

City of Oconomowoc Common Council Meeting Minutes January 03, 2023 - 7:30 PM



Aldermen Present: Jennifer Aultman Kloth, Kevin Ellis, Karen Spiegelberg, Matt Mulder, Charles Schellpeper, Lou Kowieski, Chris Douglas, Matt Rosek

Also Present: Robert Magnus, Diane Coenen, Mark Frye, Craig Hoepfner, James Pfister, Laurie Sullivan-Murray, Dan Uribe, Brad Bowen

Mayor Magnus called the Common Council Meeting to order at 7:47 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Approval of Meeting Minutes

a. Minutes of December 6, 2022

Motion to approve the Council minutes of December 6, 2022 made by Kowieski and seconded by Aultman Kloth.

Motion carried 8-0-0.

Comments/Suggestions from Citizens

a. American Legion 2022 Update

Jerry Wendt, Commander of Edwin L. Jones American Legion Post 91 read a prepared statement into the record, which was passed out at Council stations and included in the Council packet, which outlined all the groups and events the Post supports and takes part in. Mayor and Council thanked the Legion for their work and support to the City of Oconomowoc and for their service. Council suggested looking into placing banners on City light posts displaying the Legion and Veterans during their holidays.

Bruce Nattinger, 204 W. Wisconsin Ave is the Chair of the Lac La Belle Management District and stated LLBMD supports the fish grate barriers. He noted that 131K pounds of fish have been captured.

Tom Strey, 69 Happy Hollow Rd thanked Frye for doing double duty (DPW Director & Administrator), thanked Kowieski for all he has done as an elected official, is concerned with Rockwell Partners development and how much land they received from the City, suggested the City should pay more attention to lack of property management and ways to clean it up, Council is doing a good job and local representation should not be party affiliated.

Consent Agenda (Items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered in one motion - a Council member may request to remove an item):

a. Licenses

1. License Approval - Amusement Operator

b. Financial Release for Jiffy Lube Oconomowoc

c. Treasurer's Report

1. Treasurer Report and Financials - November 2023

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda made by Kowieski and seconded by Mulder. Motion carried 8-0-0.

Committee Reports

a. Public Services - Kowieski, Chr; Ellis, Secy; Mulder

1. Consider/act on Resolution 23-R3089 Amending Budget for the 2022 Peacock Dam Rehabilitation Project

Motion to adopt Resolution 23-R3089 amending the budget for the 2022 Peacock Dam Rehabilitation Project in the amount \$31,496.00 made by Ellis and seconded by Kowieski.

Motion carried 8-0-0.

2. Consider/act on Resolution 23-R3090 Approving Purchase and Installation of Fish Grate Barriers to the Lac La Belle Dam

Motion to adopt Resolution 23-R3090 approving purchase and installation of Fish Grate Barriers to the Lac La Belle Dam made by Ellis and seconded by Kowieski.

Motion carried 8-0-0.

New Business

a. Consider/act on Resolution 23-R3091 Approving Lake Country Municipal Court Budget for 2023

Don Weimer, Chair of the Lake Country Municipal Court Administrative Committee presented the Court Budget for 2023. Motion to adopt Resolution 23-R3091 approving Lake Country Municipal Court Budget for 2023 made by Kowieski and seconded by Aultman Kloth.

Motion carried 8-0-0.

b. Consider/act on Local Primary Election for February 21, 2023

Coenen passed out an updated memo which lists the candidates that filed paperwork to run for Alderman in each of the four districts by the 5:00 PM January 3rd deadline. No more than two candidates filed for any district, therefore it is not necessary for Council to take action on whether or not to hold a local Primary Election on February 21st. Coenen also reported that there will be a Spring Primary (Feb 21st) for the State Supreme Court race. Council requested that Coenen and Frye look into extending the hours of in-office voting.

Staff Reports

Frye reported questions were raised by tax papers when the tax bills came out due to misunderstanding what it meant when the WLFDF referendum did not pass in each of the member municipalities. The City put out information to educate the public as to what the impact was and why we were collecting additional funds. We did that because those funds will be segregated and only used for WLFDF expenditures for the City. Those funds will not subsidize any of the other member municipalities and based on Chief Bowen's phasing plan over the next 3 years, the City will need 100% of those funds. Going forward staff is putting together educational information on revenues and expenditures which will be coming out shortly and in the future information on TIF and how it plays into the taxes. The goal is to make this information available on the City website. In summary, Frye reported that on March 9th staff will hold a Public Information Session, at the Public Safety Facility to provide information on revenues and expenditures, tax incremental districts, levy limits, net new construction, taxes and more.

Reports and Comments from the Aldermen

Schellpeper thanked the American Legion for coming today and for all that they do and wished everyone a Happy New Year!

Reports and Comments from the Mayor

Magnus wished all a Happy New Year and thanked the individuals who stepped up to run for the Aldermanic seats.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Kowieski and seconded by Rosek.

Motion carried 8-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 PM.

Minutes taken by Diane Coenen, City Clerk