

City of Oconomowoc Common Council Meeting Minutes January 04, 2022 - 7:30 PM



Aldermen Present: Karen Spiegelberg, Matt Mulder, Charles Schellpeper, Lou Kowieski, Chris Douglas, Matt Rosek, John Zapfel, Kevin Ellis

Also Present: Robert Magnus, Betsy Bleck, Diane Coenen, Kevin Freber, Mark Frye, Craig Hoepfner, James Pfister, Joe Pickart, Ivan Lam, Stan Riffle

Mayor Magnus called the Common Council Meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Call to Order and Confirmation of Appropriate Meeting Notice

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Approval of Meeting Minutes

a. Minutes of December 21, 2021

Motion to approve the Council minutes of December 21, 2021 made by Kowieski and seconded by Douglas.

Motion carried 8-0-0.

Committee Reports

a. Finance - Mulder, Chr; Rosek, Secy; Spiegelberg

1. Consider/act on Resolution 22-R3003 Approving Fleet Budget Amendment for 2022 and 2023 Plow Truck Purchases

Frye had passed out a revised memo and resolution at Council stations during the Finance Committee meeting.

Motion to adopt Resolution 22-R3003 approving the purchase of the 2022 Plow Truck from Wausau at the increased price of \$271,800, approving Fleet Budget amendment in the amount of \$31,800 and pre-ordering two 2023 Plow Trucks as outlined in Option 2 made by Rosek and seconded by Zapfel.

Motion carried 8-0-0.

b. Utility - Zapfel, Chr; Ellis, Secy; Rosek

1. Consider/act on Resolution 22-R3002 Awarding Engineering Design Services Contract for the Northeast Regional Park Lift Station/Park Restrooms/Pavilion

Motion to adopt Resolution 22-R3002 awarding Engineering Design Services Contract for the Northeast Regional Park Lift Station/Park Restrooms/Pavilion identifying the concession stand as an alternate as part of the engineering design made by Rosek and seconded by Ellis.

Motion carried 8-0-0.

New Business

a. Consider/act on Local Primary Election for February 15, 2022

Coenen passed out a revised memo at Council stations and stated that no action by Council is needed because not more than two candidates have filed paperwork for the office of Mayor or for any of the four Aldermanic Districts.

b. Update/Discussion on Accurate Appraisal Assessment Issue of a Single Parcel

Representatives from Accurate Appraisal; Jill Luebke, Jim Danielson, Josh Sherman and Addie Ebert were present to discuss the large assessment error that occurred for a residential property in the City. The property value went from approx. \$400K to \$10.7M with a tax liability of \$147K. Since the tax roll was already finalized, this overassessment creates a budget shortfall for the City of \$48K and \$70K for the School District. Accurate took ownership of the error and is working with the City to remedy the 2022 budget shortfalls. Frye stated this discussion is meant to inform Council of the issue and discussions to rectify this issue will continue and will be brought back to Council for action. Council requested that the issues staff experienced during this past assessment process need to be addressed by the City Administrator and appropriate staff along with Accurate. James Wood, School District President read an impact statement into the record and stated the School District appreciates the efforts by the City to rectify the issue. Council stated they would like the City to be made whole now and not over a four-year period as suggested by Accurate. Accurate passed out business cards to Council.

Staff Reports

Frye reported on the Employee Safety Committee meeting held earlier today regarding wearing of face masks and getting vaccinated. The Committee adopted a policy that allows flexibility by identifying it is a personal choice by each employee and it will not be required. Frye apologized to Council for not providing a weekly update during the holidays and stated the updates will continue moving forward. He noted that Pfister is working on the dispatch transition to WCC and it is going well. We did have another dispatcher resign and starting January 13th our 3rd shift dispatch will go to WCC.

Reports and Comments from the Aldermen

Kowieski thanked Frye for getting the safety topics addressed with the Committee and getting a policy put in place. Schellpeper welcomed the new faces in attendance this evening. He also would like to get Committee meetings streamed like we have done in the past. He is looking for this discussion to take place soon by Council on how to move forward, as it has been requested for a while now.

Reports and Comments from the Mayor

Magnus thanked the candidates for stepping up. He also gave a shout out to staff for the successful Noon Year's Eve Drop; Kristy, Paige, Megan, WLFD, Utilities and Police. It was a fun and well attended event.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Kowieski and seconded by Ellis.

Motion carried 8-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM.

Minutes taken by Diane Coenen, City Clerk