FORESTRY COMMITTEE

Wednesday October 14, 2026 @ 8:00 A.M. Oconto City Council Chambers

1. Sasse called the meeting to order @ 8:11 a.m.
2. Roll Call: Nick Badendick, Diane Motiff, Tom Sasse, Wendy Spice
3. **Spice motioned for approval of Agenda; Motiff issued a second. (4 Ayes)**
4. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from 09/09/2026 were placed in motion by Motiff with a follow up of Spice. (4 Ayes)**
5. Public Input: Badendick announced that trees are leaning in the roadway on Van Hecke which cause semis to touch them.
6. Correspondence:

   a.) Northeastern WI Forest Health News – WI DNR

   - *Fall Webworm* Spins-Its-Way-To-Attention at the tips of tree branches protecting them. The caterpillars don't draw much attention on their own. Instead, what catches the eye at this time of year are the large webs (or "tents") that they create.
   - *Needle Rust* On Spruce, Fir, and Hemlock–
   - *Princess Tree*— It may have enormous heart-shaped leaves, fragrant flowers and a name fit for royalty, but this botanical princess can quickly become an issue in forests.
   - *Pitch Borer Mass On White Pine* A pitch "glob", with oozing pitch running down the trunk of a young white pine infected with pitch mass borer on the main stems of eastern white pine trees and *on spruce*?
   - Forest Health staffers plan public appearances.

   b.) Update on Nuisance Trees

   c.) Spice still recommends that the Northeastern WI Forest Health News – WI DNR be placed on our website for the **public to view.** Seidl suggested that citizen's city-wide **adopt sewer grates**. Motiff noted that it and adoption of **fire hydrants** also be a City Hall public notice. The Forestry Committee awaits results of the City 2027 Budget.

7. **Discussion/Recommendation/Action on the Following:**

8. **Next Meeting Date/Time: Wednesday, Nov. 11 @ 8 a.m.**
   Agenda Item: Forestry results of the City 2027 Budget.
9. **Motiff summoned adjournment @ 8:31 a.m. Badendick witnessed second. (M/C)**

Minutes submitted by Susan K. Seidl