

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF FENNIMORE, GRANT COUNTY, WISCONSIN
HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2016**

This meeting was called to order by Mayor Ryan Boebel at 7:07 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following alderpersons answering present: Greg Ashmore, Linda Stephenson, Gerald Bollant (late), Sara Brodt, Jessie Strack, Dave Streif, Joe McBee and Pete Adam (late). Others present: Dagna Doan, Rob Callahan, 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 Brodt second by Streif to approve the proof of posting and agenda. Carried.

Mayor Boebel announced that the matter in agenda item #4, discussion regarding 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 #4, discussion regarding 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. 7:08 p.m. Mayor Boebel estimated the closed session discussion would take about 5 minutes.

Ald. Bollant arrived and joined the closed session at approx. 7:10 p.m.

The council returned to open session at approx. 7:27 p.m.

Motion by Streif second by Stephenson to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2016, regular council meeting with revisions made following issuing the council packet showing the council returned to open session, took action on item and adjourned. Carried.

Motion by Brodt second by Streif to approve granting an operator's license to Jennifer L. Neis. Carried.

Motion by Stephenson second by Brodt to approve the request for a temporary Class "B" beer license submitted by the Fennimore Fire Department for their June 11th Steak Feed at the Fire Station as presented. Carried.

Motion by Streif second by Brodt to approve the request of the Fennimore Memorial Park Committee to close 8th Street from Lincoln Avenue to Madison Street on June 14th for the Veterans Memorial dedication as presented. Carried.

Motion by Brodt second by Strack to approve the request of Richard and Samantha Alesi to purchase the former railroad right-of-way adjacent to their property at 570 10th Street (a strip of land approx. 159.41 x 26.57) for \$342.25 plus attorney fees and recording fees. Carried.

Council members discussed the response the City will need to make to Rural Development relating to a self-evaluation and transition plan for handicap accessibility for the wastewater plant and Memorial Building as part of the loan and grant process for the wastewater plant upgrade project. Funding for improvements will have to be considered during the annual budget process. The DPW and City Clerk will prepare a draft transition plan for review at the next meeting.

Pete Adam arrived at approx. 7:35 p.m.

Motion by Brodt second by Stephenson to accept the resignation of Ryan Boebel as the City representative on the Fennimore Rural Fire Board. Carried

Motion by Brodt second by McBee to approve the appointment of Greg Ashmore as the City representative on the Fennimore Rural Fire Board. Carried.

Council members reviewed quotes for doing an inventory of trees located in the street terrace and in city-owned parks based on an estimated 1500 trees, including approx. 300 ash trees. Budgeted \$4,000 for the project. The low proposal for a complete inventory is \$4,706. DPW and Clerk will look at a possible budget amendment for consideration at the next meeting along with consideration of approval of having the inventory completed.

Motion by Streif second by Brodt to approve the May 3rd Utility Committee recommendation to purchase a Ford F150 from Fillback at a cost of \$22,394.20 using water utility budget funds; and to purchase a Ford F250 from Fillback at a cost of \$25,149 using the \$18,000 of electric utility budget funds and \$7,149 of projected surplus electric utility funds for the shortfall of funds in the electric budget. Upon roll call vote all alderpersons present voted aye. Carried.

Motion by Streif second by Brodt to approve the proposal from Fennimore Lumber Company in the amount of \$6,462.42 for replacement of the roofs at Well House #2 and Well House #5 with steel roof panels as discussed. Upon roll call vote all alderpersons present voted aye. Carried.

Motion by Brodt second by Ashmore to approve the proposal from L.W. Allen to rebuild the existing Chicago pump (influent pump #3) for the wastewater treatment plant at a cost of \$6,918 plus installation, not to exceed an additional \$2,000. Upon roll call vote all alderpersons present voted aye. Carried.

Motion by Brodt second by Streif to approve the May 3rd Utility Committee recommendation that the City file with the DNR the Notice of Intent to Conduct Water

Quality Trading and naming the Mayor as the authorized representative to sign the application. Carried.

Motion by Streif second by Brodt to approve hiring James Construction as the excavation contractor for 2016 underground utility construction projects at a cost of \$160 per hour for labor and equipment. Upon roll call vote all alderpersons present voted aye. Carried.

Motion by Strack second by Brodt to approve the May 4th Personnel Committee recommendation to hire all 7 applicants for the swimming pool position as follows: Head Lifeguard-Rebecca McBee; Lifeguards- Mariah Kreul, Bailey Sherman, Olivia Ahnen, Cali Streif, Jaren Knight and Zach Sherman. Carried. McBee and Streif abstained.

Motion by Strack second by Streif to approve the May 4th Personnel Committee recommendation to hire Jeffrey Needham and Khalil Clayborn as summer public works employees for 2016. Carried.

Motion by Adam second by Strack to approve the May 4th Personnel Committee recommendation to increase wages for summer public works and pool employees by 1.5% for 2016, with new rates to be as follows: WSI with lifeguard instructor certificate - \$9.28; WSI certificate OR LGI certificate - \$8.45; returning lifeguard - \$7.79; new lifeguard - \$7.53; head lifeguard premium - \$0.50; public works-new- \$7.79; and public works-returning - \$8.40. Carried. McBee and Streif abstained.

Motion by Streif second by Brodt to approve the May 4th Personnel Committee recommendation that Cindy Smith's hours be increased to allow time to clean restrooms in the parks in addition to the hours she cleans at the Memorial Building. Carried.

Motion by McBee second by Strack to approve the May 12th Personnel Committee recommendation to accept the resignation of Utility Clerk Sarah Jeardeau effective August 5th, to and thank her for her 11 years of service. Carried.

Motion by Adam second by Ashmore to begin advertising to fill the vacancy in the Utility Clerk position. Carried.

The Finance Committee presented claims of \$20,962.75 - General City; \$428,516.92 - Utility; \$2,490.12 - Sewer; and \$52,733.73 - April 29th payroll. 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.

Motion by Brodt second by Streif to adjourn. Carried.

This meeting was adjourned at approx. 8:40 p.m.