

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FENNIMORE, GRANT COUNTY,
WISCONSIN HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH, 2021**

The Regular Council meeting of the Common Council was called to order by Council President, Dave Streif at 5:40 p.m.

Roll Call was taken with the following alderpersons answering present: Adam, Flynn, Sheckler, Day, Strack, Streif, and Hagen. 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 Hagen, second by Adam to approve the proof of posting and agenda. Motion carried 6-0.

Consent Agenda:

Approval of Operator License(s): The Operators License for Melissa Kong was approved with a motion by Hagen and a second by Strack. Motion carried 6-0.

Minutes of the preceding meeting. Approval of minutes if correct, and corrections of mistakes: The minutes from the January 18th, 2021 Council meetings were approved with a motion by Adam and a second by Hagen. Motion carried 6-0.

Comments from Pre-registered Citizens: None

Reports of City Officers:

City Clerk

DPW

Chief of Police

Presentation of accounts and other claims against the City: There was a motion by Sheckler and a second by Strack to approve the 2.15.21 Council claims with the breakdown of bills to their respective accounts for a total of \$1,622,081.81 with City bills @ \$1,407,627.32, Utility bills @ \$161,665.62, Sewer bills @ \$18,403.35, TIF CDBG - \$32,158.83 and Capital Projects – 2226.69. Gross Payroll amounts for 1.29.21 were \$58,293.12 with \$33,583.45 for City, \$16,903.50 for Utility and \$7,806.17 for Sewer. Gross Payroll amounts for 2.12.21 were \$62,272.35 with \$35,064.19 for City. \$9,326.97 for Utility, and \$17,881.19 for Sewer. Motion carried on a roll call vote 6-0.

Pay Application for Portzen Construction: There was a motion by Adam and a second by Sheckler to pay the Portzen Construction Pay application for \$114082.65. Motion carried on a roll call vote 6-0.

Committee Reports: none

Old Business: none

New Business:

Discussion of Promotions Coordinator Wage Reimbursement from the Fennimore Chamber of Commerce – possible action: There was a motion by Adam and a second by Day to allow for a discount for funds used in a contracted role up to 2/3rds of the quarterly payment for Quarter 1.

Revision to Personnel Manual

Section 17.01 on Sick Pay Earned, Section 17.03 on Excess Sick Leave, Accumulation of Credit, Section 17.03 on Sick Leave Charges, Section 21.4 on Compensatory Time

There was a motion by Adam and a second by Hagen to approve the above Sections of the Personnel manual to be revised to reflect the same verbiage as the Caselle Payroll System we utilize for payroll. All in favor motion carried 6-0.

Revision to 2021 Wage Resolution regarding Lineman Apprenticeship wages – possible action: Revisions to the Lindeman Apprentice wages were needed to follow the Apprenticeship program. There was a motion by Day and a second by Adam to make the appropriate revisions. All in favor – Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion and re-approval on revision to Chapter 5.08 – Tree Planting and Care: There was a motion to re-approve Chapter 5.08 – Tree Planting and Care by Hagen with a second by Day. All in favor – motion carried.

Discussion and approval on revision to Chapter 5.08 – Tree Board: There was a motion to approve revisions to Chapter 5.08 – Tree Board by Hagen with a second by Day. All in favor – motion carried.

Diesel Plant Upgrade Update – possible action: Gary Smith, Electric Superintendent, was present to discuss the Diesel Plant Upgrade. The Upgrade cost is estimated at \$704,000. There is \$300,000 available leaving \$400,000 to finance. There was much discussion and many questions asked. The Council asked Debi and Gary to work at getting the best solution and exhausting every effort to not have to raise electrical utility rates.

Approval of Trisha Wood to the Fennimore Library Board: There was a motion by Day and a second by Hagen to approve Trisha Wood to the Fennimore Library Board. All in favor – motion carried.

Update on interviews and negotiations for possible action on hiring of water/wastewater operator.: There was a motion by Adam and a second by Hagen to approve the hiring of Justin Tollefson as the new water/wastewater operator. All in favor – motion carried 6-0.

Comments and suggestions from citizens present: none

Communications from the Mayor: none

Schedule Committee Meetings: none

Adjourn: Motion by Hagen, second by Strack to adjourn at 6:23 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Debi Heisner, City Clerk

David Streif, Council President