

# City of Oconomowoc Common Council Meeting Minutes July 18, 2023 - 7:30 PM



**Aldermen Present:** Charles Schellpeper, Andrew Moroni, Chris Douglas, Matt Rosek, Jennifer Aultman Kloth, Kevin Ellis, Karen Spiegelberg, Matt Mulder

**Also Present:** Robert Magnus, Lucas Caine, Diane Coenen, Robert Duffy, Jennie Fidler, Kevin Freber, Mark Frye, Jason Gallo, Jason Herzog, Scott Osborn, Rachel Oelsner, James Pfister, Tony Posnik, Laurie Sullivan-Murray, Ivan Lam, Stan Riffle

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

## Pledge of Allegiance

## Roll Call

## Public Hearing

### a. Historic Preservation Ordinance

The purpose is to hear public comment for a proposed Zoning Ordinance text amendment that rescinds and recreates Section 17.705 pertaining to historic preservation and creates Section 17.706, which renumbers the former section pertaining to the role of the Zoning Administrator. The text amendment establishes a Historic Preservation Commission, the nomination process for local historic structures and sites, the process for obtaining a Certificate of Appropriateness, and the process for demolition of local historic structures.

The hearing opened at 7:31 PM. Rachel Oelsner gave a PowerPoint presentation. Lou Kowieski, 131 N. Locust St supports the Historic Preservation Ordinance and does not feel the City needs to provide incentives. David Gilson, 412 N. Lake Rd owns a home on the Isthmus and is happy the City is addressing this issue. He emailed a letter to the Clerk, which was passed out at Council stations and suggests simple rules be adopted which provides flexibility to homeowners that would be written into the deeds. No other comments were received. The hearing closed at 7:49 PM.

## Approval of Meeting Minutes

### a. Minutes of June 27, 2023

Motion to approve the Council minutes of June 27, 2023 made by Rosek and seconded by Mulder.  
Motion carried 8-0-0.

## Comments/Suggestions from Citizens

### a. Introduction of New Library Director Jennifer Puccini

Aultman Kloth introduced Jennifer Puccini our new Library Director. Puccini is excited to begin her new role in the City on August 7<sup>th</sup>. She was welcomed by Council.

- 1) Jane Owen, Box 254, Nashotah stated she is glad we are considering the long overdue Historical Ordinance and urges Council to pass a more restrictive ordinance.
- 2) Lou Kowieski, 131 N. Locust St. commented that no changes have been made to the Isthmus zoning and feels Plan Commission should take up zoning requirements for this area to help in legal matters.

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

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

- a. **2023 Absentee Ballot Envelope Subgrant Reimbursement Memorandum of Understanding Between City of Oconomowoc and Wisconsin Elections Commission**
- b. **Treasurer's Report**
  1. **Treasurer Report and Financials - June 2023**

**Committee Reports**

- a. **Finance - Schellpeper, Chr; Spiegelberg, Secy; Moroni**
  1. **Consider/act on Budget Amendment for Grants and Donations Received and Use of Fund Balance Reserves - 2nd Qtr 2023 (4/1/23 - 6/30/23)**

Motion to approve the budget amendment for grants and donations received and Use of Fund Balance Reserves for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr 2023 (4/1/23 - 6/30/23) made by Aultman Kloth and seconded by Ellis.  
Motion carried 8-0-0.
- b. **Utility - Rosek, Chr; Spiegelberg, Secy; Ellis**
  1. **Consider/act on Resolution 23-R3147 Awarding Contract for Iron Filter Pilot Testing**

Motion to adopt Resolution 23-R3147 awarding contract for Iron Filter Pilot Testing to Water Surplus in the amount of \$35,000 made by Ellis and seconded by Spiegelberg.  
Motion carried 8-0-0.

**Plan Commission**

- a. **Consider/act on Ordinance 23-O1049 to Repeal and Recreate Section 17.705 Pertaining to Historic Preservation & Create Section 17.706 which Renumbers the Section Pertaining to the Role of the Zoning Administrator - 1st Reading**

Council discussed Item 4. a. about adding in the first sentence that the Commission can have the power only by approval of the property owner; several definitions are too broad; and relook at the Commission composition as some do not live in the City and possibly adding someone from the local historical society. Riffle commented that the Commission recommends and the only way it can be brought before the Commission is if the property owner nominates their own property. Council has concerns that the current homeowner can restrict the rights of future owners. Riffle stated because it is voluntary future property owners can ask to rescind the designation. Council directed staff to remove "Council decides if they can remove the designation" and to bring the ordinance back with suggested changes to Council on August 1<sup>st</sup>. No action taken.
- b. **Presentation/Discussion regarding the Inventory of Comprehensive Land Use Map Amendments between 2014-2023**

Rachel Oelsner gave a PowerPoint presentation.
- c. **Presentation/Discussion regarding the Proposed Future Amendments to City of Oconomowoc Chapter 20 Floodplain Ordinance**

Rachel Oelsner gave a PowerPoint presentation and stated the Floodplain ordinance will go into effect on October 19, 2023.

## **New Business**

### **a. Consider/act on Resolution 23-R3146 Authorizing Funding for Tourism Initiatives and Budget Amendment**

Council encourages the Tourism Commission to think about larger initiatives.

Motion to adopt Resolution 23-R3146 authorizing funding for Tourism Initiatives and Budget Amendment for \$67K for the Oz Plaza and Oz characters made by Aultman Kloth and seconded by Schellpeper.

Motion carried 8-0-0.

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

Ellis stated he has received comments regarding parking for special events and suggested the City look into a shuttle service possibly with a \$1 - \$2 fee per person to ride the shuttle. He also thanked Council for all the hard work they have done because visitors love our lakes, food choices, rooftop dining, family atmosphere and so much more. Spiegelberg stated the Waukesha County Fair is July 19 – 23 and encouraged everyone to attend. Rosek has received complaints about the intersection between Fleet Farm and Hilton. People are basically crossing an 8-lane intersection. He encouraged the Police Dept. to look at it for potential solutions to help traffic flow.

## **Closed Session**

Motion to approve convening into Closed Session in Conference Room 3 per Wis. Stat. §19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a Closed Session specifically regarding Costs Associated with the Proposed Olde Highlander Development made by Schellpeper and seconded by Aultman Kloth. Motion carried 8-0-0. Convened into Closed Session at 9:09 PM.

## **Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn the Council meeting made by Schellpeper and seconded by Ellis. The meeting adjourned at 9:09 PM.

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Minutes taken by Diane Coenen, City Clerk