student work.
- Letter from concerned resident regarding pedestrian bridge - The concern was discussed, and it was suggested that it be added as an agenda item to the next Council meeting for reconsideration.

Public Input –

- Ron Daul, 1045 McDonald St, spoke in favor of a four-way stop at the intersection of Park Ave and Main St.

Discussion/Recommendation on –

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

MOTION: Wittkopf / LeBreck

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

- b. Accounts Payable for the Month of July 2022 in the Amount of \$464,384.66, Payroll for the Month of July 2022 in the Amount of \$173,216.89, and Other Financial Reports as Presented

MOTION: LeBreck / Feldt

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

Voice Vote: 6 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

Recommendation from Board of Public Works:

- c. Motion from Board of Public Works to erect an all-way stop at the intersection of Park Ave & Main St and advertise a 30-day notice if approved before erecting
- Wusterbarth explained if this is approved by the City Council, it would need to go to the County Highway Committee for approval because it is a County owned road. There was discussion regarding safety, congestion of trucks, trailers, and boats, access to and from the station by the Ambulance and Firetrucks, and costs involved.

MOTION: LeBreck / Bake

Motion to send the recommendation to the County Highway Committee for their consideration. Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 1 nay (Wittkopf) - MOTION CARRIED

Recommendation from Utility Commission:

- d. Approval of invoices from Midwest Meters Inc. in the amount of \$14,688.00 and \$194,400.00 for upgrades to water meters

MOTION: Stock / Mehlberg

Motion to approve the invoices as presented.

Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

Recommendation from Parks & Recreation Committee:

- e. Approval of Resolution that September 10th, 2022 is World Migratory Bird Day in the City of Oconto

MOTION: Feldt / Bake

Motion to approve the resolution as presented.

Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

Recommendation from Plan Commission:

- f. Approval of Certified Survey Map for Cody Nasgovitz located in the City of Oconto

MOTION: Feldt / Stock

Motion to approve the CSM as presented.

Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

- g. Ordinance Sec 13-1-42(g)(4) - Variances: this item was bypassed by the Council as it was Tabled by Plan Commission

Closed Session –

Council voted at 7:36 p.m. to convene into Closed Session pursuant to notice duly given and as allowed by Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(g) for the for discussion on litigation for the following items:

- i. Discussion on Legal Matters

Closed Session Roll Call: Mayor Panetti, Attorney Calvert, City Administrator Bickel, Butch Mehlberg, Steve Stock, John Wittkopf, Patsy Bake, Jean Feldt, and Bob LeBreck.

MOTION: Feldt / LeBreck

Motion to convene into closed session at 7:36 pm.

Voice Vote: 6 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

Open Session –

Council voted to reconvene into Open Session at 8:17 p.m. pursuant to notice duly given and as allowed by Wis. Stat. 19.85(2) for discussion/recommendation from Closed Session.

MOTION: Wittkopf / Stock

Motion to reconvene into open session at 8:17 pm.

Voice Vote: 6 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

Adjournment –

MOTION: Wittkopf / LeBreck

Motion to adjourn at 8:19 pm.

Voice Vote: 6 ayes - MOTION CARRIED