

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
City Hall – Council Chambers, 1210 Main St, Oconto, WI 54153
TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2024 - 6:00 PM

Draft for Approval

Public Hearing before the Council called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor John Panetti

Roll Call – See Below.

1. Petition for Zoning Amendment from Darrell and Sue Anderson to Amend the Zoning for Parcel #265-1919056885 from Single Family Residential (R1) to Highway Commercial (CH)

Mayor Panetti asked three times for public input, hearing none.

MOTION: Sowle / Bake *Motion to close the public hearing at 6:01 pm.* **Voice Vote: 6 ayes M/C**

Meeting of the Regular Council called to order at 6:01 pm by Mayor John Panetti

Roll Call –

Present: Mayor John Panetti, City Attorney Frank Calvert, Alderpersons: Patsy Bake, Bob LeBreck, Butch Mehlberg, Riley Sowle, Steve Stock, and John Wittkopf

Also Present: City Administrator Brittney Burruel also as recording secretary, and other interested parties

Excused: --

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Alderperson Steve Stock

Approval of Agenda –

MOTION: LeBreck / Stock *Motion to approve the agenda as presented for the Council meeting on March 19, 2024.* **Voice Vote: 6 ayes M/C**

Approval of Minutes –

MOTION: Bake / Mehlberg *Motion to approve the minutes as presented for the Council meeting on February 13, 2024.* **Voice Vote: 6 ayes M/C**

Correspondence:

- Mayor Panetti read a letter from the new owners of the old Village Auto, read a letter from TEDCOR recapping a list of their highlights for the 2023 year, and thanked the Women’s Club for their work in the City of Oconto.

Public Input –

- Christine Reed, 2372 Doran Ave, spoke regarding agenda item 10.d. She purchased 126 Huron Ave for a pub and grill.
- Mike Feldt, 172 Luby Ave, handed out a letter with a sworn complaint to the Alderpersons and Mayor. Nothing was submitted to the Administrator for the records.
- Victoria Bostedt, 224 Third St, spoke with a complaint and against agenda item 10.b.
- Mary Andersen, 415 Gale St, founder of the Baking Grannies of Oconto, spoke in favor of agenda item 10.a. Information was handed out by members of the Baking Grannies to the Alderpersons, Mayor, and City Administrator and copies are available upon request.
- Jamie Younger, 518 Fourth St, spoke against agenda item 10.a.
- Pat Heier, 300 Third St, member of the Baking Grannies of Oconto, spoke in favor of agenda item

10.a.

- Shannon Osmon, 818 Park Ave, spoke regarding agenda item 10.a.
- Sue Anderson, 101 Merrill Ln, Chairperson of Parks & Rec Committee, spoke regarding the complaint handed out by Mike Feldt.
- Steve Brazeau, 301 First St
- Dee Donlevy, 206 Pierce Ave, member of the Baking Grannies of Oconto, spoke in favor of agenda item 10.a.
- Anne Dix, member of the Baking Grannies of Oconto, spoke in favor of agenda item 10.a.

Consent Agenda –

- a. Approval of Department Reports as Presented
- b. Approval of Application for Temporary Class “B” Retailer’s License from Machickanee Players for 12 Angry Jurors on May 3rd, 4th, & 5th and May 10th, 11th, & 12th, 2024
- c. Approval of Application for Temporary Class “B” Retailer’s License from Knights of Columbus Council 6689 for WUMPA Truck Pull on June 7th, 2024
- d. Approval of Application for Temporary Class “B” Retailer’s License from Oconto Sportsmen’s Club for the Sportsmen’s Club Perch Derby on May 24th and 25th, 2024
- e. Approval of Application for Temporary Class “B” Retailer’s License from First Presbyterian Church Oconto for the Community Craft Event on April 6th, 2024
- f. Approval of Accounts Payable for the Month of February 2024 in the amount of \$1,461,277.25, Payroll for the Month of February 2024 in the amount of \$151,480.27, and Other Financial 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. The Baking Grannies of Oconto bake sale at April 2024 Spring Election
MOTION: Wittkopf / Sowle *Motion to allow the Baking Grannies of Oconto bake sale at the April 2024 Election.* **Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes M/C**
- b. A Resolution Approving a Referendum for an Increase in the Number of City Council Members (item request from Alderperson Mehlberg and Alderperson Stock)
MOTION: Mehlberg / Stock *Motion to approve the resolution as presented.* **Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes M/C**
- c. Approval of Request for Street Closure from Boos II for Fundraiser for John Susa on Sunday, April 7, 2024, 9:00 am until 6:00 pm
MOTION: Stock / LeBreck *Motion to approve the street closure request as presented.* **Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes M/C**
- d. Approval of Combination Class B Alcohol Beverage Retail License Application from Christine Ann Reed for Patriot’s Pub and Grub located at 126 Huron Ave and Appointment of Agent of Christine A Reed
MOTION: Stock / Wittkopf *Motion to approve the application and appointment of agent as presented.* **Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes M/C**
- e. Approval of Request from Copperfest Steering Committee to Waive Noise Ordinance on June 7-8, 2024, until 11:00 pm

MOTION: Bake / LeBreck *Motion to approve the noise ordinance extension request as presented.* **Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes M/C**

Recommendation from Plan Commission:

- f. Approval of Petition for Zoning Amendment from Darrell and Sue Anderson to Amend the Zoning for Parcel #265-1919056885 from Single Family Residential (R1) to Highway Commercial (CH)

MOTION: Stock / Sowle *Motion to approve the petition for zoning amendment as presented.* **Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes M/C**

Recommendation from Plan Commission:

- g. Approval of Certified Survey Map for Troy & Lindsey Gossen located in the City of Oconto

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

Closed Session –

Council voted at 6:58 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

MOTION: Wittkopf / Mehlberg *Motion to convene into closed session at 6:58 pm.* **Voice Vote: 6 ayes M/C**

Roll Call: Mayor Panetti, Attorney Calvert, City Administrator Brittney Burruel, and Alderpersons: Patsy Bake, Bob LeBreck, Butch Mehlberg, Riley Sowle, Steve Stock, and John Wittkopf.

Open Session –

Council voted to reconvene into Open Session at 7:07 p.m. pursuant to notice duly given and as allowed by Wis. Stat. 19.85(2) for discussion/recommendation from Closed Session.

MOTION: Stock / Sowle *Motion to reconvene into open session at 7:07 pm.* **Voice Vote: 6 ayes M/C**

Adjournment – MOTION: Wittkopf / Stock *Motion to adjourn at 7:08 pm.* **Voice Vote: 6 ayes M/C**

Minutes submitted by City Administrator Brittney M. Burruel