

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
City Hall – Council Chambers, 1210 Main St, Oconto, WI 54153
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2024 - 6:00 PM

Draft for Approval

Meeting of the Regular Council called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor John Panetti

Roll Call –

Present: Mayor John Panetti, City Attorney Frank Calvert, Alderpersons: Patsy Bake, Bob LeBreck, Butch Mehlberg, Riley Sowle, and John Wittkopf
Also Present: Superintendent of Public Works Jeremy Wusterbarth, City Administrator Brittney Burruel also as recording secretary, and other interested parties
Excused: Steve Stock

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Alderperson Butch Mehlberg

Approval of Agenda –

MOTION: Wittkopf *Motion to bypass and send agenda items 11ii. 11iii. and 11iv. to Wage & Personnel Committee. No Second. Motion Failed.*

MOTION: LeBreck / Mehlberg *Motion to approve the agenda as presented for the Council meeting on February 13, 2024. Voice Vote: 4 ayes, 1 nay (Wittkopf) M/C*

Approval of Minutes –

MOTION: Bake / LeBreck *Motion to approve the minutes as presented for the Council meeting on January 16, 2024. Voice Vote: 5 ayes M/C*

Correspondence:

- Carl Plaster, Secretary of the Oconto County Veterans Memorial Committee, asked the City to organize the annual Memorial Day Veterans Parade. The Veterans Committee will continue to host the event at the Cemetery. The item will be added to the Tourism Committee’s March agenda.
- Mayor Panetti thanked Airport Manager Frank Calvert for his recent letters to Senators Gallagher, Baldwin, and Johnson in hopes of obtaining a grant for the Airport’s long-term plans.
- Alderperson Riley Sowle promoted the Tourism Committee’s Main Street Veteran Banners. They are \$100 and the proceeds will go to the Oconto County Veterans Memorial Committee. Applications and a sample banner are available at the City Hall front office.

Public Input –

- Dee Donlevy, 206 Pierce Ave

Consent Agenda –

- a. Department Reports as Presented

MOTION: Sowle / Bake *Motion to approve the consent agenda. Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes M/C*

Discussion/Recommendation on the Following OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS – none

Discussion/Recommendation on the Following NEW BUSINESS –

- a. Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Representative to Sign and Submit the Recycling Grants to Responsible Units Grant Application and Annual Report of Recycling Activities and Actual Expenditures

MOTION: LeBreck / Mehlberg *Motion to approve the resolution as presented. Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes M/C*

Recommendation from Finance Committee:

- b. Approval of Accounts Payable for the Month of January 2024 in the amount of \$1,666,000.15, Payroll for the Month of January 2024 in the amount of \$166,260.02, and Other Financial Reports as Presented

MOTION: Sowle / Mehlberg *Motion to approve A/P, payroll, & others as presented for January 2024. Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes M/C*

Recommendation from Board of Public Works:

- c. Update on ATV/UTV Maps – BYPASSED – Board of Public Works elected to keep the maps the same. No motion needed.

Closed Session –

Council voted at 6:22 p.m. to convene into Closed Session pursuant to notice duly given and as allowed by Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(c) and by Wis. Stats. 19.85(g) for the consideration of employment for the following items:

- i. Update on City Attorney
- ii. Hiring of Chosen Candidate for Street Foreman
- iii. Hiring of Chosen Candidate for Floater
- iv. Hiring of Chosen Candidate for Street Laborer

MOTION: Sowle / Mehlberg

Motion to convene into closed session at 6:22 pm.

Voice Vote: 5 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

Roll Call: Mayor Panetti, Attorney Calvert (excused from closed session at 6:32 pm), City Administrator Brittney Burrue, Superintendent of Public Works Jeremy Wusterbarth, Board of Public Works President Darrell Anderson, and Alderpersons: Patsy Bake, Bob LeBreck, Butch Mehlberg, Riley Sowle, and John Wittkopf.

Open Session –

Council voted to reconvene into Open Session at 6:34 p.m. pursuant to notice duly given and as allowed by Wis. Stat. 19.85(2) for discussion/recommendation from Closed Session.

MOTION: Sowle / LeBreck

Motion to reconvene into open session at 6:34 pm.

Voice Vote: 5 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: LeBreck / Sowle

Motion to hire the chosen candidate for the Street Foreman.

Voice Vote: 4 ayes, 1 nay (Wittkopf) - MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: LeBreck / Mehlberg

Motion to hire the chosen candidate for the Floater between the Street Dept and Utility.

Voice Vote: 4 ayes, 1 nay (Wittkopf) - MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: Mehlberg / LeBreck

Motion to hire the chosen candidate for the Street Laborer.

Voice Vote: 4 ayes, 1 nay (Wittkopf) - MOTION CARRIED

Adjournment – MOTION: Wittkopf / Sowle *Motion to adjourn at 6:37 pm. Voice Vote: 5 ayes M/C*

Minutes submitted by City Administrator Brittney M. Burrue