

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF FENNIMORE, GRANT COUNTY, WISCONSIN
HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 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, Jeff Hagen, Greg Ashmore, Ashley Walker, and Jonah Roth. Pete Adam and Sara Brodt were absent. Others Present were: DPW Dennis Biddick, Clerk Misty Molzof, Jack Wiederholt, and Carl Nelson III.

Agenda: 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 Hagen to approve the proof of posting and agenda. Carried 6-0.

Public Hearing regarding proposed amendments to Chapter 19 of the Municipal Code creating Section 19.21 relating to Solar Energy Systems and Access: Mayor Boebel opened the Public Hearing at 6:02 pm. Boebel reported that the Plan Commission met just prior to this meeting and they recommended that the City Council approve the ordinance as presented. Biddick reported that this is a follow-up to a discussion held about a month ago regarding solar energy systems allowed within city limits. Biddick stated that he, the building inspector Dennis Hampton, and attorney Eileen Brownlee had many discussions on how to implement solar energy systems, and they agree that the best solution is to allow in the A1, Agricultural zoning district. Biddick stated that the language was drafted by Eileen and the majority of the language was taken from state statutes. Statutes allow for solar within the state and this allows for the city to have conditions upon permitting them. Biddick stated that the permit requires permittee to contact neighboring landowners to get approval. Biddick stated that we cannot say no to solar farms, but we can help protect those affected and this is what this ordinance does. Biddick stated that as we update the zoning code, we will probably see this in all of the districts because of the state statutes.

Boebel asked for comments from the pre-registered citizens.

Jack Wiederholt, 1480 Wilson Street: Wiederholt stated that he is not against the ordinance; however, was present to get some questions answered and concerns addressed. Wiederholt asked if the neighboring properties opinions would have any weight on the decision to allow or not allow solar panels on a property, if the city would consider requiring larger setback requirements for solar panels so as to keep them off of the property lines, and if the city could require stipulations in the permitting process. Biddick replied that the state statutes allow solar panels and while the neighboring properties opinions would be considered, there may not be much the city can disallow due to state statutes. Biddick also stated that we can look at lot size and setback requirements as long as it would not harm public interest, and also discuss stipulations as long as they are compliant with state statute. Boebel stated that it is important to realize lot size would need to be feasible for building a solar farm.

Carl Nelson III, 1420 Wilson Street: Nelson stated that he is not necessarily against the ordinance; however, wanted to get some questions answered and concerns addressed. Nelson reiterated Wiederholt's concerns then asked where the power would go. Biddick responded that it will go to the power plant on the East side of the city. It will go through where the Scenic line goes through Stupeks.

Wiederholt and Nelson asked the council to consider bigger setbacks for solar farms when abutting up to residential properties.

Mayor Boebel closed the public hearing at 6:28 pm.

Consent agenda.

Operator's License(s): None.

Food in Auditorium-October 28, 2018 Mystery Dinner:

Temporary Class "B"/"Class B" Picnic License:

Motion by Streif, second by Hagen to approve Food in Auditorium and Temporary Class "B"/"Class B" Picnic License for Aiming for Acceptance, Rose Cutting, on October 28, 2018. Carried 6-0.

Minutes: Motion by Hagen, second by Strack to approve the August 27, 2018 regular meeting minutes as presented. Carried 6-0.

Comments for pre-registered citizens. None.

Semi-Monthly Claims: Streif, member of Finance and Progress Committee presented total claims of \$409,622.05, including City general fund - \$44,176.67; Electric and Water Utility - \$54,179.37; Wastewater - \$409,622.05; and 8/31/2018 payroll \$61,563.42, including City general fund - \$39,129.46; Electric and Water Utility - \$14,806.31; Wastewater - \$7,627.65. Motion by Streif, second by Strack to approve claims as presented. Upon roll call vote, all alderpersons present voted aye. Carried 6-0.

CDBG – TIF Project claims: Streif, member of Finance and Progress Committee presented CDBG claims of \$47.50. Motion by Streif, second by Hagen to approve claims as presented. Upon roll call vote, all alderpersons present voted aye. Carried 6-0.

Committee reports. None.

Unfinished business from previous meeting(s).

Ordinance #2018-08 to amend Chapter 19, creating Section 19.21 relating to Solar Energy Systems and Access. Boebel stated that this was covered in the Public Hearing. Hagen asked Biddick to check on setbacks at the state level. Boebel stated that it would likely not go in the same section, but would need to go under the appropriate zoning district and approving this is not tying our hands in any way if we wanted to check into other restrictions. Motion by Hagen, second by Streif to approve Ordinance #2018-08 amending Chapter 19, creating Section 19.21 relating to Solar Energy Systems and Access. Upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Carried 6-0.

New business.

Resolution #09-10-2018-City Clerk to sign and submit Recycling Grant. Molzof reported that this is a requirement of the grant. Motion by Hagen, second by Ashmore to approve Resolution #09-10-2018, allowing the City Clerk to sign and submit the 2019 Recycling Grant. Upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Carried 6-0.

Clerk Course Completion certificates and employee compensation. Boebel reported that in Molzof's contract, there was a requirement that she present evidence of being a certified WI Municipal Clerk and Treasurer to get a step increase in her salary. The intent was that once she provides evidence of the courses taken at the institute in Green Bay that the city has sent other staff to, she would be Clerk-Treasurer certified. However, to get the certification as a Clerk-Treasurer, she would have to be a member for 2 years for treasurer and 3 years for clerk per the organizations. The Personnel Committee met on August 13th and approved the raise per the intent of the contract when Molzof provided proof of certification; however, after

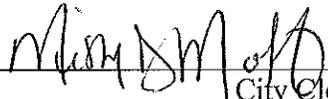
discussion with Eileen, we need to get council approval for the raise because the contract was not clear to the intent. Motion by Hagen to give Molzof raise of \$2,000/year raise per contract effective August 13, 2018, second by Strack. Carried 6-0.

Comments and suggestions from citizens present.

Communications and recommendations of the Mayor.

Motion by Boebel, second by Streif to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. Carried 7-0.

This meeting was adjourned at approx. 6:45 p.m.



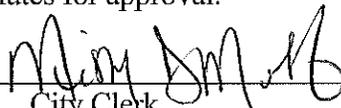
City Clerk

I hereby approve all actions of the City Council except _____



Mayor

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



City Clerk