

CITY OF OCONTO FALLS JOINT COMMON COUNCIL & OCONTO FALLS MUNICIPAL UTILITIES COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES OF MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2026

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the City of Oconto Falls Joint Common Council & Oconto Falls Municipal Utilities Commission was called to order in Council Chambers of the Oconto Falls Municipal Building, 500 North Chestnut Avenue, Oconto Falls, Wisconsin, by Mayor Braun at 6:00 pm

ROLL CALL:

City of Oconto Falls Common Council: Mayor Braun and Alderman: McDonald, Bahrke, Revolinski, Coopman and Wirtz, present. Strom – absent.

Oconto Falls Municipal Utilities Commission: Schindel, Anastasopoulos, Pytleski and Kardoskee, present.

Also Present: Utility Manager Beth Rank, Utility Accounting Clerk Eve Wallace, City Administrator Peter Wills, Deputy Clerk Jenny Friedman, Utility Foreman Jason Valentine, WPPI Senior Energy Services Manager Frank Barth, Utility Lineman Travis Zielinski, Street Superintendent Wally Remic and Michelle Tester (left at 6:36 pm).

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL – None

NEW BUSINESS

City Cost Sharing – A discussion was had between the Council & Utility Commission about the possibility of stopping the 50%/50% cost sharing of the Deputy Treasurer position due the recent personnel changes. The Commission states that the role of the Deputy Treasurer has changed over the years where the Utility has become approximately 85% self-sufficient in the accounting activities. Now with the personnel change, 100% of the utility accounting will be done by the new Utility Accounting Clerk position. The Council realizes changes need to be made, but to make this change mid-year would not be advantageous for budget purposes. It is agreed by both parties that more discussion on this matter will be had when the 2027 budgets are being prepared. Motion by Wirtz, second by Pytleski, to keep the current agreement until 12/31/2026 and future cost sharing will be discussed before the future budget is complete. Roll call: Wirtz, Pytleski, Schindel, Anastasopoulos, and Kardoskee, voting aye. Motion carried.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm by Mayor Braun.

Respectfully submitted,

Eve Wallace, Utility Accounting Clerk