

CITY OF OCONTO
MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
City Hall – Council Chambers
1210 Main St, Oconto, WI 54153
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2022 - 6:00 PM

Draft for Approval

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by Council President Steve Stock

Roll Call –

Present: City Attorney Frank Calvert, Alderpersons: Butch Mehlberg, Steve Stock, John Wittkopf, Patsy Bake, Jean Feldt (@ 6:06 pm), and Bob LeBreck

Also present: Parks & Recreation Director John Bostedt, Superintendent of Public Works and Utilities Jeremy Wusterbarth, Fire Chief Josh Bostedt, Police Chief Mike Rehberg, Jeff Belongia - Huntington Securities, City Administrator Brittney Bickel and as recording secretary, and other interested parties

Excused: Mayor John Panetti

Approval of Agenda –

MOTION: Mehlberg / Wittkopf

Motion to approve the agenda for the COW Meeting on November 15, 2022.

Voice Vote: 5 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

Correspondence – none

Public Input –

- Victoria Bostedt, 224 Third Street, spoke regarding lowering the Harbor prices.

Review/Discussion/Recommendation on 2023 Budget –

- a. Debt - Jeff Belongia - Huntington Securities: Belongia explained the City's current debt payment options.
- b. Increase Weed & Nuisance Grass Cutting minimum charge from \$100/hour to \$150/hour

MOTION: Feldt / Wittkopf

Motion to increase the grass cutting minimum charge from \$100/hour to \$150/hour starting in 2023. Voice Vote: 6 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

- c. Other 2023 Budge: The Council requested a raise in the Health Insurance deductible and for Bickel to investigate raising the deductible on Property and Liability Insurance. Bickel explained she verified with McClone; we have the option to offer multiple health insurance plans with different deductibles. The City can elect to pay the same contribution for both plans with the employee choosing to pay the appropriate increase if they choose the lower deductible plan. That will leave some control with the employee without effecting the City's cost.

Discussion/Recommendation on –

- d. **Department Reports:** written reports submitted and available upon request
 - i. Building Inspection Report - Jeremy Wusterbarth explained he is working with Chief Rehberg and Joe Last to make plans for current projects and how we will handle ordinance violations and permits when Last is done at the City. They are also currently working on a mandatory FEMA ordinance update.
 - ii. Police Report was presented by Police Chief Mike Rehberg and Fire Report was presented by Fire Chief Josh Bostedt
 - 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
- b. 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

MOTION: Feldt / Bake

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

Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

Recommendation from Board of Public Works:

- 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

MOTION: Wittkopf / Feldt

Motion to approve the ordinance as presented.

Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

- 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: Mehlberg / Feldt

Motion to approve the ordinance as presented.

Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

- e. Approval to vacate alleyway between 3rd & 4th Street and Willow Ave & Collins Ave - Bickel informed the Council that per Attorney Calvert, a vacate of an alleyway requires publishing and a public hearing, so this is not able to be approved today. Wusterbarth handed out maps and explained the details and need to vacate the alleyway.

Adjournment –

MOTION: Wittkopf / Mehlberg

Motion to adjourn at 7:04 pm. Voice Vote: 6 ayes - MOTION CARRIED