

**CITY OF OCONTO**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

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

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2022 - 6:00 PM**

Draft for Approval

**Minutes of the Public Hearing of the City Council Held on November 22, 2022, Pursuant to Notice Duly Given:**

Present at the Public Hearing: see roll call below.

Mayor Panetti opened the public hearing of the City Council at 6:00 p.m.

**Public Hearing on the Proposed 2023 Budget**

Mayor Panetti asked three times for public input.

- Amy Peterson, Farnsworth Public Library Director, spoke regarding the Council's desire to raise the health insurance deductible to \$3000 single/\$6000 family, asking that they re-examine this and choose to raise the deductible as little as possible to help us retain quality employees.
- Victoria Bostedt, 224 Third St, spoke regarding Resident and Nonresident Seasonal Launch Fees.

**MOTION: Wittkopf / Mehlberg**

*Motion to close the public hearing on the proposed 2023 budget.*

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

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council Held on November 22, 2022, Pursuant to Notice Duly Given:**

**Meeting of the Regular Council called to order at 6:07 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: Superintendent of Public Works & Utilities Jeremy Wusterbarth, City Administrator Brittney Bickel and as recording secretary, and other interested parties

Excused: Bob LeBreck

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Alderperson Steve Stock**

**Approval of Agenda –**

**MOTION: Wittkopf / Stock**

*Motion to approve the agenda as presented for the Council meeting on November 22, 2022.*

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

## **Approval of Minutes –**

### **MOTION: Feldt / Bake**

*Motion to approve the minutes as presented for the Regular Council meeting on October 18, 2022. Voice Vote: 5 ayes - MOTION CARRIED*

## **Correspondence/Public Input –**

- Veteran Carl Plaster, Secretary of The Oconto County Veterans Memorial Corporation, spoke on moving the City owned cannon at Oconto City Park to the Oconto County Veterans Memorial by the Beyer Home Museum which is in the planning stages. The total cost is estimated at \$700,000, all to be paid through donations. If the City agrees to move the cannon it will be at no cost, and the Corporation will take care of maintenance and insurance on the cannon. The cannon will be placed on the Parks & Recreation Committee December meeting agenda.
- Veteran Clyde Bridger, spoke on moving the cannon by the tank at the memorial. This may bring more significance and better viewing to the cannon.
- Victoria Bostedt, 224 Third St, spoke regarding the Harbor Seasonal Launch Pass rates.

## **Consent Agenda –**

- a. Approval of Accounts Payable for the Month of October 2022 in the Amount of \$280,197.86, Payroll for the Month of October 2022 in the Amount of \$152,876.67, and Other Financial Reports as Presented
- b. Approval of increase in minimum grass cutting charge from \$100/hour to \$150/hour.
- c. Approval of an Ordinance Regarding Revisions to the Health and Sanitation Ordinance in the Municipal Code of Ordinances for the City of Oconto - Sec. 8-3-13 Refuse Containers in Residential Districts
- d. Approval of an Ordinance Regarding Revisions to the Public Works Ordinance in the Municipal Code of Ordinances for the City of Oconto - Sec. 6-4-9 Removal of Trees and Stumps

### **MOTION: Wittkopf / Feldt**

*Motion to approve the consent agenda.*

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

## **Discussion/Recommendation on –**

- a. Increase in Health Insurance Plan Deductible

### **MOTION: Feldt / Mehlberg**

*Motion to increase the health insurance plan deductible to \$1000 single/\$2000 family.*

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

- b. Increase in Property and Liability Insurance Deductible
- c. Resolution Adopting 2023 Budget and Tax Levy

### **MOTION: Feldt / Mehlberg**

*Motion to approve the resolution adopting the 2023 budget and tax levy.*

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

- d. Approval of a Resolution Authorizing a \$500,000 Loan by the City of Oconto, Oconto

County, Wisconsin, from Stephenson National Bank & Trust

**MOTION: Stock / Feldt**

*Motion to approve the resolution as presented.*

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

**Closed Session –**

Council voted at 7:15 p.m. to convene into Closed Session pursuant to notice duly given and as allowed by Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(e) for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties for the following items:

- i. Bid for City Property

**MOTION: Wittkopf / Mehlberg**

*Motion to convene into closed session at 7:15 pm.*

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

Roll Call: See roll call above.

**Open Session –**

Council voted to reconvene into Open Session at 7:38 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 7:38 pm.*

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

**MOTION: Wittkopf / Stock**

*Motion to put property parcel #265-32200382050 up for sale.*

**Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 4 ayes, 1 nay (Feldt) - MOTION CARRIED**

**Adjournment –**

**MOTION: Wittkopf / Feldt**

*Motion to adjourn at 7:40 pm.*

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

Minutes respectively submitted by City Administrator Brittney M. Bickel