

**CITY OF OCONTO**  
**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**  
City Hall – Council Chambers  
1210 Main St, Oconto, WI 54153  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2023 - 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, Patsy Bake, Jean Feldt, and Bob LeBreck

Also present: Superintendent of Public Works and Utilities Jeremy Wusterbarth, Fire Chief Josh Bostedt, City Administrator Brittney Bickel and as recording secretary, and other interested parties

**Approval of Agenda –**

**MOTION: Feldt / Stock**

*Motion to approve the agenda for the COW Meeting on January 10, 2023.*

**Voice Vote: 6 ayes - MOTION CARRIED**

**Correspondence – none**

**Public Input –**

- Jamie Younger, 518 Fourth St, spoke regarding snow plowing.
- Courtney Sowle, town of Oconto resident, spoke regarding a driveway ordinance.
- Garrett Sowle, 712 McDonald St, handed out a packet and spoke regarding a driveway apron and ordinances.
- Riley Sowle, 1240 McDonald St, handed out two packets and spoke regarding amendments to the 20-Year Comprehensive Plan.
- Anita Jensen, 1240 McDonald St, gave her 5 minutes to Riley Sowle.

**Discussion/Recommendation on –**

- a. **Department Reports:** written reports submitted and available upon request.
  - i. Building Inspection Report - Jeremy Wusterbarth gave updates.
  - ii. Police Chief Mike Rehberg was excused from the meeting. Fire Report was provided in the agenda packet by Fire Chief Josh Bostedt.
  - iii. Park & Recreation Report - Parks Director John Bostedt was excused from the meeting.
  - iv. Public Works Report was presented by Superintendent of Public Works Jeremy Wusterbarth. Wusterbarth gave an update on the transfer station rams and presented the 2022 DNR Sanitary Survey Report.
  - v. Administrator Report - City Administrator Brittney Bickel gave an update.

**MOTION: Wittkopf / LeBreck**

*Motion to approve the department reports as presented.*

**Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes - MOTION CARRIED**

- b. Accounts Payable for the Month of December 2022 in the Amount of \$312,487.63, Payroll for the Month of December 2022 in the Amount of \$241,355.50, and Other Financial Reports as Presented

**MOTION: LeBreck / Bake**

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

**Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes - MOTION CARRIED**

- c. Optional Powers/Referendum (item request from the Mayor): Discussion
- d. Oconto County Tourism Zone: Discussion and questions answered by Jayme Sellen from Oconto County Economic Development

**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 conferring with legal counsel for the following items:

- i. Discussion of Legal Matters

**MOTION: Wittkopf / LeBreck**

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

**Voice Vote: 6 ayes - MOTION CARRIED**

Roll Call: Mayor John Panetti, City Attorney Frank Calvert, City Administrator Brittney Bickel, Butch Mehlberg, Steve Stock, John Wittkopf, Patsy Bake, Jean Feldt, Bob LeBreck

**Open Session –**

Council voted to reconvene into Open Session at 7:50 p.m. pursuant to notice duly given and as allowed by Wis. Stat. 19.85(2) for discussion/recommendation from Closed Session.

**MOTION: LeBreck / Feldt**

*Motion to reconvene into open session at 7:50 pm.*

**Voice Vote: 6 ayes - MOTION CARRIED**

**Adjournment –**

**MOTION: LeBreck / Wittkopf**

*Motion to adjourn at 7:51 pm. Voice Vote: 6 ayes - MOTION CARRIED*