

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
City Hall Council Chambers, 1210 Main St, Oconto, WI 54153
TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2025 - 6:00 PM

Public Hearing before the Council called to order at 6:00 pm by Council President Darrell Anderson

Roll Call – see below.

1. Petition for Revisions to the Zoning Ordinance for the City of Oconto:
 - a. Approval of an Ordinance Permitting Shipping Containers in General Industrial (IG) and Light Industrial (IL) zoning districts with the requirements of up to 2 per property, must meet required setbacks, and must be a solid color matching the main building façade. And elimination of the requirement of having wheels.
 - b. Approval of an Ordinance Prohibiting Shipping Containers in all zoning districts, except for General Industrial (IG) and Light Industrial (IL).

Public Input – Mike Schultz

Anderson asked 3 times for additional public input, hearing none.

MOTION: Sowle / Stenstrup *Motion to close the public hearing at 6:13 pm.* **Voice Vote: 6 ayes M/C**

Meeting of the Regular Council called to order at 6:13 pm by Council President Darrell Anderson

Roll Call –

Present: 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 and other interested parties

Excused: Mayor Cliff Martin

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Alderperson Dan Zoeller

Approval of Agenda –

MOTION: Stenstrup / Donlevy *Motion to approve the agenda as presented for the meeting of the Council on March 18, 2025.* **Voice Vote: 6 ayes M/C**

Approval of Minutes –

MOTION: Zoeller / Sowle *Motion to approve the minutes as presented for the Council meeting on February 25, 2025.* **Voice Vote: 6 ayes M/C**

Public Input – none

Correspondence – none

Consent Agenda –

- a. Approval of Temporary Alcohol Beverage License from Oconto Copperfest Committee for Comedy Night on May 11, 2025

MOTION: Stenstrup / Zoeller

Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes M/C

Discussion/Recommendation on the Following OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

- a. Approval of Temporary Alcohol Beverage License from Knights of Columbus for WUMPA Truck Pull on June 6, 2025

MOTION: LeBreck / Donlevy

Motion to approve the license as presented.

Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes M/C

Discussion/Recommendation on the Following NEW BUSINESS –

- a. Approval of Temporary Alcohol Beverage License from Machickanee Players for Keep on Laughing Play on May 9-11, 2025 and May 16-18, 2025

MOTION: LeBreck / Stenstrup

Motion to approve the license as presented.

Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes M/C

- b. Approval of Original Alcohol Beverage Retail License Application from Michael J Schultz for The Garage and Appointment of Agent of Michael J Schultz

MOTION: Donlevy / LeBreck

Motion to approve the license and agent as presented.

Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes M/C

Recommendation from Finance Committee:

- c. Approval of Accounts Payable for the Month of February 2025 in the amount of \$2,174,492.62, Payroll for the Month of February 2025 in the amount of \$169,588.12, and Other Financial Reports as Presented

MOTION: Zoeller / LeBreck

Motion to approve the February 2025 accounts payable, payroll, and other reports as presented.

Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes M/C

Recommendation from Finance Committee:

- d. Approval of Denying the Request from Alliance Development (Bayside Senior Apartments) for real estate tax refund

MOTION: Stenstrup / LeBreck

Motion to deny the request from Alliance Development for real estate tax refund.

Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes M/C

Recommendation from Wage & Personnel Committee:

- e. Approval of Employee Handbook Revisions

MOTION: Zoeller / Donlevy

Motion to approve the employee handbook revisions as presented.

Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes M/C

Recommendation from Plan Commission:

- f. Approval of an Ordinance Permitting Shipping Containers in General Industrial (IG) and Light Industrial (IL) zoning districts with the requirements of up to 2 per property, must meet required setbacks, and must be a solid color matching the main building façade. And elimination of the requirement of having wheels.

MOTION: Sowle /

Motion to approve the ordinance as presented.

MOTION: Stenstrup / LeBreck

*Motion to hold a Joint COW & Plan Commission meeting to further discuss the proposed ordinance. **Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 1 nay (Anderson) M/C***

Recommendation from Plan Commission:

- g. Approval of an Ordinance Prohibiting Shipping Containers in all zoning districts, except for General Industrial (IG) and Light Industrial (IL).

MOTION: Sowle / LeBreck

Motion to the ordinance as presented.

Voice Recorded Roll Call Vote: 2 ayes, 4 nays (Anderson, LeBreck, Stenstrup, Zoeller) Motion Failed.

MOTION: Sowle / Donlevy

*Motion to approve the ordinance as presented. Also to continue allowing the shipping container at 202 Main Street having already obtained an approved building permit. **Voice Recorded Roll***

Call Vote: 4 ayes, 2 nays (Anderson, Stenstrup) **M/C**

Closed Session –

Council voted at 6:44 p.m. to convene into Closed Session pursuant to notice duly given and as allowed by Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(e) for deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties and conducting other specific public business whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session for the following items:

- i. Sale of Parcel #265-28130021268A

MOTION: Stenstrup / Zoeller *Motion to convene into closed session at 6:44 pm.*

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

Roll Call: Attorney Calvert, City Administrator Brittney 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 7:24 p.m. pursuant to notice duly given and as allowed by Wis. Stat. 19.85(2) for discussion/recommendation from Closed Session.

MOTION: Donlevy / LeBreck *Motion to reconvene into open session at 7:24 pm.*

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

MOTION: Donlevy / LeBreck

Motion to advertise parcel #265-28130021268A for closed bid.

Voice Vote: 4 ayes, 2 nays (Sowle, Stenstrup) **M/C**

Adjournment – MOTION: LeBreck / Sowle *Motion to adjourn at 7:26 pm. **Voice Vote:** 6 ayes **M/C***

Minutes submitted by City Administrator Brittney M. Burruel