

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF FENNIMORE, GRANT COUNTY, WISCONSIN  
HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2018**

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, Linda Stephenson, Pete Adam, Gerald Bollant and Sara Brodt. Greg Ashmore joined meeting during Item 9, new business. Jeff Hagen was absent. Others present: Clerk Misty Molzof, DPW Dennis Biddick, Erin Martin, Tom Hermsen, and Town & Country Engineering representatives: Ben Heidemann and Evan Chambers.

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.

There were no operator license(s) for approval.

Motion by Adam second by Stephenson to approve the minutes of the December 26, 2017 regular council meeting as presented. Carried.

The Finance and Progress Committee presented total claims of \$885,308.06, including \$783,471.00- General City; \$34,290.58 - Utility; \$67,546.48 - Sewer; and \$54,129.22 – January 5, 2018 payroll. Motion by Brodt second by Streif that these bills be approved and paid by the proper officials. Upon roll call vote all alderpersons present voted aye (6-0). Carried.

The Finance and Progress Committee presented total CDBG-TIF project claims of \$36,024.17 to Owen's Excavating as presented. Motion by Streif second by Brodt that this bill be approved and paid by the proper officials. Upon roll call vote all alderpersons present voted aye (6-0). Carried.

There were no committee reports.

Ben Heidemann, Town and Country Engineering. Stated that the change order is due to a relocation of the water main, as it was 10' away from the location as initially thought, and to replace the leaking fire hydrant. The proposal from Gridor shows an increased in the project cost of \$37,261 to install an approximate 200' of water main and replace the leaking hydrant. There were three options to pursue the work as provided in the change order documents and Heidemann recommends the city pursue option #2, which reads, "Time and material + margin and profit to re-align existing water main and install new hydrant: T&M based upon above rates, 15% markup for margin and profit (as allowed by contract)". Brodt asked if there could be changes made after the change order was approved, perhaps to pursue other hydrant replacement options, and Heidemann responded that it was a possibility. Motion by Streif second by Brodt to approve change order using option 2. Upon roll call vote all alderpersons present voted aye (6-0). Carried.

Infrastructure and Property Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. to review 2018 Utility Budgets and possible other agenda items. No action necessary.

Mayor Boebel reported that after reviewing Chapter 18 (offenses) of the Municipal Code, some wording seemed harsh and advised that possible changes to the code should be considered. Mayor Boebel stated that he re-evaluated the Chapter comparing it to Chapter 174 of the state code, and has incorporated changes as presented in the document presented. The proposal has been sent to the police chief and the city attorney. The police chief recommends sending a notification to pet owners, and we are awaiting a response from the city attorney. Tom Hermsen was present and stated that in his opinion, the current system of tending to stray animals is working, and over the past two years, only two animals required euthanization, one for aggressiveness and non-adoptability, and the other for non-adoptability. Boebel stated that there is an option of coordinating placement with Grant County Humane Society, and Hermsen replied that there would be a funding loss, and that this is a valuable service to the City of Fennimore. Hermsen requested the City consider implementing a requirement of external parasite treatment to be administered by the Clinic upon arrival and charging the pet owner accordingly for the treatment of unidentified animals. No action was taken at this time.

Motion by Adam second by Brodt to approve 2018 funding request from Grant County Economic Development for \$4,577. Upon roll call vote all alderpersons present voted aye (7-0). Carried.

Comments and suggestions from citizens present: Strack questioned the letters sent out by the police department as a warning to citizens for drug offenses. Brodt stated that other communities use this process as a way to help citizens before it becomes a police matter. Erin Martin responded that it could be economically better to route people towards help and less costly than when the police get involved. Mayor Boebel stated that we could ask Chief French to answer these questions, and that it may possibly be added to a future agenda. Stephenson stated that on recent news, it seems to be an effective way of policing. Streif asked about ownership of the mural on the lumber yard, and what will happen to it if the building sells. Adam will contact the current owner of the building and find out. No action taken.

Mayor Boebel asked council members to consider joining the FFF Committee as requested by Promotions Coordinator, Linda Parrish. No action taken.

Announcements and matters for referral to next council meeting or to committee: None.

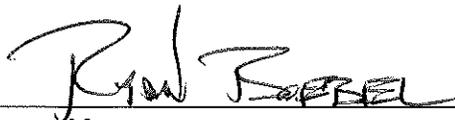
Motion by Boebel second by Adam to adjourn. Carried.

This meeting was adjourned at approx. 6:52 p.m.

  
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City Clerk

I hereby approve all actions of the City Council except \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

I certify that I have submitted the above minutes for approval.

  
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City Clerk