

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**  
City Hall – Council Chambers, 1210 Main St, Oconto, WI 54153  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2024 - 3:00 PM**

Draft for Approval

**3:00 p.m. – Special Meeting of the Council called to order at 3:00 pm by Mayor Cliff Martin**

**Roll Call –**

Present: Mayor Cliff Martin, City Attorney Frank Calvert, Alderpersons: Darrell Anderson, Dee Donlevy, Bob LeBreck, Riley Sowle, Lori Stenstrup, and Dan Zoeller

Also Present: City Administrator Brittney Burruel also as recording secretary, Superintendent of Public Works Jeremy Wusterbarth, and other interested parties

**Approval of Agenda –**

**MOTION: LeBreck / Anderson** *Motion to approve the agenda as presented for the special meeting of the Council on April 23, 2024.* **Voice Vote: 6 ayes M/C**

**Correspondence/Public Input –**

- Alderperson Bob LeBreck received quite a few complaints about the way a Department Head was treated under public input last Tuesday, he would like to see those speaking under public input to remain standing by their chairs and not be allowed to come up to the front of the room to make a spectacle. He would like to see those running all Committee meetings to keep them respectful and under control. He then asked about the minutes of a Committee meeting regarding land on Van Hecke Ave. Superintendent of Public Works Jeremy Wusterbarth stated there has been talk of swapping the 20 acres on the north end for the 20 acres on the South end to tie it into our Industrial Park, but in the end, it was wetlands and would not be of a benefit. There has also been talk of a dog park and/or using the 20 acres owned by the City on Van Hecke for the ATV/UTV Club.
- Mayor Cliff Martin spoke on the taking down of the lights at Winter Wonderland. The City is working with Winter Wonderland to help how we can. We may have a boom truck and operator that may be able to help. Anderson asked what truck they used to put them up and why can't it be used to take them down as well? Mayor Martin stated he knows the truck cost them \$800 to use it to put up the lights. Alderperson Donlevy stated they had the money in their budget to hire a truck to take them down, but then had a \$5,000 donation to an event that wiped out their budget. Feldt stated Magan Holz was in charge of Winter Wonderland. Mayor Martin will be in contact with her. Alderperson Stenstrup stated she has reached out to Holz but has not received a reply yet.
- Terri Olson, 605 First St, spoke in favor of agenda item 5a, she is the homeowner that is requesting the vacating of the city right-of-way property.
- Courtney Christensen, 531 Second St, spoke in opposition of agenda item 5a.
- Jeremy Wusterbarth, Superintendent of Public Works, handed out the accessory structure and temporary tent/structure ordinance and a list of pertaining properties. He requested the Council take a ride around and look at these properties before the discussion at May's COW meeting.

**Discussion/Recommendation on the Following –**

**Recommendation from Board of Public Works:**

- a. Discuss road right-of-way on dead end of Clark Ane (map will be provided at meeting)

**MOTION: LeBreck / Anderson** *Motion to refer back to the Board of Public Works for their recommendation.* **Voice Vote: 6 ayes M/C**

**Recommendation from Board of Public Works:**

- b. Approval of sending reconstruction project of Spies Road, Yacht Club Road, and Park Lane out

for bid

**MOTION: LeBreck / Zoeller** *Motion to approve sending the reconstruction project out for bid.*

**Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote:** 6 ayes **M/C**

**Closed Session –**

Council voted at 3:36 p.m. to convene into Closed Session pursuant to notice duly given and as allowed by Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(g) for conferring with legal counsel for the following items:

- i. Update on Sowle v. City of Oconto

**MOTION: Anderson / Stenstrup** *Motion to convene into closed session at 3:36 pm.*

**Voice Vote:** 6 ayes **M/C**

Roll Call: Mayor Martin, Attorney Calvert, City Administrator Burruel, and Alderpersons: Darrell Anderson, Dee Donlevy, Bob LeBreck, Riley Sowle, Lori Stenstrup, and Dan Zoeller.

**Open Session –**

Council voted to reconvene into Open Session at 3:49 p.m. pursuant to notice duly given and as allowed by Wis. Stat. 19.85(2) for discussion/recommendation from Closed Session.

**MOTION: LeBreck / Zoeller** *Motion to reconvene into open session at 3:49 pm.*

**Voice Vote:** 6 ayes **M/C**

**Adjournment – MOTION: Sowle / Donlevy** *Motion to adjourn at 3:49 pm.* **Voice Vote:** 6 ayes **M/C**

Minutes submitted by City Administrator Brittney M. Burruel