

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF FENNIMORE, GRANT COUNTY, WISCONSIN
HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 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: Jessie Strack, Dave Streif, Joe McBee, Pete Adam, Greg Ashmore (late), Linda Stephenson, Gerald Bollant and Sara Brodt. Others present: Dale Klemme, Ron Brisbois, Jake Bender, Randy Bender, Nikki Stenner, Atty. Eileen Brownlee, Promotions Coordinator Linda Parrish, 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.

Ald. Ashmore arrived at 6:01 p.m.

Motion by Stephenson second by McBee to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2017, regular council meeting as presented by the Clerk. Carried.

Motion by Strack second by Brodt to approve granting operator's licenses to Janel M. Wenger, Kayla M. Meuer and Tyler J. Goebel. Carried.

Mayor Boebel announced that the matters in agenda item #6, negotiation of terms of property acquisition and development, agenda item #7, update on community redevelopment project(s) and agenda item #8, discussion on option to purchase land for commercial development, 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 Streif second by Stephenson to go into closed session on the matters in agenda item #6, negotiation of terms of property acquisition and development, agenda item #7, update on community redevelopment project(s) and agenda item #8, discussion on option to purchase land for commercial development, 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. 6:05 p.m.

The council returned to open session at approx. 8:00 p.m.

Promotions Coordinator Linda Parrish gave a report on activities in her office.

DPW Dennis Biddick gave a report on activities in the public works departments.

City Clerk-Treasurer Margaret Sprague gave a report on activities in the City/Utility office.

Mayor Ryan Boebel gave a report on projects he has been working on relating to pool staffing and employee health insurance.

Council members discussed concerns expressed about traffic congestion on 9th Street between Lincoln Avenue and Madison Street related to access to the elementary school. A question was raised about the possibility of limiting parking in that area to improve traffic flow. With limited parking in the downtown area already, council members decided to take no action.

Motion by Streif second by Brodt to have Atty. Brownlee prepare an ordinance amendment to repeal Section 1.04(7) of the Municipal Code relating to the Recreation Board for consideration at the next meeting. Carried.

Motion by Streif second by Brodt to approve the Mayor's appointment of Troy Larson, Teresa Cox, Steve Birkett, Tanya Johnson and Ryan Boebel to the Recreation Board Ad Hoc Committee for the purpose of preparing the annual recreation brochure. Carried.

Motion by Stephenson second by Brodt to approve the February 21st Finance & Progress Committee recommendation to endorse the FIEDC 2017 strategic plan as presented. Carried.

Motion by McBee second by Stephenson to approve the February 21st Personnel & Administrative Committee recommendations as follows: a—that the hourly rate for police liaison services remain at \$35 per hour for the 2017-2018 school year; b—to promote Adam Fecht to regular employee status with the Fennimore Police Department upon completion of one year of service on February 24, 2017; c—that Utility Clerk Carrie Friederick attend the Municipal Clerk Institute in Green Bay beginning in July 2017; and d—that John Schmitt receive a \$500 bonus and receive 24 hours of additional paid time off to be taken in 2017. Carried.

Scheduled a special council meeting for Monday, March 6th at 6 p.m.

The Finance and Progress Committee presented claims of \$54,628.88 - General City; \$36,789.44 - Utility; \$5,874.86 - Sewer; and \$49,916.70 - February 17th payroll and \$15,947.94 - Wisconsin Retirement System for January. Motion by Brodt second by Streif that these bills be approved pending completion of a certified balanced bank reconciliation by Johnson Block or other CPA. Upon roll call vote all alderpersons present voted aye. Carried.

Motion by Stephenson second by Brodt to adjourn. Carried.

This meeting was adjourned at approx. 9:00 p.m.