

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF FENNIMORE, GRANT COUNTY, WISCONSIN
HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2017**

This meeting was called to order by Mayor Ryan Boebel at 6:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following alderpersons answering present: Gerald Bollant, Sara Brodt, Jessie Strack, Dave Streif, Jeff Hagen, Pete Adam, Greg Ashmore and Linda Stephenson. Others present: Rob Callahan, Pete Hoffman, Amy Bares, Promotions Coordinator Linda Parrish, Atty. Eileen Brownlee, DPW Dennis Biddick and Clerk Margaret Sprague.

Proof in the form of a certificate of public notice given as required by Section 19.84, Wis. Stats., as to the holding of this meeting, was presented by the Clerk. Motion by Streif second by Brodt to approve the proof of posting and agenda. Carried.

Motion by Streif second by Stephenson to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2017 regular council meeting and the April 18, 2017 organizational council meeting as presented. Carried.

Motion by Brodt second by Ashmore to table action on granting an operator's license to Rachel L. Boe until the next meeting. Carried.

Mayor Boebel announced that the matters in agenda item #6, consider developer agreement for City-owned lot in business park and agenda item #7, negotiation of terms of property acquisition and development for commercial project (4th Street & Lincoln Avenue), were of a nature that consideration to go into closed session would be appropriate as authorized by Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(e).

Motion by Brodt second by Ashmore to go into closed session on the matters in agenda item #6, consider developer agreement for City-owned lot in business park and agenda item #7, negotiation of terms of property acquisition and development for commercial project (4th Street & Lincoln Avenue), as authorized by Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(e). Upon roll call vote all alderpersons present voted aye. Carried.

The council went into closed session at approx. 6:12 p.m.

The council returned to open session at approx. 6:52 p.m.

Motion by Brodt second by Adam to approve the offer to purchase and related developer agreement from Peter J. Hoffman and Amara L. Hoffman, LLC for 1.1 acres in the City's business park located in the 1500 block of Lafollette Street for the operation of a dental office/clinic. Upon roll call vote all alderpersons present voted aye. Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 04-24-2017 titled "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXCHANGE OF REAL ESTATE" for property owned by William and Brenda Wood and by the City of Fennimore located in the 600 block of Lincoln Avenue.

Amy Bares of Town & Country Engineering shared information on possible funding from Rural Development to cover the \$1,033,036 of added costs for the wastewater treatment plant upgrade project, following bidding of the project. The interest rate would be approximately 2% for a 40 year term, a portion of the funding would be grant dollars. Also discussed budgeting additional amounts for engineering and legal fees as part of the application for additional funding for the project, in case it is needed. Clean Water Funds could be an alternate source of funding.

Motion by Streif second by Brodt that the City pursue additional funding in the amount of \$1,033,036 from Rural Development for the wastewater treatment plant upgrade as discussed. Upon roll call vote all alderpersons present voted aye. Carried.

Motion by Adam second by Ashmore to approve including \$100,000 additional funds for engineering and inspection fees and \$25,000 additional funds for legal fees in the Rural Development application for funding as discussed. Upon roll call vote all alderpersons present voted aye. Carried.

A report on administrative and equipment activities and misc. concerns in the Police Department was included in the meeting packet for discussion.

DPW Dennis Biddick gave an update on activities in the public works departments relating to the pool project, water main flushing, sewer main jetting, road salt on hand and smoke testing sanitary sewer lines.

Promotions Coordinator Linda Parrish gave an update on Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development activities and events she is helping promote in her office.

City Clerk-Treasurer Margaret Sprague gave an update on the annual audit, cash reconciliation activities and misc. activities happening in the City/Utility office.

Discussed the Nations of Patriots – Patriot Tour requests when they visit the City on May 27th including restricting parking on Jefferson Street and having restrooms available in the Memorial Building.

Mayor Boebel reported he will be working on updating the Facility Use Agreement for the City.

Discussed the need to update the City's storm warning system including costs and funding.

Motion by Streif second by Strack to table action on updating the City's storm warning

system until the DPW gets more information on the project costs and possible contribution from the Fire District. Carried.

Motion by Brodt second by Streif to approve the purchase of approx. 15,000 feet of 2" conduit needed for the electric rebuild to the wastewater plant from J J Vondrum & Sons LLC at an estimated cost of \$11,250. Upon roll call vote all alderpersons present voted aye. Carried.

Motion by Adam second by Brodt to refer to the Personnel Committee the hiring of additional seasonal employees. Carried.

Motion by Streif second by Brodt to approve the appointment of Ald. Adam and Ald. Stephenson to serve as liaisons to the Fennimore Area Foundation for the pool project. Carried.

The April 17th minutes of the Infrastructure & Property Committee meeting and the April 18th minutes of the Finance & Progress Committee meeting were in the council packet for informational purposes.

Scheduled a Finance & Progress Committee meeting for May 3rd at 6 p.m. Scheduled a Personnel & Administrative Committee meeting for May 2nd at 6 p.m.

The Finance and Progress Committee presented claims of \$33,350.77 - General City; \$119,300.60 - Utility; \$28,078.63 - Sewer; \$51,374.35 – April 14th payroll; and \$32,584.40 – May health insurance. Motion by Streif second by Brodt that these bills be approved and paid by the proper officials as presented. Upon roll call vote all alderpersons present voted aye. Carried.

Motion by Brodt second by Ashmore to adjourn. Carried.

This meeting was adjourned at approx. 8:30 p.m.