

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF FENNIMORE, GRANT COUNTY, WISCONSIN
HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2016**

This meeting was called to order by Mayor Charles Stenner at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following alderpersons answering present: Dave Streif, Joe McBee, Ryan Boebel, Christine Schaefer, Linda Stephenson, Gerald Bollant, Sara Brodt and Jessie Strack. Others present: Rob Callahan, Lynn Gilkes, Pete Adam, 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 McBee second by Stephenson to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2016, regular council meeting and the March 7, 2016, special council meeting as presented by the Clerk. Carried.

Motion by Schaefer second by Brodt to approve granting an operator's license to Tina Jerrett. Carried.

Motion by Streif second by Brodt to approve the Fennimore Chamber of Commerce request to close 8th Street between Lincoln Avenue and Madison Street on Saturday, July 30th from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. for a flea market as presented. Carried.

Pete Adam presented information to the council on the Swimming Pool Negotiations and Design Committee recommendation relating to the swimming pool project. The recommendation is to proceed with reuse of the existing main pool vessel, construct a zero-entry addition to the pool, replace mechanical equipment and remodel and place an addition on the existing bath house structure to accommodate restroom and changing areas to meet state code, a larger area for concessions and a shade structure. The new pool will have 5,740 sq. ft. of swim area. The estimated budget for the project is \$2,280,000. The committee also recommends the project be split into two phases with construction of the pool vessel and mechanical equipment portion of the project to begin in late summer 2016 and construction for the bath house remodeling and addition to begin in late winter 2017.

Motion by Streif second by Brodt to approve the Swimming Pool Negotiation and Design Committee's recommendation to move forward with Design Version #19 and project phasing as presented and authorize Burbach Aquatics to proceed with Phase II (Design Development and Construction Documents Phase) of the contract. Upon roll call vote all alderpersons present voted aye. Carried.

Motion by Brodt second by Schaefer to approve the contract amendment for Phase III (Construction Related Services) of the contract with Burbach Aquatics for the swimming pool project which reduces some of the services and lowers the compensation from 3.95% of the construction cost plus reimbursable expenses to 1.5% of the construction cost plus reimbursable expenses as presented. Upon roll call vote all alderpersons present voted aye. Carried.

Motion by Brodt second by Schaefer to approve filing a petition for a variance to several sections of the state ~~building~~ swimming pool code for 2017 use of the bath house due to tentative plans to delay construction/remodeling of the bath house until after the 2017 swim season. Carried.

Motion by McBee second by Stephenson to approve the proposal from Atty. Eileen Brownlee to bring the municipal code up to date in terms of making sure that the code accurately reflects the City's existing ordinances, at a cost not to exceed \$1,500 as presented. Upon roll call vote all alderpersons present voted aye. Carried.

Motion by Streif second by Stephenson to approve the Legal Services Agreement with Atty. Eileen Brownlee of Boardman & Clark LLP for legal services needed relating to the Rural Development loan application submitted by the City for the wastewater treatment plant upgrade project, as presented. Upon roll call vote all alderpersons present voted aye. Carried.

Motion by Brodt second by Boebel to approve the letter on engagement with R. W. Baird & Co., Inc. to serve as managing underwriter for the City of Fennimore on its proposed offering and issuance of approximately \$7,500,000 Sewerage Revenue Bond Anticipation Note for the wastewater treatment plant upgrade project, as presented. Upon roll call vote all alderpersons present voted aye. Carried.

Motion by Brodt second by Streif to approve the promotion of Joshua Lund to regular employee status with the Fennimore Police Department effective 2/26/16 and increase his hourly pay to \$23.87 per union contract. Carried.

Motion by McBee second by Schaefer to approve the purchase of a Ricoh MP C4503 copy machine with side finisher at a cost of \$5,329 less a \$2,600 rebate as presented. Upon roll call vote all alderpersons present voted aye. Carried.

Motion by Boebel second by Brodt to authorize bidding of the street and utility public works projects for 2016 as discussed at the March 7th Utility Committee meeting. Carried.

Motion by McBee second by Boebel to authorize bidding the chipsealing of streets for 2016 as discussed. Carried.

Motion by Streif second by Brodt to approve proceeding with annexing the wastewater treatment plant property and the Prairie Cemetery property to the City as discussed. Carried.

Motion by Streif second by Brodt to approve the purchase of a portable electric meter tester from ProbeWell at a cost of \$9,185 as presented. Upon roll call vote all alderpersons present voted aye. Carried.

Motion by Bollant second by Stephenson to approve the electric, water and sewer department budgets as presented. Upon roll call vote all alderpersons present voted aye. Carried.

Motion by Stephenson second by Schaefer to approve renaming the "industrial park" to "business park". Carried.

The Finance Committee presented claims of \$25,539.69 - General City; \$319,452.58 - Utility; and \$15,173.39 - Sewer. Motion by McBee second by Streif that these bills be approved and paid by the proper officials. Upon roll call vote all alderpersons present voted aye. Carried.

Mayor Stenner announced that the matter in agenda item #20, discussion on acquisition of property for commercial development, was 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 Brodt to go into closed session on the matter in agenda item #20, discussion on acquisition of property 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. 8:20 p.m.

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