

CITY OF OCONTO
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2022 - 6:00 PM

Draft for Approval

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the City Council Held on December 27, 2022, Pursuant to Notice Duly Given:

Meeting of the Regular Council 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 Bob LeBreck

Also present: Police Chief Mike Rehberg, Fire Chief John Bostedt, Firefighter/Local 2739 Firefighters Association President Cody Henry, Firefighter/Local 2739 Firefighters Association Secretary John Floyd, Firefighter Jeremy Demerath, Firefighter Ty Potter, Firefighter Deputy Chief Ryan Pecha, Firefighter Gavin Kuerschner, Firefighter Steve McFadden, PFC President Cliff Martin, PFC Vice President Sherri Groll, City Administrator Brittney Bickel and as recording secretary, and other interested parties

Absent: Jean Feldt

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Alderperson Patsy Bake

Approval of Agenda –

MOTION: LeBreck / Mehlberg

Motion to approve the agenda as presented for the Special Council meeting on December 27, 2022. Voice Vote: 5 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

Correspondence –

- Bickel addressed an email regarding Special meetings and Alder pay. Alders get paid the same amount whether there are 2 meetings or 12 meetings in a month, they do not get paid extra for Special meetings.

Public Input –

- Riley Sowle, 1240 McDonald St, spoke regarding the Comprehensive Plan Amendment.

Discussion/Recommendation on –

- a. Auditor Proposals

MOTION: Stock / LeBreck

Motion to approve proposal from Clifton Larson Allen for the 2022 Audit.

Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

Closed Session –

Council voted at 6:35 p.m. to convene into Closed Session pursuant to notice duly given and as allowed by Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(c) for the discussion on personnel matters for the following items:

- i. 2023-2025 Fire Department Union Contract

MOTION: Stock / Mehlberg

Motion to convene into closed session at 6:35 pm.

Voice Vote: 4 ayes/1 nay (Wittkopf) - MOTION CARRIED

Roll Call: Mayor John Panetti, City Attorney Frank Calvert, City Administrator Brittney Bickel, Police Chief Mike Rehberg, Fire Chief Josh Bostedt, Firefighter/Local 2739 Firefighters Association President Cody Henry, PFC President Cliff Martin, PFC Vice President Sherri Groll, Butch Mehlberg, Steve Stock, John Wittkopf, Patsy Bake, Bob LeBreck

Open Session –

Council voted to reconvene into Open Session at 7:12 p.m. pursuant to notice duly given and as allowed by Wis. Stat. 19.85(2) for discussion/recommendation from Closed Session.

MOTION: Stock / Mehlberg

Motion to reconvene into open session at 7:12 pm.

Voice Vote: 5 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: Stock / LeBreck

Motion to approve the 2023-2025 Fire Department Union Contract as presented.

Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

Adjournment –

MOTION: LeBreck / Stock

Motion to adjourn at 7:15 pm. Voice Vote: 5 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

Minutes respectively submitted by City Administrator Brittney M. Bickel