

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

City Hall – Council Chambers, 1210 Main St, Oconto, WI 54153

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2023 - 6:00 PM

Draft for Approval

Meeting called to order at 6:07 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: Board of Public Works Chairperson Darrell Anderson, City Administrator Brittney Burruel also as recording secretary, and other interested parties

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Alderperson Steve Stock

Approval of Agenda –

MOTION: Wittkopf / LeBreck *Motion to approve the agenda as presented for the Council meeting on October 17, 2023. Voice Vote: 6 ayes M/C*

Approval of Minutes –

MOTION: Wittkopf / LeBreck *Motion to approve the minutes as presented for the Council meeting on September 15, 2023 and Special Council meeting on September 25, 2023. Voice Vote: 6 ayes M/C*

Correspondence –

- Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: Administrator Burruel explained that a Roll Call Vote should be taken in alphabetical order, but many municipalities rotate the order of who starts the vote to keep it fair.
- Mayor Panetti spoke about Senator Eric Wimberger contacting him about sending Blue Books and meeting on November 14th regarding Opportunity grants. Also about attending the County Board meeting to fight for the \$15,000 that is budgeted by the County for fishing tournaments.

Public Input –

- Mike Feldt, 172 Luby Ave
- Jamie Younger, 518 First St
- Dee Donlevy, 206 Pierce Ave

*Mayor Panetti ejected Jamie Younger from the meeting.

Consent Agenda –

- a. Department Reports as Presented
- b. Approval of Application for Temporary Class B Retailer's License from Holy Trinity Catholic Parish for Holy Trinity Fall Auction on November 11, 2023
- c. Approval of invoice from Robert E. Lee in the amount of \$18,023.00 for WWTP Improvements.

MOTION: Wittkopf / Mehlberg *Motion to approve the consent agenda. Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes M/C*

Discussion/Recommendation on –

- a. Approval of Original Alcohol Beverage Retail License Application from Hometown Grocers and Appointment of Agent of Nicole Milach

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

Recommendation from Finance Committee:

- b. Approval of Accounts Payable for the Month of September 2023 in the amount of \$208,438.77, Payroll for the Month of September 2023 in the amount of \$164,123.36, and Other Financial Reports as Presented

MOTION: Sowle / Mehlberg *Motion to approve the September 2023 A/P, Payroll, and Other*

Reports as presented. Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes M/C

Recommendation from Plan Commission:

- c. Approval of Certified Survey Map for David Retzlaff & Teresa Bake located in the City of Oconto
MOTION: Wittkopf / Sowle Motion to approve the CSM as presented. Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes M/C
- d. Approval of Certified Survey Map for Saffran Construction, LLC located in the City of Oconto
MOTION: Stock / Sowle Motion to approve the CSM as presented. Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes M/C

Closed Session –

Council voted at 6:28 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 and by Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(g) for the conferring with legal counsel for the following items:

- i. Superintendent of Public Works
- ii. 116 Holtwood Way

MOTION: Sowle / Bake Motion to convene into closed session at 6:28 pm. Voice Vote: 5 ayes M/C

Roll Call: City Attorney Frank Calvert, City Administrator Brittney Burrue, Board of Public Works Chairperson Darrell Anderson, Mayor John Panetti, Butch Mehlberg, Steve Stock, Patsy Bake, Riley Sowle, and Bob LeBreck

Open Session –

Council voted to reconvene into Open Session at 7:15 p.m. pursuant to notice duly given and as allowed by Wis. Stat. 19.85(2) for discussion/recommendation from Closed Session.

MOTION: Sowle / Stock Motion to reconvene into open session at 7:15 pm. Voice Vote: 5 ayes M/C

MOTION: Sowle / Mehlberg Motion to hold a joint meeting of the Board of Public Works and Wage & Personnel Committee for a second interview of an applicant for the Superintendent of Public Works position, with a Special Council meeting immediately following. Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes M/C

Adjournment – MOTION: Stock / Mehlberg Motion to adjourn at 7:17 pm. Voice Vote: 6 ayes M/C

Minutes submitted by City Administrator Brittney M. Burrue