

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF FENNIMORE, GRANT COUNTY, WISCONSIN
HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2016**

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: Jessie Strack, Joe McBee, Greg Ashmore, Linda Stephenson, Gerald Bollant and Sara Brodt. Absent: Dave Streif and Pete Adam. Others present: Steve Lendosky, Police Chief Chris French, Promotions Coordinator Linda Parris, 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 Stephenson second by Brodt to approve the proof of posting and agenda. Carried.

Motion by McBee second by Strack to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2016, regular council meeting as presented by the Clerk. Carried.

Motion by Strack second by Brodt to approve granting an operator's license to Sarah Jo Ferrel. Carried.

Police Chief Chris French gave a report on activities in the Police Department. Asked for a change to Section 18.06 of the Municipal Code relating to truancy citations. Support shown for having the amendment drafted.

Promotions Coordinator Linda Parrish gave a report on activities in her office, including the Fennimore Tourism Assessment.

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.

The 2017 Library Board budget was presented showing \$35,613.08 in expenditures for the expected county aid to be received; and information on wages/benefits estimated to be between \$116,879 and \$118,519, depending on the final wage adjustment approved in the coming weeks.

The 2017 Fennimore Industrial & Economic Development budget request of \$5,000 was presented.

Council members discussed the Fennimore Chamber plans to install a banner in honor of Southwest Wisconsin Technical College's 50th anniversary in 2017. Initially looking at placing it below the message board on the community sign, but there is not enough space for the banner. Discussed placing banners at the 4 entrances to the City. Promotions Coordinator Linda Parrish will pursue this as an option with her group working on the project.

Atty. Eileen Brownlee arrived at approx. 7:45 p.m.

Motion by Brodt second by McBee to approve the updates to Police Department policies as presented including updates to the strip search policy, use of force policy (revised version presented at meeting) and criminal trespass to dwelling policy. Carried.

Council members discussed City participation in the lease of the parking lot owned by St. Mary's Church at 10th Street and Lincoln Avenue along with the Fennimore Chamber and local business owners. Concerns about setting a precedent were shared. No action taken.

Council members discussed updates needed to the Communications Site Lease Agreement for telecommunications equipment on the industrial park water tower. Looking to include having equipment on the Madison Street tower as well. Atty. Brownlee will prepare revisions for review at the October 31st special council meeting.

Motion by Brodt second by Strack to approve the reallocation of approx. \$28,000 of capital projects funds for a senior citizens center to a capital projects fund for residential redevelopment. Upon roll call vote all alderpersons present voted aye. Carried.

Motion by Brodt second by Strack to approve the estimate from Fennimore Lumber Co. in the amount of \$8,083.56 to repair the roof on the salt shed, work to include covering the shingled roof with a steel roof. Upon roll call vote all alderpersons present voted aye. Carried.

Motion by Brodt second by Strack to approve renewing the City's property and liability insurance coverage with Brechler-Lendosky Group LLC at a cost of \$97,411.75 as presented. Upon roll call vote all alderpersons present voted aye. Carried.

Motion by McBee second by Stephenson to approve amendments to the personnel practices manual for travel expense reimbursements and fitness incentive pay as presented. Carried.

Set meetings for October 31st – Special Council at 6 p.m., Infrastructure & Property Committee meeting at 6:15 p.m. and Finance & Progress Committee meeting immediately following the Infrastructure & Property Committee meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-24-2016 authorizing borrowing \$2,000,000 from People's State Bank at a rate of 0.95% for a period of November 1, 2016 to January 2, 2018, for interim financing for the municipal swimming pool construction project for the City was presented. Motion by Brodt second by Ashmore to adopt Resolution No. 10-24-2016. Upon roll call vote all alderpersons present voted aye. Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-24-2016-A declaring Tax Increment District No. 6 a blighted area was presented. Motion by Brodt second by Strack to adopt Resolution No. 10-24-2016-A. Upon roll call vote all alderpersons present voted aye. Carried.

Council members discussed adding a section to the municipal code relating to approval of permit applications for broadband network projects. Agreed to add it to Chapter 5. Atty. Brownlee will format the PSC model ordinance for our code for consideration at the October 31st special council meeting.

The Finance & Progress Committee presented claims of \$13,792.16 - General City; \$7,296.11 - Utility; \$9,395.77 - Sewer; \$52,536.55- October 14th payroll, \$33,538.40 - November health insurance; and \$19,983.76 September health insurance. Clarification requested on the difference in the health insurance amounts. Referred to October 31st special council meeting.

Mayor Boebel announced that the matters in agenda item #27, update and recommendation on hiring wastewater treatment foreman including wage and benefit package, and agenda item #28, negotiation of terms of property acquisition and development, were of a nature that consideration to go into closed session would be appropriate as authorized by Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(c) and (e).

Motion by Stephenson second by Brodt to go into closed session on the matters in agenda item #27, update and recommendation on hiring wastewater treatment foreman including wage and benefit package, and agenda item #28, negotiation of terms of property acquisition and development, as authorized by Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(c) and (e). Upon roll call vote all alderpersons present voted aye. Carried.

The council went into closed session at approx. 9 p.m.

This meeting was adjourned in closed session at approx. 9:30 p.m.