

**MINUTES OF A RESCHEDULED REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF FENNIMORE, GRANT COUNTY, WISCONSIN  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2019**

This meeting was called to order by Mayor Ryan Boebel at 5:30 p.m.

*Roll call* was taken with the following alderpersons answering present: Jeff Hagen, Pete Adam, Greg Ashmore, Ashley Walker, Jonah Roth, Sara Brodt (via phone), Jessie Strack, and Dave Streif. Others present were: DPW Dennis Biddick and Clerk Misty Molzof

*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 Brodt to approve the proof of posting and agenda. Carried 8-0.

*Operator License(s):* Motion by Strack, second by Hagen to approve the operator licenses for the following applicant: Stephanie Maag. Carried 8-0.

*Minutes:* Motion by Hagen, second by Strack to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2019 regular meeting as presented. Carried 8-0.

*Pre-Registered Citizens:* None.

*Semi-Monthly Claims & CDBG/TIF Claims:* Streif, member of Finance and Progress Committee presented total claims of \$784,782.37, including City general fund - \$620,577.96-; Electric and Water Utility - \$129,683.29; Wastewater - \$33,891.12, CDBG/TIF #6 Claims of \$630.00; 2/1/2019 payroll \$57,214.86, including City general fund - \$37,198.56-; Electric and Water Utility - \$14,655.06; Wastewater - \$5,361.24. Motion by Streif, second by Brodt to approve claims as presented. Upon roll call vote, all alderpersons present voted aye. Carried 8-0.

*Committee Reports:*

1/30/2019 Personnel & Administrative. Molzof reported that this meeting was held to discuss possible restructuring and Boebel stated that this committee will be meeting often over the next couple of months.

*Unfinished Business from previous meeting(s):*

*LaFollette Street Parking:* Biddick stated that there are two options, one has a couple of curb cuts and gravel about \$1,700, and the other is curb cuts with excavation about 5' behind the curb and 20' of gravel is about \$3,400. All work would be performed by our crews except the curb cuts, those would be contracted out. Boebel asked if we could come up with \$1,700 to do the two curb cuts as a start this year. Motion by Streif, second by Ashmore to do the \$1,700 curb cuts. Carried 8-0.

*Garbage & Recycling Program:*

*Closed Session: 5:35 pm.* Mayor Boebel announced that the garbage and recycling matters in #9(b) was of a nature that convening in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 19.85(1)(e) to discuss competitive pricing and bargaining would be appropriate. Motion by Brodt, second by Streif to adjourn to closed session as authorized by Wis. Stats 19.85(1)(e) at 5:35 pm. Upon roll call vote, all alderpersons present voted aye. Carried 8-0.

Adjourned to closed session at 5:35 pm

*Hagen left at 5:40 pm.*

*Open Session: 5:50 p.m.* Motion by Adam, second by Streif to return to open session 5:50 pm. Carried 7-0. Returned to open session at 5:50 pm.

*Action on Closed Session Item:* Motion by Adam, second by Streif to proceed with next steps, including a public hearing / forum for the garbage/recycling program and fees. Upon roll call vote, all alderpersons present voted aye. Carried 7-0.

*New Business:*

*2018 Building Report:* Molzof presented the 2018 Building permit figures from Dennis Hampton along with the 2018 revenues and expenditures for building and zoning. No action taken.

*Electric Department Trencher:* Biddick reported that the electric department currently has a 1984 smaller trencher that takes a lot more time to complete trenching. There is \$75,000 budgeted for 2019, and attached is the quotes that we received: Vermeer \$67,719.67, and Ditch Witch Midwest \$71,450. Biddick would recommend the Vermeer trencher. Streif asked Biddick to find out more information on the warranty as well as service agreements and bring back to the next Council meeting.

*City Owned Lot, 8<sup>th</sup> Street:* Boebel reported that the lot to the North of the grade school is owned by the city. The lot is non-conforming and there has been previous discussion on what to do with it. There is interest from the school; however, the city does have about \$11,000 stuck into the lot. For school board to purchase land, they have to discuss at their annual meeting, or call a special meeting. We can sell it at what we have into it, or we can sell it for a little less, or we can sell it for a lot less. Streif stated that the property will remain exempt; therefore, no change in tax base. Adam stated that if we can afford it, we should sell it to the school for \$1. Brodt stated that she sees the benefit to the community overall. Motion by Adam, second by Walker to offer to sell the lot to the school district for \$1.00 with Eileen's approval. Upon roll call vote, all alderpersons present voted aye. Carried 7-0.

*Dave Streif left at 6:15p.m.*

*Chapter 25 Municipal Code:* Molzof reported that attached is a draft of Chapter 25 and she is looking for input/suggestions as well as Council opinion on removing the fee schedule to a resolution. Various members of the council stated that removing the fee schedule and adopting as a resolution seems the best way to go and suggested that Molzof bring for approval to the next council meeting. No action taken.

*Chapter 8 Municipal Code:* Molzof stated that attached is the working draft for Chapter 8 and stated that she is looking for input/suggestions on the document. Various members of the council expressed that the City Attorney should review, make suggestions, and Molzof could bring back for approval at the subsequent meeting after the attorney reviews. No action taken.

*2019 Schedule of Fees:* Molzof stated that attached is a sample resolution for the schedule of fees with minimal changes and asked Alderpersons to provide input/suggestions regarding the fees. Boebel suggested increasing Residential Garbage rates from \$9/month to \$10/month and Commercial Garbage Rates from \$11/month to \$12/month due to increased expenditures. Discussion regarding raising rates was favorable and Council would like to vote on it at the next meeting.

*Update on UMMEG meeting:* Biddick reported that the quarterly UMMEG meeting was a 2 ½ hour teleconference earlier today. An update was made to the Cashton Green Wind Farm contract between Cashton and UMMEG; Butter Solar has everything in place and they are supposed to be starting construction on some sites this week for completion by June 1, 2019; and the other update was regarding the capacity produced by the solar farm and when we would be accrediting that purchase – it won't be until 2020 before we will be taking credit for the solar farm capacity produced. There will be roughly \$7,000 that will get passed on through our adjustable rate to the customers this year. No action taken.

*Comments from Citizens Present:* None.

*Communications and recommendations of the mayor:*

Improvements to Oakwood Park: Boebel reported that he has met with some parties who may be interested in improving some of the area of Oakwood Park for the benefit of the community and youth activities. Adam stated that there is interest in putting together a vision for the future of the park and putting it into plan.

Announcements for next council meeting or committee meetings.  
Personnel Committee Meeting 2/20/2019 around 5:30 pm.

*Adjourn:* Motion by Boebel to adjourn at 6:45 pm. Second by Adam. Carried 6-0.

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

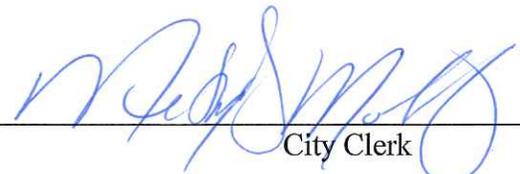
  
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City Clerk

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