

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FENNIMORE, GRANT COUNTY, WISCONSIN
HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 18TH, 2020**

The Regular Council meeting of the Common Council was called to order by Mayor Boebel at 6 p.m.

Roll Call was taken with the following alderpersons answering present: Boebel, Adam, Sheckler, Roth, Strack, Streif, and Hagen. Alder Adam was absent. City Clerk Debi Heisner was also present.

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 Treasurer. Motion by Streif, second by Hagen to approve the proof of posting and agenda. Motion carried 6-0.

Consent Agenda:

Approval of Operator License(s): none

Minutes of the preceding meeting. Approval of minutes if correct, and corrections of mistakes: The minutes from the April 21st Council meetings were approved with a motion by Strief and a second by Hagan with one correction on the motions for the Organizational meeting in regard to the Council Pres. Motion carried 6-0.

Comments from Pre-registered Citizens: None

Reports of City Officers:

City Clerk, DPW, Promotions Coordinator

Presentation of accounts and other claims against the City: There was a motion by Streif and a second by Adam to approve the 5.18.20 Council claims with the breakdown of bills to their respective accounts for a total of \$676,218.22 with City bills @ \$93,669.62, Utility bills @ \$309,877.72, Sewer bills @ \$246,442.88 and TIF CDBG - \$22,447.75. Gross Payroll amounts for 3.27.20 were \$57,126.18 with \$32,551.07 for City, \$17,832.53 for Utility and \$6,742.58 for Sewer. Gross Payroll amounts for 4.10.20 were \$53,291.12 with \$31,236.08 for City, \$16,010.13 for Utility, and \$6,044.91 for Sewer. Gross Payroll amounts for 4.24.20 were \$55,431.39 with \$34,111.11 for City, \$15,202.71 for Utility and \$6,117.57 for Sewer. Gross Payroll for 5.8.20 were \$53,608.44 with \$32,387.48 for City, \$15,436.64 for Utility and \$5,784.32 for Sewer. Motion carried on a roll call vote 6-0.

Wiederholt Enterprises pay application #2 for 2019 North Side Improvements Contract #2 Rebid: There was a motion by Strief and a second by Strack. Motion carried on a roll call vote 6-0.

Committee Reports: none

Old Business: none

New Business:

Discussion and possible action on Complaint filed by Jim & Lindsey Dresen, 1025 14th Street (Wastewater): Jim & Lindsey Dresen were present to discuss the sewer back up into their basement and the damage it caused. DPW John Murray received a denial letter from the City's insurance carrier stating

the City is immune from liability under Wisconsin Statute for these types of claims. There was a motion by Adam and second by Hagan to approve reimbursement up to \$10,000 with receipts from the Dresens for damage to their basement and the City will appeal this claim to the Insurance Company. DPW John Murray will contact our Agent to discuss the appeal process. Motion carried on a roll call vote. 6-0

Discussion and possible action on amending ordinance #25.045 In regard to the 2020-2021 Liquor License renewal fees: State Statutes require a \$50 minimum fee be charged for Class B Combo licenses and a minimum of \$1 charged for all others. No formal action was taken on this item. Alder Adam will discuss options with Attorney Brownlee and this item will be addressed on next month's agenda.

Discussion and possible action on Citizens request for assistance paying for lot surveying: There was much discussion on this agenda item. Questions, concerns, and past practices were discussed. The item was tabled until more information could be obtained.

Discussion and possible action on Citizens request to replace sidewalk: A property owner has a sidewalk in rough shape. He would like to replace it and will pay for the replacement. There was a motion by Adam and a second by Strief to allow them to rebuild the sidewalk to proper specs. All in favor – motion carried.

Discussion and possible action of proceeding with update to sidewalk map & verbiage in sidewalk code: The Property and Infrastructure Committee will meet to get map updated and ready for approval. We will add this to the June agenda for approval.

Discussion and possible action on Digital Sign Purchase: The fundraising for the Digital Sign are being matched by the Chamber for a total of \$15K. The City Budgeted \$10K for the sign. There is base work that will need to be completed, wiring to look at and the DOT to be contacted. There was a motion by Strief and a second by Hagen to proceed with ordering the Digital sign. Motion carried on a roll call vote 6-0.

Discussion and possible approval of Facilities Use Agreement for the Fennimore Chamber of Commerce, Chicken BBQ, Tuesday July 14th: There was a motion by Hagen and a second by Adam to approve this Facility Use Agreement. All in favor - Motion carried.

Update and Discussion on COVID-19 pandemic and its effects: The City staff is 95% back to work in the office and other departments. Everything will remain locked except for the Leased Athletic Building. The Pool will not open at this point. We will revisit the pool at the next meeting. Debi will send letters to the kids that have applied explaining the situation.

Discussion and possible action on Handicap parking spaces for Trinity Church – Monroe Street & 10th Street. The handicap: The church can do this on their own. The City is not going to supply paint or supplies. John Murray, DPW will let them know.

Discussion and possible action on moving Utility Billing Due dates: We discussed moving the reading dates for meter readings over a few months span. There were many questions. There will be a detailed explanation presented at the next council meeting.

Discussion and possible action on 2020 Street and Utility Improvements: Proceed with proposals and bids and plan for action at next council meeting.

Discussion and possible action on Spring clean-up: There was a motion by Roth and a second by Strack to proceed with curbside pickup with Town and Country not to exceed \$5000. Motion carried on a roll call vote 6-0.

Discussion and possible action on eliminating a lift station: No action taken

Discussion and possible action on Furnace and air conditioning replacements for the Memorial Building: DPW, John Murray discussed the current units and they are 20 years old. There was talk about staggering replacements over the next couple of years. No formal action was taken.

Discussion and possible action on advertising for Water/Wastewater Supervisor Position: The notice for the WWTP Supervisor Position is ready to go to the paper and was agreed to get it published.

Discussion and possible action on TASC flex benefit reimbursement to Employees: There is money coming back from our previous flexible spending account that belongs to individual employees. This money will be given back to them when it is returned to the City.

Electric Budget Update: The Utility budgets are still being worked on. The audit is slowing down the process, but it will be ready to present soon.

Comments and suggestions from citizens present: none

Communications from the Mayor:

FY 2020 Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs including CARES Act funding: There is an assistance program started through the CARES act due to COVID that is a matching grant of 80/20. The Mayor will get more details.

Cemetery Code and burial procedures: The Mayor is working on revising the Cemetery code and will present at the June 2020 meeting.

Schedule Committee Meetings: none

Adjourn: Motion by Boebel, second by Streif to adjourn. Carried 6-0.

City Clerk

Mayor