

City of Oconomowoc Common Council Meeting Minutes August 15, 2023 - 7:30 PM



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

Absent: Alderman Chris Douglas

Also Present: Robert Magnus, Lucas Caine, Diane Coenen, Robert Duffy, Mark Frye, Jason Gallo, Jason Herzog, James Pfister, Tony Posnik, Joey Rahn, Laurie Sullivan-Murray, Ivan Lam, Stan Riffle

Mayor Magnus called the Common Council Meeting to order at 7:45 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Public Hearing

a. Amend Chapter 20 Floodplain Zoning

The purpose of the hearing is to hear public comment on the amendment of Chapter 20 of the Municipal Code pertaining to Floodplain Zoning. The text amendment incorporates the most current Flood Insurance Rate Maps and Flood Insurance Study for Waukesha County, creates additional standards related to nonconforming uses located in the floodplain, incorporates additional floodproofing standards and adds standards applicable to all floodplain districts. The amendment would keep the City Floodplain Ordinance in compliance with FEMA and DNR regulations.

The hearing opened at 7:46 PM. Gallo gave a PowerPoint presentation. No other comments were received. The hearing closed at 7:54 PM.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

a. Minutes of August 1, 2023

Motion to approve the Council minutes of August 1, 2023 made by Rosek and seconded by Aultman Kloth.

Motion carried 7-0-0.

Comments/Suggestions from Citizens

1. Lynne Wright, 707 Marigold St. thanked Magnus for providing an update on the HWY 67 tunnel project. She is concerned about property assessments increasing 60% or more in 3 years and asked Council to finetune the budget to not put a strain on taxpayers. She asked why the Rockwell property sinkhole is not filled in and she appreciates the Personnel Committee waiving the discussion to Council on the new positions being requested.

a. Distinguished Young Women of Oconomowoc Presentation – Jordan Haney

Jordan Haney gave a PowerPoint presentation on being one of the 2022 Distinguished Young Women stating she is the first person in Oconomowoc to compete in the competition and hopes she will not be the last. She would love to establish a \$500 scholarship, create a local chapter and be a pioneer for this program. Spiegelberg offered to help with creating a chapter.

b. Presentation/Update from Bethany Recovery Center for the Group Living Use, 1331 W. Capitol Drive

Gallo stated per the Conditional Use Permit, the Center was required to provide a report after one year of operation. Deborah Adamis, representative for Bethany, stated they are up and running but not at full capacity. A handout was given to Council titled BRC Data Jan – Aug 2023. All residents are there because of addiction issues and the average stay is 3 - 5 months with the 3rd floor averaging 45 days. Originally, they opened with two levels of treatment - medically monitored (high intensity & structured) and transitional (dropdown from medical.) They can no longer meet the budget for transitional, so that level has been discontinued. She noted that transportation is an issue and rent is a problem. They are having a fundraiser “Ride for Recovery” on Sept 16th that starts at Harley Davidson. The Police Dept. will guide them on the route that is not inside the City.

Council requested Bethany come back in January 2024 to provide a full year of numbers in the BRC Data sheet and also asked for a report from Pfister.

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 Rosek and seconded by Ellis.
Motion carried 7-0-0.

a. Partial Release of Electric Utility Easement Agreement Between City of Oconomowoc and Mandel Group (Olde Highlander Development)

b. Treasurer's Report

1. July 2023 Treasurer's Report and Financials

Committee Reports

a. Personnel - Mulder, Chr; Douglas, Secy; Schellpeper

1. Consider/act on Establishing a Full-Time Communications and Marketing Position in 2024

Council discussed the current intern position being year-round and the necessity of making it full-time. Motion to approve establishing a full-time Communications and Marketing Position in 2024 made by Mulder and seconded by Spiegelberg.
Motion carried 4-0-3. Voted no: Rosek, Aultman Kloth, Schellpeper.

