

CITY OF OCONTO
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
City Hall – Council Chambers
1210 Main St, Oconto, WI 54153
TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2023 - 6:00 PM

Draft for Approval

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council Held on August 15, 2023, Pursuant to Notice Duly Given:

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, Riley Sowle, and Bob LeBreck

Also present: Harry Allen - Ehlers Finance Advisors, City Administrator Brittney Burruel (Bickel) and as recording secretary, and other interested parties

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Alderperson Bob LeBreck

Approval of Agenda –

MOTION: Mehlberg / Sowle

Motion to approve the agenda as presented for the Council meeting August 15, 2023.

Voice Vote: 6 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

Approval of Minutes –

MOTION: Wittkopf / Bake

Motion to approve the minutes for the Council meeting on July 18, 2023.

Voice Vote: 6 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

Discussion/Recommendation on –

- a. Presentation from Ehlers Finance Advisors

Harry Allen with Ehlers Finance Advisors presented the City of Oconto's debt.

- b. Discussion and possible action to seek financing through the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands to finance the refunding of the outstanding Taxable General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2015 in the amount of \$305,000.00 - **BYPASSED**

- c. Approval of Application for Temporary Class B Retailer's License from Machickanee Players, Inc. for 40th Anniversary Open House on September 9, 2023

MOTION: Sowle / Mehlberg

Motion to approve the application as presented.

Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

- d. Approval of Application for Temporary Class B Retailer's License from Machickanee Players, Inc. for "How to Survive a Zombie Apocalypse" on September 16, 2023

MOTION: Sowle / Stock

Motion to approve the application as presented.

Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

- e. Approval of Application for Temporary Class B Retailer's License from Oconto Girls Softball Association for Sheboygan Walleye Club Battle on the Bay on August 20, 2023

MOTION: Stock / Mehlberg

Motion to approve the application as presented.

Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

Correspondence –

- Attorney Calvert spoke on the weekend's Bellin Triathlon. Around 60 kids participated, 30 volunteers, swimming, biking, and running for 4 age groups. Very successful and they are planning again for next year.
- Mayor spoke on Waterfest and thanked the Elk's Club for their great job.

Public Input –

- Cliff Martin, 328 Adams St
- Jamie Younger, 518 Fourth St
- Vickie Bostedt, 224 Third St
- Steve Stock, Alderperson
- John Wittkopf, Alderperson
- Luann Stenstrup, 106 Holtwood Way
- Bob LeBreck, Alderperson
- Kim Reifsteck, 227 Jackson St
- Jack Karban, 361 VanDyke St
- Cliff Martin, 328 Adams St
- Kim Reifsteck, 227 Jackson St
- Patsy Bake, Alderperson
- Wendy Spice, 816 Scherer Ave
- John Wittkopf, Alderperson
- Mayor John Panetti

Consent Agenda –

- a. Approval of Accounts Payable for the Month of July 2023 in the amount of \$261,002.63, Payroll for the Month of July 2023 in the amount of \$179,001.92, and Other Financial Reports as Presented
- g. Approval of invoice from Midwest Meter Inc. in the amount of 64,800.00 for Utility Meters.
- h. Approval of invoice from Robert E. Lee in the amount of \$9,500.00 for WWTP Upgrades.

MOTION: Stock / Mehlberg

Motion to approve the consent agenda items a, g, & h.

Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

- b. Approval of Mayoral Appointment of Riley Sowle to the Finance Committee.

MOTION: Wittkopf / Mehlberg

Motion to approve the appointment as presented.

Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

- c. Approval of Mayoral Appointment of John Wittkopf to the Finance Committee.

MOTION: Sowle / Mehlberg

Motion to approve the appointment as presented.

Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

- d. Approval of Mayoral Appointment of Butch Mehlberg to the Finance Committee.
MOTION: Sowle / Mehlberg
Motion to approve the appointment as presented.
Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes - MOTION CARRIED
- e. Approval of Mayoral Appointment of Patsy Bake to the Finance Committee.
MOTION: Wittkopf / Sowle
Motion to approve the appointment as presented.
Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes - MOTION CARRIED
- f. Approval of Mayoral Appointment of Dee Donlevy to the Finance Committee as a non-voting member.
MOTION: Wittkopf / Sowle
Motion to approve the appointment as presented.
Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 3 ayes, 3 nays (Mehlberg, Stock, LeBreck), aye tiebreaker from Mayor - MOTION CARRIED
- i. Approval of sending notice of zoning violations to 116 Holtwood Way with 30 days to comply.
MOTION: Wittkopf / Mehlberg
Motion to send notice as presented with 30 days to comply.
Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 4 ayes, 1 nay (LeBreck), 1 abstain (Sowle) - MOTION CARRIED

Closed Session –

Council voted at 7:33 p.m. to convene into Closed Session pursuant to notice duly given and as allowed by Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(g) for the conferring with legal counsel for the following items:

- i. Hiring of chosen candidate for Public Works Mechanic

MOTION: Wittkopf / Mehlberg

Motion to convene into closed session at 7:33 pm.

Voice Vote: 6 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

Open Session –

Council voted to reconvene into Open Session at 7:49 p.m. pursuant to notice duly given and as allowed by Wis. Stat. 19.85(2) for discussion/recommendation from Closed Session.

MOTION: Stock / Wittkopf

Motion to reconvene into open session at 7:49 pm.

Voice Vote: 6 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: Mehlberg / Stock

Motion to deny the claim.

Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 1 abstain (Sowle) - MOTION CARRIED

Adjournment –

MOTION: Wittkopf / Mehlberg

Motion to adjourn at 7:55 pm. Voice Vote: 6 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

Minutes submitted by City Administrator Brittney M. Burrue