

**CITY OF OCONTO FALLS
COMMON COUNCIL**
Council Chambers – Municipal Building
500 N. Chestnut Avenue -Oconto Falls, WI 54154

**TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2015 – 7:00 PM
MINUTES**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Brad Rice.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Brad Rice, Alderpersons: Mathew McDermid, Marty Coopman, Jay Kostreva, George Stuckey, Kevin Rusch, and Don Osborne

Also present: Administrator Vicki Roberts, Police Chief Brad Olsen, Deputy Clerk Nancy Brye, Street Superintendent Terry Magnin, Fire Chief Tim Magnin, Librarian Joan Denis, Utility Manager Greg Kuhn, Utility Exec. Admin. Asst. Lisa Christensen, and Utility Commissioners-James Kardoskee and James Patenaude

Excused: City Attorney Larry Jeske

Others: Colleen Messenger-Oconto County Reporter, Joan Koehne-Times Herald, Tom Paque-WPPI, Kristan Rickling, Eagle Scouts and Families: Derek, Wanda, Ray, & Matthew Younger; Ryan, Brad, June, and Jared Kennedy; Jeff, Brett, & Jennifer Proctor; Dale Brehmer and John Thomson

Approval of Minutes – Common Council meeting on June 9, 2015 and Special Common Council meeting on June 16, 2015.

MOTION: Rusch/McDermid

Motion to approve the minutes from the Common Council meeting on June 9, 2015 and Special Common Council meeting on June 16, 2015.

Voice Vote: All voting aye - **MOTION CARRIED**

Treasurer's Report – May

MOTION: Rusch/Osborne

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for May and place on file.

Voice Vote: All voting aye - **MOTION CARRIED**

Bills Payable – June

MOTION: McDermid/Coopman

Motion to approve the Bills Payable for June.

Voice Vote: All voting aye - **MOTION CARRIED**

Reports:

Administrator Report – written report given.

Police Report – written report given.

Municipal Court Report – written report given.

Fire Department Report – written report given.

Street Department Report – written report given.

Building Inspector Report – written report given.

Utility Commission Report/Minutes – written report given.

MOTION: McDermid/Rusch

Motion to place reports on file.

Voice Vote: All voting aye - **MOTION CARRIED**

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:

Correspondence/Information

- Eagle Scout Recognition: Ryan Kennedy and Derek Younger.
- Thank you from James Moynihan for honoring him on 50 years of service with the Fire Department.

Eagle Scouts Ryan Kennedy and Derek Younger shared with the council and audience what they did to achieve their merit in becoming an Eagle Scout. Mayor Rice and the Council congratulated each scout on his achievement and presented them with a certificate from the City.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL - All Citizens in-put will be limited to 3 minutes.

Joan Koehne addressed the Council with suggestions for a ribbon cutting ceremony when the Hwy 22 construction project is completed this fall. She suggested a celebration of some sort, possibly a parade, and asked anyone to contact her with additional ideas or their willingness to help. A tentative target date for the celebration is set for the first Saturday in November.

At this point, Council went out of agenda order.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ANY OR ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

New Business:

- A. WPPI Energy Presentation: The Power of Many.
Re: Tom Paque – WPPI

Tom Paque gave a presentation to the Common Council and Utility Commission explaining what the WPPI Energy organization does as a whole for its members. He gave an update on key things currently going on within the organization. WPPI, which was formed in 1980, has grown and is now owned by 51 municipal utilities. Lisa Christensen represents the Oconto Falls Utilities as a WPPI Board Member, Executive Committee Member, and is also on the Finance and Audit Committee. Tom Paque reviewed assets owned by the organization in power supply plants and explained services and support in which WPPI has helped Oconto Falls through contributions given to the community. WPPI would like to extend their contract with Oconto Falls which is currently due to expire in 2037. They would ideally like to extend the contract 41 years out before the end of this year, giving them more leverage to buy power supply resources. Tom ended by presenting the Council and Commission with a 35 year commemorative framed picture.