2. Consider/act on Adding Department of Public Works Crew Position in 2024

Council discussed crew positions being critical to City infrastructure, overtime costs should be reduced and there should be a reduction in using other department staff to supplement workload. Frye stated the City will purchase an additional plow truck for this position and Council expressed concerns on how this hire will alleviate overtime if they are sitting in another seat instead of taking over a seat we are paying overtime for.
Motion to approve adding a DPW Crew Position in 2024 made by Rosek and seconded by Ellis.
Motion carried 7-0-0.

3. Consider/act on Adding Utility Locating, System Maintenance and Fleet Assistant Position in 2024

Caine reported that this position will work on locating, maintenance and fleet.
Motion to approve adding a Utility Locating, System Maintenance and Fleet Assistant Position in

2024 made by Mulder and seconded by Rosek.
Motion carried 7-0-0.

4. Consider/act on Reclassification of the Purchasing and Project Coordinator Position in 2024

Motion to approve reclassification of the Purchasing and Project Coordinator Position in 2024 made by Spiegelberg and seconded by Mulder.
Motion carried 7-0-0.

b. Public Services - Mulder, Chr; Aultman-Kloth, Secy; Ellis

1. Consider/act on Resolution 23-R3149 Awarding Design Engineering Services Contract for Oz Plaza Improvements

Herzog reported the City will utilize our City Engineer (Ruekert Mielke) and City staff to develop plans to be used to bid out for the construction of the enhanced Oz Plaza. Ruekert Mielke will donate the first \$10K of their fee for the project.

Motion to adopt Resolution 23-R3149 awarding Design Engineering Services Contract for Oz Plaza Improvements to Ruekert Mielke made by Ellis and seconded by Aultman Kloth.

Motion carried 7-0-0.

Plan Commission

a. Consider/act on Ordinance 23-O1050 Amending Chapter 20 of the City of Oconomowoc Municipal Code Pertaining to Floodplain Zoning - 1st Reading

Gallo displayed the recommended verbiage amendment to the ordinance on the screen.

Motion to adopt the ordinance to include the amendments on Pages 32 and 38, and waive the second reading made by Ellis and seconded by Rosek.

Motion carried 7-0-0.

New Business

a. Consider/act on Approving the 2023 Updates to the City of Oconomowoc Strategic Plan

Motion to approve the 2023 updates to the City of Oconomowoc Strategic Plan made by Aultman Kloth and seconded by Ellis.

Motion carried 7-0-0.

Staff Reports

Duffy reported on the Visit Oconomowoc Local Events QR Code sticker that was at Council stations.

Reports and Comments from the Aldermen

Moroni reminded all that the Oconomowoc Festival of the Arts is this weekend. Mulder thanked Pfister, Frye and Herzog for taking measures to help the concerns of safety for the people of the Prairie Creek subdivision. Rosek talked to the P&R Dept on the results of the Yacht Club regatta and was told of multiple violations which included, they did not pay the stated fee, there were alcohol violations, staff felt they were not treated well, they did not remove refuse, blocked boats from launching, propped open doors at the Community Center, lifeguard issues, parked boats and trailers on lawn, and there were accessibility issues. He feels they owe the City and staff an apology, and suggests Council not approve their next application.

Reports and Comments from the Mayor

Magnus will investigate the Yacht Club event and asked Frye if P&R staff had notified him of the issues. He placed a "Save the Date" Christmas Parade flyer at Council stations and stated the City will have a float in the

parade to promote the anniversaries of the Wizard of Oz and the City's 150th Anniversary. He publicly thanked Maureen Stapleton and all workers for the activities taking place for the Festival of the Arts, stating it was all done privately. He stated that an Ad Hoc Committee has been formed for the big events in 2024 & 2025 and information will be provided in Friday updates. Additionally, Kristi Weber is part of the planning for the 150th Anniversary. He noted to Council that he has really enjoyed working with them the last few months and recognized them for being independent and doing a great job.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Moroni and seconded by Aultman Kloth.

Motion carried 7-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:54 PM.

Minutes taken by Diane Coenen, City Clerk