

**CITY OF OCONTO**  
**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**  
City Hall – Council Chambers  
1210 Main St, Oconto, WI 54153  
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 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, and Bob LeBreck

Also present: Building Inspector Joe Last, Police Chief Mike Rehberg, Superintendent of Public Works Jeremy Wusterbarth, Parks & Recreation Director John Bostedt, City Administrator Brittney Bickel and as recording secretary, and other interested parties

Members excused: Patsy Bake and Jean Feldt

**Approval of Agenda –**

**MOTION: Stock / Mehlberg**

*Motion to approve the agenda as presented for the COW Meeting on September 20, 2022.*

**Voice Vote: 4 ayes - MOTION CARRIED**

**Correspondence –**

- Bob LeBreck - it was brought up at this month's PFC meeting from an unknown source regarding charging the events organized in the City (ex: Waterfest and Fly-in that are both organized by the Elks, a non-profit entity; or WUMPA Truck Pullers, a for-profit entity) for the additional overtime costs of the extra Police & Fire staffed for attending/patrolling the event and the additional overtime costs of Parks or Public Works for setting up/cleaning up after the event. The Council discussed the pros and cons and the possibility of creating an Ordinance or Policy to be effective the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year in 2023. LeBreck also asked about a City Floodplain map. Superintendent of Public Works Jeremy Wusterbarth explained the GIS mapping on the Oconto County SOLO Web Portal

**Public Input –**

- Vickie Bostedt, 224 Third Street, spoke in opposition of agenda item 6k.

**Discussion/Recommendation on –**

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

v. Administrator Report was presented by City Administrator Brittney Bickel

**MOTION: Wittkopf / LeBreck**

*Motion to approve department reports as presented for August 2022.*

**Voice Vote: 4 ayes - MOTION CARRIED**

- b. Accounts Payable for the Month of August 2022 in the Amount of \$409,090.17, Payroll for the Month of August 2022 in the Amount of \$163,185.54, and Other Financial Reports as Presented

**MOTION: LeBreck / Stock**

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

**Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 4 ayes - MOTION CARRIED**

- c. Application for Temporary Class B Retailer's License - Machickanee Players, October 14<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**MOTION: Stock / Wittkopf**

*Motion to approve the application as presented.*

**Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 4 ayes - MOTION CARRIED**

- d. Resolution of Congratulations, Gratitude, and Appreciation to Curt Witynski and Gail Sumi for Devoted Service to Local Municipal Government

**MOTION: Stock / Wittkopf**

*Motion to approve the resolution as presented.*

**Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 4 ayes - MOTION CARRIED**

- e. Approval of 3-Year Contract from R&R Assessing in the amount of \$130,320 - 2023 and 2025 Maintenance Years, 2024 External Revaluation Year

**MOTION: Wittkopf / LeBreck**

*Motion to TABLE the contract until other estimates can be obtained.*

**Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 4 ayes - MOTION CARRIED**

**Recommendation from Police & Fire Commission:**

- f. Ordinance Regarding Revisions to the Government and Administration Ordinance in the Municipal Code of Ordinances for the City of Oconto - Composition

**MOTION: Stock / Mehlberg**

*Motion to approve the ordinance as presented.*

**Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 3 ayes, 1 abstain (LeBreck) - MOTION CARRIED**

**Recommendation from Utility Commission and Board of Public Works:**

- g. Approval of Pay Request #3 from Superior Sewer & Water for the Jones Ave Reconstruction Project in the amount of \$163,782.66

Superintendent of Public Works and Utilities Jeremy Wusterbarth explained they are \$69,000 underbudget for the project.

**MOTION: Stock / LeBreck**

*Motion to approve the pay request as presented.*

**Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 4 ayes - MOTION CARRIED**

**Recommendation from Utility Commission:**

- h. Approval of purchase of new or used vehicle in the Water Department not to exceed \$65,000.

**MOTION: Stock / Mehlberg**

*Motion to approve the purchase as presented.*

**Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 4 ayes - MOTION CARRIED**

- i. Approval of Engineering Agreement from Robert E. Lee for upgrades to the WWTP

**MOTION: Mehlberg / Wittkopf**

*Motion to approve the agreement as presented.*

**Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 4 ayes - MOTION CARRIED**

**Recommendation from Board of Public Works:**

- j. Approve invoice from Mead & Hunt in the amount of \$12,231.69 for the Arbutus Ave resurfacing WisDot project

Superintendent of Public Works and Utilities Jeremy Wusterbarth explained because this project is a federal 80/20 grant, we are required to hire an engineer where normally we do not need one.

**MOTION: Wittkopf / Stock**

*Motion to approve the invoice as presented.*

**Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 4 ayes - MOTION CARRIED**

**Recommendation from Harbor Commission:**

- k. 2023 Harbor Prices: to raise the Daily Launch Fee from \$5 to \$7; to raise the Seasonal Resident Launch Fee from \$35 to \$55; to raise the Non-Resident Seasonal Launch Fee from \$40 to \$75; to raise 2<sup>nd</sup> Trailer Seasonal Launch sticker from \$10 to \$15; and to raise Non-Payment of Launch Fee Fine to \$75. Addition of Seniors (62+) and Military to receive a \$5 discount on Seasonal Launch Passes.

**MOTION: Stock / LeBreck**

*Motion to send updated price recommendations back to Harbor Commission as follows: 2023 Harbor Prices: Daily Launch Fee \$5; to raise the Seasonal Resident Launch Fee from \$35 to \$40; to raise the Non-Resident Seasonal Launch Fee from \$40 to \$60; to raise 2<sup>nd</sup> Trailer Seasonal Launch sticker from \$10 to \$15; and to raise Non-Payment of Launch Fee Fine to \$75 AFTER a warning notice is given. Addition of Seniors (62+) and Military to receive a \$5 discount on Seasonal Launch Passes.*

**Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 4 ayes - MOTION CARRIED**

**Closed Session –**

Council voted at 8:02 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. Discussion on City of Oconto Personnel Matters

**MOTION: Wittkopf / LeBreck**

*Motion to convene into closed session at 8:02 pm. Voice Vote: 4 ayes - M/C*

Roll Call: Mayor John Panetti, City Attorney Frank Calvert, Building Inspector Joe Last, Police Chief Mike Rehberg, Superintendent of Public Works & Utilities Jeremy Wusterbarth, Parks & Recreation Director John Bostedt, City Administrator Brittney Bickel; Alderpersons: Butch Mehlberg, Steve Stock, John Wittkopf, and Bob LeBreck

**Open Session –**

Council voted to reconvene into Open Session at 8:27 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 8:27 pm. Voice Vote: 4 ayes - M/C*

Action: Department Heads and Mayor (with option of an Alderperson to join) will meet monthly or bi-monthly to strengthen communication, teamwork, and efficiency.

**Adjournment –**

**MOTION: Stock / Wittkopf**

*Motion to adjourn at 8:35 pm. Voice Vote: 4 ayes - MOTION CARRIED*