

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF FENNIMORE, GRANT COUNTY, WISCONSIN  
HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 23, 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: Pete Adam, Greg Ashmore, Ashley Walker, Sara Brodt, Jessie Strack, Dave Streif, and Jeff Hagen. Jonah Roth was absent. Others present were: DPW-Dennis Biddick, Clerk-Misty Molzof, Tina Frye, "Rain" Zhenyu Liang, and Fennimore Times-Erin Martin.

Agenda: Motion by Streif to approve the agenda as presented, second by Brodt. Carried 7-0.

Consent Agenda

Operator's License: Motion by Adam to approve operator's licenses for: Karie Nowak, Jamish J. Patel, and London E. Brown, second by Brodt. Carried 7-0.

Temporary Class "B"/"Class B" Picnic Licenses. Motion by Streif, to approve the following licenses: Fennimore Fire District for 5/19-5/20/2018, 6/9-6/10/2018, and 10/13-10/14/2018, second by Adam. Carried 7-0.

DOIT4DEREK Fireworks Permit: Motion by Brodt to approve the fireworks permit as applied for, second by Strack. Carried 7-0.

Minutes: Motion by Streif to approve the minutes 4/9/2018, 4/12/2018, and 4/17/2018 council meetings as presented, second by Adam. Carried 7-0.

Fennimore Dog Park: Tina Frye was present and asked the council to approve the old landfill site for the location of the dog park, and to consider covering the \$550 fee imposed by the DNR for plan review. Biddick stated that the fee would have to be submitted with the application and plans before proceeding any further as the DNR would have to concur with the proposed use. Biddick stated that he has had conversation with someone from DNR and they thought it would likely pass as a use of the area. Biddick also stated that there is some funds set aside in the landfill account that we could use if the council wishes. Adam asked Frye about fund raising efforts, and Frye reported that she has not yet began those efforts but will get started immediately and has been in touch with the Fennimore Foundation regarding use of their non-profit 501(c)(3) status. Motion by Hagen to approve the location of the dog park at the old landfill site and to pay the \$550 to the DNR out of the landfill fund, second by Adam. Roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Carried 7-0.

Request from property owner for purchase of city lot in commercial zoned district. Boebel stated that there is a request on page 39 of the packet from Rain regarding the purchase of a vacant lot owned by him on Lincoln Avenue. Rain asked the council to consider either purchasing the property or re-zoning to residential so that he could build a house for his residence on that property. Boebel stated he consulted with the city attorney and the city would need to have a public purpose for the lot. There is not a specific purpose at this time; however, there may be in the future. Adam concurred and asked Rain if he had tried to sell the property through a real-estate agent or on his own. Rain stated that he had not yet done that and will proceed with contacting an agent to sell the property. Rain asked about the council's opinion on zoning from commercial to residential, and Boebel responded that he believes the majority would rather keep that lot zoned commercial and only allow residential use according to

the current zoning code. Rain thanked the council for their time and consideration. No action was taken.

#### Reports of City Officers:

Clerk-Treasurer: Molzof reported that she asked the utility clerk to delay disconnection of electric service for a week after the moratorium ended due to the cold weather; however, the clerk contacted people and over half responded by paying or making arrangements to pay their past due amounts. Molzof also reported that the city office is working towards cross-training so that everyone has a back-up, the accounting work is current and balanced, the credit cards are almost finalized, and reports that are due by the end of the month have been completed and filed.

DPW: Biddick reported that the wastewater discharge permit has been filed with the DNR, and that the MEUW is going through some reorganization due to employee and administration turnover. There has been question as to MEUW's benefits to the 81 member utilities in the state, and a lack of direction has caused some issues with determining and reaching goals. Biddick stated that they are a vital source to the municipal utilities as they provide legislative lobbying, safety training, and electric lineman training. Biddick stated that he does not think the MEUW is going away, but the restructuring should be positive. Adam asked if the wayfinding signs and crosswalk safety committees have been meeting and if they have any progress. Biddick stated that they have been meeting, but will need to submit signage requests to DOT for approval when they are ready.

Police: Council had no questions or comments on the submitted police report.

