

# City of Oconomowoc Common Council Meeting Minutes November 02, 2021 - 7:30 PM



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

**Also Present:** Robert Magnus, Stan Riffle, Betsy Bleck, Diane Coenen, Robert Duffy, Kevin Freber, Mark Frye, Jason Gallo, Craig Hoepfner, James Pfister, Joe Pickart, Laurie Sullivan, Hannah Brasch, Brad Bowen, Ivan Lam

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**

### **Public Hearing**

#### **a. 2022 City of Oconomowoc Budget**

The purpose is to hear public comment on the Proposed 2022 City of Oconomowoc Budget.

The hearing opened at 7:32 PM. Sullivan gave a PowerPoint presentation. No other comments were received. The hearing closed at 7:38 PM.

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

#### **a. Minutes of October 19, 2021**

Motion to approve the Council minutes of October 19, 2021 made by Zapfel and seconded by Ellis.  
Motion carried 8-0-0.

### **Comments/Suggestions from Citizens**

1) Mary Claire Lanser, owner of Lanser Public Affairs stated she will do community outreach on the C-O-T-W discussion of the Rockwell Partners N. Main St proposed development project. Her outreach is always factual and respectful, with residential and business comments taken down verbatim and shared with the development team and Council as a public record. She will start with people who live closest or have indicated an interest in this proposal. She handed out business cards to Interim Administrator Frye.

2) Lynne Wright, 707 Marigold St thanked Ald Ellis & Spiegelberg for voting to keep OPD. She is saddened by the decision to move to WCC.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **a. Utility - Zapfel, Chr; Ellis, Secy; Rosek**

##### **1. Consider/act on Resolution 21-R2991 Authorizing a Budget Amendment and the Approval to Purchase Secondary Digester Cover and (3) Mixers**

Motion to approve Resolution 21-R2991 authorizing a budget amendment and the approval to

purchase Secondary Digester Cover and three Mixers made by Zapfel and seconded by Rosek.  
Motion carried 8-0-0.

### **Unfinished/Old Business**

- a. **Consider/act on Resolution 21-R2990 to Amend Resolution 21-R2987 Dividing the City of Oconomowoc into Wards (District #3, Wards 7, 8 & 9)**  
Motion to approve Resolution 21-R2990 to amend Resolution 21-R2987 dividing the City of Oconomowoc into Wards (District #3, Wards 7, 8 & 9) made by Kowieski and seconded by Mulder.  
Motion carried 8-0-0.

### **New Business**

- a. **Consider/act on the Adoption of the 2022 City of Oconomowoc Budget**  
Motion to approve the 2022 City of Oconomowoc Budget as amended on the floor adding \$50K for WLF D consultant expense, using the full carryover of \$107,989 as contingency and a Mill Rate of \$4.71 made by Kowieski and seconded by Schellpeper.  
Motion carried 7-0-1. Voted no: Douglas.
- b. **Consider/act on Setting the 2021 Property Tax Levy for 2022 Budget**  
Motion to approve the 2021 Property Tax Levy for 2022 Budget of \$12,755,173 made by Mulder and seconded by Rosek.  
Motion carried 8-0-0.
- c. **Consider/act on Directing Staff to Execute a Pre-Development Reimbursement Agreement with Rockwell Partners LLC for the N. Main Street Project**  
Motion to approve directing staff to execute a Pre-Development Reimbursement Agreement with Rockwell Partners LLC for the N. Main Street project made by Kowieski and seconded by Ellis.  
Motion carried 7-0-1. Voted no: Rosek.

### **Reports and Comments from the Aldermen**

Ellis thanked the Recreation Department, Council and Mayor for a tree dedication in memory of his late wife Julie. Spiegelberg stated she has had a lot of feedback on dispatch and read a prepared statement into the record. She also presented Coenen with a present and message from the League of WI Municipalities that was given to her at a conference she attended. Schellpeper commented that he received a lot of feedback and congratulations on the dispatch decision. Kowieski commented on Council voting sometimes right and sometimes wrong but always serving the citizens to the best of our ability. Rosek feels Council made the right decision for the City and although it was tough, he also received feedback of support for the decision.

### **Reports and Comments from the Mayor**

Magnus feels its a time to heal. The City has an incredible Police Chief and Fire Chief. We are a very safe community, and we have to take our position now on the decisions we made and make sure we our spectacular as we move forward.

### **Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn made by Kowieski and seconded by Rosek.  
Motion carried 8-0-0.  
The meeting adjourned at 8:49 PM.

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Minutes taken by Diane Coenen, City Clerk