

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF FENNIMORE, GRANT COUNTY, WISCONSIN
HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2017**

This meeting was called to order by Mayor Ryan Boebel at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following alderpersons answering present: Sara Brodt, Jessie Strack, Dave Streif, Joe McBee, Pete Adam, Greg Ashmore, Linda Stephenson and Gerald Bollant. Others present: Rob Callahan, Justin Fischer, Ben Heidemann, Galen Freymiller, Rhonda Arndt, Promotions Coordinator Linda Parrish, Police Chief Chris French, 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 McBee to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2017, regular council meeting and February 2, 2017 special council meeting as presented by the Clerk. Carried.

Police Chief Chris French was available to answer questions about the report on activities in the Police Department included in the council packet.

Motion by Adam second by Stephenson to approve the bid of \$12,723.79 from General Communications for removal/installation/purchase of equipment for the new police vehicle as presented by Chief French. Upon roll call vote all alderpersons present voted aye. Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2-13-2017 titled "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF \$2,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS" for the swimming pool project was introduced. Motion by Streif second by Brodt to adopt Resolution No. 2-13-2017 as presented. Upon roll call vote all alderpersons present voted aye. Carried.

Mayor Boebel announced that the matters in agenda item #9, negotiation of terms of property acquisition and development and agenda item #10, consideration of purchase of dilapidated property, 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 McBee second by Brodt to go into closed session on the matters in agenda item #9, negotiation of terms of property acquisition and development and agenda item #10, consideration of purchase of dilapidated property, 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. 7:17 p.m.

The council returned to open session at approx. 8:03 p.m.

No action taken on closed session matters.

Ben Heidemann of Town & Country Engineering presented information on updated cost estimates for the wastewater treatment project. The latest estimate is \$10,030,576, up from the previous \$9,475,000 estimate. Looking to advertise for bids with a March 16th bid opening.

Motion by Adam second by Brodt to proceed with bidding of the wastewater treatment plant upgrade project. Carried.

Motion by Streif second by Brodt to approve the wastewater treatment plant construction administration and resident inspection engineering scope as presented. Upon roll call vote all alderpersons present voted aye. Carried.

Discussed additional services from Vibra Tech for inspections of two houses near the wastewater plant and their wells. Agreed that letters should be sent to two property owners to determine their interest in allowing the City to do water samples prior to blasting being done at the wastewater plant for the upgrade project.

Discussed signage at the wastewater plant as part of the upgrade project. There is a \$5,000 allowance in the bid documents. A bronze plaque may be a good option due to zoning restrictions. Future consideration of this matter will need to be given as the project progresses.

Motion by Brodt second by Strack to reject the bids for the bath house reconstruction project and to rebid the project to try to reduce the overall costs. Carried.

Motion by Streif second by Brodt to approve a change order to the purchase agreement with Utility Sales and Service in the amount of \$3,100 for the Utility Department aerial truck including fabrication and installation of a chassis full length cab guard as presented. Carried.

Motion by Streif second by Brodt to participate in a joint sponsorship for the SWTC 50th anniversary homecoming activities at the \$5,000 level (\$2,000 City contribution) with the FIEDC and Chamber of Commerce, provided the joint sponsorship is permitted. Carried.

Discussed the Chamber of Commerce Marketing Committee's interest in developing a new event to promote the new pool as the "pool of choice" for the area. They are seeking ideas for event(s). Provide ideas to Promotions Coordinator.

The Clerk-Treasurer updated council members on the cash reconciliation for 2016. Progress is being made. The audit is being delayed for 2 weeks to allow more time to complete the reconciliation process.

Mayor Boebel updated council members on several projects he is working on.

Motion by Adam second by Brodt to approve the following recommendations from the January 30th Infrastructure and Property Committee meeting: a--approval of the 2017 electric, water and sewer department budgets as presented; b--that the electric department and wastewater department cost share 50/50 in the estimated cost of \$52,700 to extend primary electric line to the wastewater plant as discussed; and c-- that new SCADA equipment be purchased for the water department from L.W. Allen at a cost of \$39,780. Upon roll call vote all alderpersons present voted aye. Carried.

Discussed update of Chapter 5 of the Municipal Code (Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks). Language on cost sharing for curb and gutter and sidewalk construction has not been finalized. DPW is seeking input on designating areas where sidewalk will be required. Need to look at impact on mail delivery. The DPW will contact the postmaster.

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-3 titled "AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND RECREATING SECTION 2.04(1)(a)1 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF FENNIMORE, GRANT COUNTY, WISCONSIN, RELATING TO REGULAR MEETING TIME" to change the start time for regular council meetings to 6 p.m., was introduced. Motion by Brodt second by Adam to adopt Ordinance No. 2017-3. Upon roll call vote all alderpersons present voted aye. Carried.

The Finance and Progress Committee presented claims of \$806,958.25 - General City; \$192,910.40 - Utility; \$77,170.07 - Sewer; \$50,868.27 - February 3rd payroll and \$32,579.00 - March health insurance premiums. 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 Streif second by Brodt to adjourn. Carried.

This meeting was adjourned at approx. 10:05 p.m.