Promotions: Council had no questions or comments on the submitted promotions coordinator report.

Semi-Monthly Claims: Brodt, member of Finance and Progress Committee presented total claims of \$494,167.12, including City general fund - \$27,495.69; Electric and Water Utility - \$120,578.46; Wastewater - \$342,735.91; and 4/13/2018 payroll \$53,309.47. Brodt moved to approve claims as presented, second by Streif. Upon roll call vote, all alderpersons present voted aye. Carried 7-0.

CDBG-TIF project claims: Motion by Brodt to approve \$11,457.57 in CDBG-TIF project claims. Second by Streif. Upon roll call vote, all alderpersons present voted aye. Carried 7-0.

Gridor Construction: Motion by Streif to approve the Gridor payment request in the amount of \$332,663.40, second by Brodt. Upon roll call vote, all alderpersons present voted aye. Carried 7-0.

#### Committee Reports:

Personnel & Administrative – Increase Wage Rate: Boebel reported that a former employee has been filling in during the absence of a street department employee and the committee recommended approval of an \$18.00 wage effective 4/23/2018 for all non-cemetery work performed by this employee. Motion by Adam to approve the non-cemetery work performed by this employee to be paid at \$18.00 per hour effective 4/23/2018, second by Hagen. Carried 7-0.

#### Old Business:

Naming outdoor athletic fields: Boebel reported that he had put a request on Facebook for people to submit possible names for the outdoor athletic fields / complex located near the corner of LaFollette Street and Bronson Blvd. On page 38 is a listing of the proposed names. Boebel stated that he would recommend Oakwood Community Park for the entire complex, not renaming the ball fields, or any previously named section of the area, but just as an overall name for the entire complex that encompasses a wide range of activity. Brodt moved to approve naming the complex to Oakwood Community Park, second by Streif. Carried 7-0.

New Business:

Pool Donor Board: Adam stated that he has received a draft of the donor board that is almost final, and is waiting on a final drawing before submission to the council. The donor board will not be complete for pool opening, or in time for Fun Fest; however, within 2-3 weeks after the pool is open, and they would like to hold some type of small event to dedicate/reveal the board. No action taken.

Street Closing: Motion by Streif to approve the street closings as requested by the Fennimore Chamber of Commerce on 5/19/2018 and 5/20/2018 for the Nation of Patriot Tour, second by Hagen. Carried 7-0.

Request for items needed Nation of Patriot tour: Boebel stated that Linda Parrish had mentioned the need for tent camping, and asked council to consider tent camping in Oakwood Park for this event. Motion by Boebel to approve request for items needed and to allow tent camping in Oakwood Park for the Nation of Patriots Tour, second by Adam. Carried 7-0.

City office closing: Molzof requested approval to close the city office for Civic Training on 5/4/2018, and 6/28-6/29/2018 for all staff to participate in training. Motion by Streif to approve closing the city office as requested, second by Brodt. Carried 7-0.

Designate BMO Harris Bank: Molzof stated that in order to get the cash back rewards from BMO Harris Bank, the city would need to have a depository account with them, minimum amount of \$1,500. Motion by Brodt to designate BMO Harris Bank as a city depository, second by Ashmore. Carried 7-0.

Citizens Present: None.

Mayor Communications: Boebel reminded the council of the following:

WEDC Grant announcement – will be held on Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 am, and the Library Director is retiring 4/30/2018. On that date, refreshments will be available at the library for anyone wishing to stop by and wish Trudie well. Boebel read a thank you from the Marsden Park Board for the 2018 donation. Boebel informed the council that there has been some correspondence regarding the open intoxicants on ATV/UTV's, and we may need to amend our ordinance; however, we will wait until notification of final determinations at the state and county level.

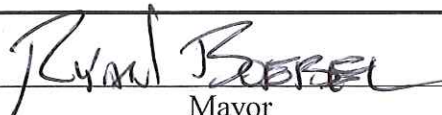
Announcements for next council meeting or committee meetings: None.

Motion by Boebel to adjourn, second by Brodt. Carried 7-0.

This meeting was adjourned at approx. 7:35 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