

City of Oconomowoc Common Council Meeting Minutes April 04, 2023 - 7:30 PM



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

Also Present: Robert Magnus, Diane Coenen, Mark Frye, Jason Herzog, James Pfister, Ivan Lam, Stan Riffle, Stan Sugden

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Approval of Meeting Minutes

a. Minutes of March 21, 2023

Motion to approve the Council minutes of March 21, 2023 made by Mulder and seconded by Aultman Kloth.

Motion carried 8-0-0.

Comments/Suggestions from Citizens

- 1) Lisa Ridolfi, 215 E. Pleasant St. spoke on behalf of a group of Rockwell Village Condo owners, who were present at the meeting, regarding the rundown/vacant buildings on Wisconsin Ave., across from their condos, asking the City to talk to the owners about razing the buildings.
- 2) Lynne Wright, 707 Marigold St. stated her disappointment about the attack ad against Ald. Ellis regarding the Hwy 67 tunnel project. She referenced a July 2019 newspaper article, with a picture of several individuals in attendance supporting his efforts to dig the tunnel and asked if those supporters were all guilty of destruction of public property.

Committee Reports

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

1. Consider/act on Resolution 23-R3114 Awarding Construction Management Contract for 2023 Street Maintenance Projects

The Committee would like to see bids advertised earlier to get more responses to our RFP.

Motion to adopt Resolution 23-R3114 awarding Construction Management Contract for 2023 Street Maintenance Projects to Ruckert Mielke in the amount of \$197,530 plus a 10% contingency made by Rosek and seconded by Kowieski.

Motion carried 8-0-0.

2. Consider/act on Resolution 23-R3120 Awarding Additional Design Engineering Cost for the 2021 Olympia Fields Phase Two Project

Motion to adopt Resolution 23-R3120 awarding additional Design Engineering cost of \$30K for the 2021 Olympia Fields Phase 2 Project made by Rosek and seconded by Mulder.

Motion carried 8-0-0.

3. Consider/act on Resolution 23-R3121 Awarding Additional Construction Management Cost for the 2021 Olympia Fields Phase Two Project

Motion to adopt Resolution 23-R3121 awarding additional Construction Management cost of \$38K for the 2021 Olympia Fields Phase 2 Project made by Ellis and seconded by Aultman Kloth.

Motion carried 8-0-0.

Reports and Comments from the Aldermen

Spiegelberg thanked Kowieski for his service to the community. Aultman Kloth thanked Kowieski for the time he gave to the City and citizens. Mulder thanked Kowieski for his guidance and leadership. Rosek read a statement about Kowieski, that he served with passion and purpose, he was a part of many things that better the community such as the splashpad, PD K9, PD body cams to name a few, he served with courage and did not shy away from tough decisions. Rosek respects him and wishes him the best. Ellis thanked him for what he has done for the City, appreciated the work he did on the skate board park and the time he puts aside to make sure the City is as safe as it can possibly be, he recognized the ideas be brought forward which made good conversation at Council, and he forgave him. Schellpeper stated even when they disagreed Kowieski encouraged him, he is a great leader and great representative for his constituents. Douglas agrees with all the comments. Kowieski stated he tried to thank all City Directors and Leaders over the past few meetings and now thanked Sugden for his tenure and guidance with the City's growth & development, Frye's service to the City for 3.3 decades and now having the highest level of responsibility for the City, and Riffle for his legal guidance. He stated we do not hold the power in the seat, it remains with the people, and he has tried to serve and represent well for District 2 and the entire City. What we do as Council will have an impact for generations to come. He leaves the seat freely for the next citizen to serve the people of the community. Oconomowoc is his home where he feels safe and where he created a family and memories. He acknowledged the citizen comment about Ellis and stated he now returns to highest position in this community, being a citizen. Applause by all.

Reports and Comments from the Mayor

Magnus commented that Kowieski's passion is contagious, recognized his family for the sacrifices they made for him to be a public servant and stated he will miss looking to Kowieski for comments. He also stated he went to Washington D.C. and it's an incredible place, so go if you haven't.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Kowieski and seconded by Rosek.

Motion carried 8-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 PM.

Minutes taken by Diane Coenen, City Clerk