

MINUTES

FIRE, LIGHTING & BUILDING

TUESDAY – NOVEMBER 11, 2025 – 2:45 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Members present: Chair Keith Klimek, Debbie Sievert, and Tony O'Neill.

Others Attending: Mayor Katie Berman, Clerk-Treasurer Tammy Kasal, Public Works Director Matt Decur, Police Chief Fred Popp, Building Inspector Joe Last, and Parks & Recreation Director Lori Tonn.

Chair Klimek called the meeting to order at 2:45 p.m.

Motion by O'Neill and seconded by Sievert to approve the agenda. Motion carried 3/0.

Motion by Sievert and seconded by O'Neill to approve the September 22, 2025 meeting minutes. Motion carried 3/0.

Landmark property antenna and update:

The City received a request from Nathan Lesperance to remove and keep the large antennae tower on the Landmark building at 310 Oconto Ave. Discussion was held on demolition and liability concerns. Current plans were for the antennae to be demolished along with the rest of building. Mayor Berman will obtain more information from Lesperance on insurance coverage, if he is a contractor, and his plans for removal.

Conceal carry in City Hall:

Discussion was held on conceal carry in City Hall. Carrying by lawful and unlawful people was reviewed. Conceal carry law regulates where a weapon may be carried. Discussion was held that a rule and a sign would unlikely stop a criminal from unlawfully entering City Hall and would restrict law abiding citizens. The consensus of the Committee was to make no changes at this time.

City Hall wall art gift:

Mayor Berman presented a request to donate a large wall art puzzle. Discussion was held and no historical value for the City was found. The request was denied.

2026-2028 Lease of Peshtigo Visitors Center/Tourist Booth:

The proposed Peshtigo Visitors Center Lease with the Chamber was presented and reviewed.

Motion by Klimek and seconded by Sievert recommending Council approve the 2026-2028 Peshtigo Visitors Center/Tourist Booth Lease. Motion carried 3/0.

2026-2028 Lease of Triangle Park:

Discussion was held on the Triangle Park Lease renewal. The lease has been with the Peshtigo Area Chamber of Commerce, but the Peshtigo Woman's Club has been running the program at Triangle Park, so the renewal lease presented is with the Peshtigo Woman's Club.

Motion by Klimek and seconded by O'Neill recommending Council approve the 2026-2028 Triangle Park Lease with the Peshtigo Woman's Club. Motion carried 3/0.

2026 Peshtigo Library lease contract:

The proposed Peshtigo Library Amended Lease was reviewed. Discussion was held. Obligation #3 was discussed as the Library requested a change to allow the use of the leased premise by any others "approved" versus "sponsored" by the Library.

Motion by Klimek and seconded by Sievert recommending Council approve the 2026 Peshtigo Library Lease. Motion carried 3/0.

Building Inspector contract:

The 2025 Building Inspector contract currently includes a fee of \$10,000 and building permit fees. The City of Oconto is proposing an annual fee of \$20,000 and building permit fees and one week of time off. Further discussion was held and Mayor Berman clarified Oconto would also like the equivalent of one week's worth of pay with benefit costs of approximately \$2,300. The budget only included the expense of \$20,000 for Building Inspector contracting.

Motion by Klimek and seconded by O'Neill recommending Council approve the 2026 Building Inspector contract with the City of Oconto for \$23,000 with \$20,000 to be funded from the 2026 budget and the additional \$3,000 to be funded from the General Fund. Motion carried 3/0.

Building Inspector Report – Joe Last:

- October Building Inspection Report was distributed.
- Requested all building permit questions be directed to him.
- Reviewed code enforcement process.

Facility report (see attached) – Matt Decur:

- Reviewed Landmark Building Project.
- Working with Marinette County on installing internet in the new portion of the Library.
- Gave an update on the Drees Community Center water heater and door replacements.

Fire/EMS Chief Report:

- No report as Chief was out on calls.

Other Matters: None

Set future meeting(s):

The next Fire, Lighting & Building meeting will be scheduled when needed.

Motion by Sievert and seconded by O'Neill to adjourn at 3:57 p.m. Motion carried 3/0.

Tammy Kasal
Clerk-Treasurer