

CITY OF OCONTO
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
City Hall – Council Chambers
1210 Main St, Oconto, WI 54153
TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2023 - 6:00 PM

Draft for Approval

Minutes of the Public Hearing before the City Council Held on May 16, 2023, Pursuant to Notice Duly Given:

Meeting of the Public Hearing called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor John Panetti

1. Petition for Zoning Amendment from Galik Enterprises, LLC to Amend the Zoning for Parcel #265-31191771833 from General Industrial (IG) to Single and Two Family Residential (R-2)

Public Input –

- Bill Galik, property owner, stated the parcel was split up into 4 separate parcels. They want to amend the zoning to allow for a duplex or single-family home to be built in Lot 2 and Lot 3

Mayor Panetti called 3x for additional public input, hearing none.

MOTION: Wittkopf / Stock

Motion to close the public hearing.

Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council Held on May 16, 2023, 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 Panetti, City Attorney Frank Calvert; Alderpersons: Butch Mehlberg, Steve Stock, John Wittkopf, Riley Sowle, and Bob LeBreck

Also present: City Administrator Brittney Bickel and as recording secretary, and other interested parties

Excused: Patsy Bake

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Alderperson John Wittkopf

Approval of Agenda –

MOTION: Stock / LeBreck

Motion to approve the agenda for the Council meeting on May 16, 2023.

Voice Vote: 5 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

Approval of Minutes –

MOTION: Mehlberg / LeBreck

Motion to approve the minutes as presented for the Regular Council meeting on April 18, 2023. Voice Vote: 5 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

Public Input –

- Eric Schanau, 3002 Windross Ln, Lt. Suamico, owner of The Nautical Bar, spoke against agenda item 9.b.
- Christine Reed, 2372 Doran St, owner of French Town Franks, spoke against agenda item 9.b.
- Carl Plaster,
- Mike Feldt, 172 Luby Ave
- Jaime Younger, 518 Fourth St
- Carl Plaster
- Dale Thomson, 106 Robin Ln,
- Victoria Bostedt, 224 Third St
- Venna Dreshek, 230 Frank St, gave her 5 minutes to Victoria Bostedt
- Marly Thomson, 106 Robin Ln, gave her 5 minutes to Victoria Bostedt
- Garrett Sowle
- Ashley Stellmacher
- Carl Plaster

Consent Agenda –

- a. Approval of Accounts Payable for the Month of April 2023 in the amount of \$354,192.81, Payroll for the Month of April 2023 in the amount of \$162,108.46, and Other Financial Reports as Presented
- b. Approval of Mayor’s Recommendation for Appointments and Reappointments to the Committees and Commissions.
- d. Denial of Request from Oconto County Economic Development to waive sign permit fee of \$50
- e. Approval of Application for Temporary Class B Retailer’s License for Oconto Elks Lodge 887 for Girls Softball Tournament on July 6th - 9th, 2023
- f. Approval of Application for Temporary Class B Retailer’s License for Oconto Elks Lodge 887 for Waterfest on July 3rd, 2023
- g. Approval of Application for Temporary Class B Retailer’s License for Oconto County Veterans Memorial Committee Corp for Memorial Day Picnic at Copperfest Park on May 29th, 2023
- i. Approval of Reversing an Ordinance Regarding Revisions to the Public Health and Sanitation Ordinance in the Municipal Code of Ordinances for the City of Oconto - Addition of Recycling Dumpsters
- j. Approval of sale of city property located on White Tail Lane to Teresa Bake and Dave Retzlaff for the cost of certified survey map, deed work, easement drafting, and any other fees associated with the transfer of the property

MOTION: LeBreck / Wittkopf

Motion to approve the consent agenda items a through j, with exception of c and h.

Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

- c. Approval of Alcohol Beverage License Applications and Appointment of Agents (please see list enclosed)

MOTION: LeBreck / Wittkopf

Motion to bypass agenda item 8.c.

Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

- h. Approval of an Ordinance Regarding Revisions to the Park and Recreation Committee Ordinance in the Municipal Code of Ordinances for the City of Oconto - Add 2 resident members to the Parks & Recreation Committee - Sponsored by Mayor Panetti

MOTION: LeBreck / Stock

Motion to deny the ordinance as presented.

Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 2 ayes (Stock/LeBreck), 3 nays (Wittkopf/Sowle/Panetti), 1 abstain (Mehlberg) - MOTION FAILED

MOTION: Sowle / Wittkopf

Motion to approve the ordinance as presented.

Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 2 ayes (Wittkopf/Sowle), 3 nays (Mehlberg/Stock/LeBreck) - MOTION FAILED

Discussion/Recommendation on –

- a. Ordinance Regarding Revisions to the Public Health and Sanitation Ordinance in the Municipal Code of Ordinances for the City of Oconto - Enclosures around Refuse Containers - Sponsored by Alderperson John Wittkopf

MOTION: Wittkopf / Sowle

Motion to approve the ordinance as presented.

Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

- b. Revocation of Class “B” Liquor License from French Town Franks or Nautical Bar via Section 7-2-20 of the Municipal Code of Ordinances - Cessation of Operation for use at Boos II

MOTION: Wittkopf / LeBreck

Motion to deny the revocation as presented.

Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 4 ayes, 1 abstain (Sowle) - MOTION CARRIED

Recommendation from Plan Commission:

- c. Approval of Petition for Zoning Amendment from Galik Enterprises, LLC to Amend the Zoning for Parcel #265-31191771833 from General Industrial (IG) to Single and Two Family Residential (R-2)

MOTION: Stock / Mehlberg

Motion to approve the zoning amendment as presented.

Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

Recommendation from Board of Public Works:

- d. Approval of invoice from WI Department of Transportation for Arbutus Av Project in the amount of \$16,945.89

MOTION: Stock / Mehlberg

Motion to approve the invoice as presented.

Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

- e. Approval of Street Closure Request from Cody Steffenhagen for Oconto Bicycle Poker Run on May 20th, 2023

MOTION: Wittkopf / LeBreck

Motion to approve the street closure.

Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

- f. Approval of Street Closure Request from Oconto Area Chamber of Commerce for Main Street Trick 'R Treat on October 28th, 2023

MOTION: Mehlberg / Stock

Motion to approve the street closure.

Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

- g. Approval of Street Closure Request from Oconto Area Chamber of Commerce for Harvest Fest on September 23rd, 2023

MOTION: LeBreck / Wittkopf

Motion to approve the street closure.

Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

- h. Approval of Street Closure Request from Gary Zahn for Copperfest Event & Parade on June 9th - 11th, 2023

MOTION: Stock / LeBreck

Motion to approve the street closure.

Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

Recommendation from Oconto Utility Commission:

- i. Approval of Pay Request from Robert E. Lee & Associates in the amount of \$23,676.58 for WWTP Improvements

MOTION: Mehlberg / LeBreck

Motion to approve the pay request as presented.

Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

- j. Approval of Pay Request from Crane Engineering in the amount of \$23,572.00 for Sludge Pump

MOTION: Mehlberg / Stock

Motion to approve the pay request as presented.

Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

Closed Session –

Council voted at 7:34 p.m. to convene into Closed Session pursuant to notice duly given and as allowed by Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(c) for the consideration of employment for the following items:

- i. Hiring of chosen candidate for Superintendent of Public Works

MOTION: Stock / Wittkopf

Motion to convene into closed session at 7:34 pm.

Voice Vote: 5 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

Roll Call: Mayor Panetti, City Attorney Frank Calvert, City Administrator Brittney Bickel, Butch Mehlberg, Steve Stock, John Wittkopf, Riley Sowle, Bob LeBreck

Open Session –

Council voted to reconvene into Open Session at 8:24 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 8:24 pm.

Voice Vote: 5 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: Wittkopf / Mehlberg

Motion to hire the chosen candidate for the Superintendent of Public Works.

Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

Adjournment –

MOTION: Wittkopf / Stock

Motion to adjourn at 8:25 pm. Voice Vote: 5 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

Minutes submitted by City Administrator Brittney M. Bickel