

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
City Hall – Council Chambers, 1210 Main St, Oconto, WI 54153
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2023 - 6:00 PM

Draft for Approval

Minutes of the Public Hearing before the City Council Held on September 19, 2023, Pursuant to Notice Duly Given:

Public Hearing called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Panetti

Roll Call: see below.

1. Resolution for the Discontinuance of Portions of Excess Right of Way of White Tail Lane, Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Sec. 66.1003

Public Input –

- James Belongia, 5669 White Tail Ln, believes he owns that property.
- Dave Retzlaff, 106 Timber Trail, explained the property boundaries and the intent with the property.

President Stock called three times for additional public input, hearing none.

MOTION: Wittkopf / Mehlberg *Motion to close the public hearing at 6:12 pm. Roll Call Recorded*
Voice Vote: 6 ayes - M/C

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council Held on September 19, 2023, Pursuant to Notice Duly Given:

Meeting called to order at 6:13 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: City Administrator Brittney Burruel also as recording secretary, and other interested parties

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Alderperson Butch Mehlberg

Approval of Agenda – Administrator Burruel asked to move agenda item 9c after 9d. Mayor Panetti asked to bypass closed session and reschedule for a different date.

MOTION: LeBreck / Stock *Motion to approve the agenda as amended for the Council meeting on September 19, 2023. Voice Vote:* 6 ayes - M/C

Approval of Minutes –

MOTION: Wittkopf / Bake *Motion to approve the minutes as presented for the Council meeting on August 15, 2023 and Special Council meeting on August 29, 2023. Roll Call Recorded Voice Vote:* 6 ayes - M/C

Correspondence –

- Riley Sowle, Alderperson, spoke regarding the hiring process.

Public Input –

- Jamie Younger, 518 First St
- Diane Motiff, 151 Mott St

Consent Agenda –

- a. Department Reports as Presented
- b. Accounts Payable for the Month of August 2023 in the amount of \$459,940.20, Payroll for the Month of

August 2023 in the amount of \$167,586.54, and Other Financial Reports as Presented

- c. Approval of invoice from Aqualis in the amount of \$9,455.50 for manhole Rehabilitation.
- d. Approval of invoice from Robert E. Lee in the amount of \$13,084.09 for WWTP Improvements.

MOTION: Stock / Mehlberg *Motion to approve the consent agenda.* **Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes - MOTION CARRIED**

Discussion/Recommendation on –

- a. 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:

Administrator Burrueel explained there is no need to take out additional debt. After much consideration and research, speaking with Ehlers, contemplating borrowing from our Utility, a better solution has been discovered. In 2023, we budgeted for two road projects. Being without a Superintendent of Public Works for much of 2023, only one road project was completed. Because of this, there is money available in our Capital Fund that can be used for the 2023 debt payment. This will save us significant fees and interest.

- b. Approval of Application for Temporary Class B Retailer’s License from Machickanee Players, Inc. for “Blithe Spirit” on October 13-15, 2023 and October 20-22, 2023

MOTION: Stock / Mehlberg *Motion to approve the application as presented.* **Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes - M/C**

Recommendation from Plan Commission:

- c. Approval of a Resolution Approving the Discontinuance of Portions of Excess Right of Way of White Tail Lane, Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Sec. 66.1003

MOTION: Wittkopf / Mehlberg *Motion to approve the resolution as presented contingent of the City’s ownership of the property.* **Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes - M/C**

- d. Approval of Certified Survey Map for David Retzlaff & Teresa Bake located in the City of Oconto - BYPASS

Closed Session – closed session was bypassed at request of the Mayor.

Adjournment – **MOTION: Wittkopf / Sowle** *Motion to adjourn at approximately 7:00 pm.* **Voice Vote: 6 ayes M/C**

Minutes submitted by City Administrator Brittney M. Burrueel