

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF FENNIMORE, GRANT COUNTY, WISCONSIN  
HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 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: Greg Ashmore, Linda Stephenson, Gerald Bollant, Sara Brodt, Jessie Strack, Dave Streif, Jeff Hagen and Pete Adam. Others present: Erin Martin, Venus Hilleman-Turnmire, Jackie Hatlevig, Duane Popp, Erin Dresen, 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 Brodt second by Streif to approve granting operator's licenses to the following: Matthew Beland, Shawna Ellis, Ashley Grindemann, Sydney Haines, Jennalee Johnson, Heather Moon, Marie Rector, Abigail Schlueter, Shannon Starkey and Joseph Loy. Carried.

Motion by Brodt second by Strack to approve the request of the Fennimore Chamber of Commerce to serve food in the auditorium for the Fireball Run event on September 25<sup>th</sup> to serve lunch to the participants. Carried.

Motion by Ashmore second by Brodt to approve the minutes of the July 24, 2017 regular council meeting and the August 2, 2017 special council meeting as presented. Carried.

The Finance and Progress Committee presented claims of \$27,986.26 - General City; \$195,108.65 - Utility; \$318,332.40 - Sewer; and \$66,785.82 - August 4<sup>th</sup> payroll. Motion by Streif second by Brodt that these bills be approved and paid by the proper officials with a correction to the general ledger account charged for the purchase of a trimmer for the cemetery from Liberty Ag & Lawn. Upon roll call vote all alderpersons present voted aye. Carried.

Minutes of the July 31<sup>st</sup> Personnel & Administrative Committee meeting were presented for information only.

Motion by Brodt second by Ashmore to approve the recommendation from the August 7<sup>th</sup> Infrastructure and Property Committee meeting to approve Town & Country Engineering preparing the required Phosphorus Compliance Alternatives Plan for the discharge permit for the wastewater plant at a cost not to exceed \$14,000 as described in their proposal. Upon roll call vote all alderpersons present voted aye. Carried.

Motion by Brodt second by Strack to approve the recommendation from the August 7<sup>th</sup>

Infrastructure and Property Committee meeting that the utility seek a method to sell, recycle or otherwise dispose of the load control boxes in inventory by November 30, 2017 and that the utility not remove load control boxes from customer premises. Carried.

Motion by Brodt second by Strack to locate the two new storm warning sirens at 6<sup>th</sup> and Madison Street and at 16<sup>th</sup> and Garfield Streets per map provided by the supplier of the sirens, or within 1 block of those locations. Carried.

Motion by Streif second by Brodt to approve submitting the Petition for Appropriation for the Improvement of a Highway to the Grant County Board in the amount of \$2,000 for work on 4<sup>th</sup> Street from Garfield Street to the east end of 4<sup>th</sup> Street as presented. Carried.

Motion by Strack second by Brodt to approve the Letter of Intent to Participate in OneEnergy Solar Project as presented and authorize the Mayor to sign the letter on behalf of the City. Carried.

Motion by Streif second by Brodt to approve transferring \$85,000 in money market funds in the Brinker Capital investment account to the City's checking account at Clare Bank. Carried.

Fennimore will host the Grant County Economic Development Corp meeting on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. RSVP by August 17<sup>th</sup> if attending.

Scheduled a Personnel & Administrative Committee meeting for August 22<sup>nd</sup> at approx. 6:30 p.m., following the 5 p.m. Finance & Progress Committee meeting. Scheduled an Infrastructure & Property Committee meeting for Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.

Jackie Hatlevig appeared to express concerns about purchasing property from two neighbors that then made the neighbors' property non-conforming lots. Was not informed about the minimum lot size before making the purchase. Hopes to be able to keep the property she has purchased from neighbors.

Erin Dresen appeared to express concerns about a sewer backup in May that she believes was caused by an obstruction in the sewer main. Incurred a bill for the sewer backup that she wants the City to pay.

Mayor Boebel announced that the matter in agenda item #12, convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 19.85(1)(g) to confer with the City Attorney regarding litigation in which the city is likely to become involved relating to utility billing, was of a nature that consideration to go into closed session would be appropriate.

Motion by Brodt second by Streif to go into closed session on the matter in agenda item

#12, convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 19.85(1)(g) to confer with the City Attorney regarding litigation in which the city is likely to become involved relating to utility billing. Upon roll call vote all alderpersons present voted aye. Carried.

The council went into closed session at approx. 6:57 p.m.

The council returned to open session at approx. 8:22 p.m.

No action on closed session matter.

Motion by Strack second by Brodt to adjourn. Carried.

This meeting was adjourned at approx. 8:22 p.m.