

**OCONTO FALLS MUNICIPAL UTILITIES**  
**WATER & LIGHT ● SEWAGE DISPOSAL ● CABLE TELEVISION**  
**BUDGET COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES OF TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The Budget Committee meeting of the Oconto Falls Municipal Utilities Commissions was called to order in Council Chambers of the Oconto Falls Municipal Building, 500 North Chestnut Avenue, Oconto Falls, Wisconsin, by President Kardoskee at 5:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

Coopman, Anastasopoulos, McDermid, Rice, Kuhn, Wills, and Kardoskee, present.

Also Present: Customer Service Representative Beth Rank and Valerie Greetan.

**ELECTION:**

**Elect Budget Committee Chair** – A motion was made by Coopman, seconded by Anastasopoulos, to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Kardoskee as Budget Committee Chair. Motion carried by voice vote.

**BUDGET**

**Electric:**

Tentative budget figures were reviewed. Project budgets were discussed. Columbia Pole Project was moved from 2023 to 2024. This project is being done to make room for sidewalks. Most of the materials for this project have been purchased in 2023. Kuhn recommended that the feeder exits for the Substation Project be above ground based on the cost. 409 Highland Dr and Sunrise Court Projects are simple reconductor jobs. Kuhn feels this is an aggressive schedule for projects but the crew is capable of completing them. If the Committee would like to remove a project, Kuhn suggested the Highland Dr project. The bucket truck that was approved in prior years is in the 2024 budget.

**Water:**

Tentative budget figures were reviewed. The second half of the water meters will be purchased in 2024. Well 2 will need to be rehabbed in 2024; this is reflected in budget figures.

**Wastewater:**

Tentative budget figures were reviewed. No major changes.

**The Committee may go into closed session to discuss matters of employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of public employees pursuant to 19.85 (1c) Wis. Stats. (re: Employee Compensation, 2024 Wages).** It was moved by McDermid, seconded by Anastasopoulos, to go into closed session with Committee members, Utility Manager Kuhn, City Administrator Wills, and Customer Service Representative Rank to discuss matters of employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of public employees pursuant to 19.85 (1c) Wis. Stats. regarding employee compensation and the 2024 wages. Roll call vote: McDermid, Anastasopoulos, Coopman, Rice, and Kardoskee, voting aye. Motion carried. Commission entered into closed session at 5:39 p.m.

**The Commission will return to open session and may take action on matters discussed in closed session.** It was moved by McDermid, seconded by Anastasopoulos, to return to open session at 6:02 pm. Motion carried on a voice vote.

It was moved by McDermid, seconded by Anastasopoulos, to approve the 2024 Utility Budget with amendments and to recommend the budget to the Utility Commission. Roll call: McDermid, Anastasopoulos, Coopman, Rice, and Kardoskee, voting aye. Motion carried.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Rank, Customer Service Representative