- B. Resolution 15-003; Resolution celebrating 35 years of municipal joint action for public power utilities.
Re: Common Council

MOTION: Coopman/Kostreva

Motion to approve Resolution 15-003; Resolution celebrating 35 years of municipal joint action for public power utilities.

Voice Vote: All voting aye - **MOTION CARRIED**

- C. Resolution 15-004; Compliance Maintenance Resolution.
Re: Utility Manager

Utility Manager explained this is an annual resolution with regards to the 2014 Wastewater Treatment Plant Report filed with the DNR.

MOTION: Coopman/McDermid

Motion to approve Resolution 15-004; Compliance Maintenance Resolution.

Voice Vote: All voting aye - **MOTION CARRIED**

At this point, the Council returned to the normal agenda order.

Old Business:

- A. Construction of additional 9 holes at River Island Golf Course; possibly select and/or strategically cut trees for an additional 9 holes.

Re: City Attorney

Administrator received a call from Course Manager, Vic Peterson. He informed plans for an additional 9 holes were currently on hold.

Rusch explained we could strategically cut some of the trees and stay within the requirements of the deed, as tree harvesting would fall under maintenance. Some of the timber has passed mature age and should be harvested. He suggested we have someone walk the area and mark timber which is ready for harvest.

McDermid and Kostreva agreed with Rusch's suggestion.

Mayor would like to table this discussion until next month when City Attorney Jeske is available to share his input.

ITEM TABLED

- B. Library Roof.

Re: Alderman Rusch

Rusch would like to see the City go out for bids on a new library roof and publicize in a few newspapers, to include the Daily Reporter, Oconto County Reporter, and Times Herald. Although a steel roof is preferred, we should get quotes for both shingle and steel. It would be nice to have it done this year, but the library would make it another winter if need be. He suggested we publish an ad and see what we get for bids.

McDermid agreed we should publish a minimum of two weeks and see what we receive. He reiterated from last month that the city would provide supplies to receive a tax break; a savings of \$3,000-\$4,000.

McDermid, Rusch, and Street Superintendent Magnin will come up with specifications for an ad.

New Business:

- D. Operator's License Applications for:

Krist Oil: Brittany E. Schaden & Susan C. Albert

One 5 Seven: Kim M. Destiche

S & S Hometown: Gail A. Coopman

Happy Jacks: Shelley A. Brennan

The Penguin Again: Sarah J. Winiecki & Breanna List-Kimball

Re: Deputy Clerk

Deputy Clerk all of the applicants have completed a Beverage Server Class and have filed proper application with the City to either renew their current license or obtain a new license. Chief Olsen completed a background check and has signed off on all applications.

MOTION: Rusch/Coopman

Motion to approve the Operator's License Applications for Brittany E. Schaden, Susan C. Albert, Kim M. Destiche, Gail A. Coopman, Shelley A. Brennan, Sarah J. Winiecki, and Breanna List-Kimball.

Voice Vote: All voting aye - **MOTION CARRIED**

- E. Council may go into closed session to discuss matters of employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of public employees pursuant to 19.85 (1c) Wis. Stats.

MOTION: Rusch/McDermid

Motion to go into closed session at 8:00 pm to discuss matters of employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of public employees pursuant to 19.85 (1c) Wis. Stats.

Roll Call Vote: Rusch-yes, McDermid-yes, Kostreva-yes, Stuckey-yes, Osborne-yes, Coopman-yes - **MOTION CARRIED**

- F. Council will return to open session and may take action on matters discussed in closed session.

MOTION: Rusch/McDermid

Motion to return to open session at 8:12pm to possibly take action on matters discussed in closed session.

Roll Call Vote: Rusch-yes, McDermid-yes, Kostreva-yes, Stuckey-yes, Osborne-yes, Coopman-yes - **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION: McDermid/Rusch

Motion that Mark Krumrei is to provide his CDL (Commercial Driver License) to the City no later than August 4, 2015 or he will go back to his pay rate of \$12.59 per hour.

Voice Vote: All voting aye - **MOTION CARRIED**

- G. Adjournment.

Mayor Rice asked if there was any further business before the meeting is adjourned. Having no further business, Mayor Rice declared the meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

City Administrator Vicki A. Roberts