

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FENNIMORE, GRANT COUNTY,
WISCONSIN HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 19TH, 2021**

The Regular Council meeting of the Common Council was called to order by Mayor Ryan Boebel at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call was taken with the following alderpersons answering present: Adam, Flynn, Sheckler, Roth, Strack, and Hagen. Ald. Day and Streif were absent. City Clerk Debi Heisner and John Murray, DPW were 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 Flynn, second by Hagen to approve the proof of posting and agenda. Motion carried 6-0.

Consent Agenda:

Approval of Operator License(s):

The following Operator's License were approved with a motion by Hagen and a second by Strack. Motion carried 6-0. Morgan Wiedenfeld, Tyson Ely, Kimberly Sweeney, Stephanie Maag, Candice Wilson, Terence Riess II, Joshua Borcharding, Lisa Fuerstenberg, Caitlyn Brandes, Joseph Klais, Emily Klais, Amanda Abing, Joni Bowers, Melissa Kong, Heather Knight, and Carrie Tysver

Property Use Agreement for Saturday, October 16th, 2021, Tree Care Workshop: There was a motion by Adam and a second by Hagen to approve the above request. All in favor – motion carried.

Street Closing Request – August 3rd, 2021, Cleveland St, Fennimore Optimist Club: No action taken as DPW can approve.

Liquor License Premise Description change for Kwik Trip # 755: There was a motion by Flynn and a second by Sheckler to approve this description change. All in favor – motion carried.

Minutes of the preceding meeting. Approval of minutes if correct, and corrections of mistakes: The minutes from the June 21st, 2021, Council meetings were approved with a motion by Flynn and a second by Hagen. Motion carried 6-0.

Comments from Pre-registered Citizens: Margaret Sprague, Tree Board was present to update the council on a several Tree Board items.

Reports of City Officers:

City Clerk

DPW

Chief of Police

Community Development Manager

Presentation of accounts and other claims against the city: There was a motion by Sheckler and

a second by Adam to approve the 7.19.21 Council claims with the breakdown of bills to their respective accounts for a total of \$337,119.66 with City bills @ \$51,379.77, Utility bills @ \$237,958.17, and Sewer bills @ \$47,781.72. Gross Payroll amounts for 7.2.21 were \$66,093.67 with \$42,875.13 for City, \$16,871.61 for Utility and \$6,346.93 for Sewer. Gross Payroll amounts for 7.16.21 were \$67,004.16 with \$42,601.43 for City. \$16,814.34 for Utility, and \$7,588.39 for Sewer. Motion carried on a roll call vote 6-0.

Committee Reports: none

Old Business: none

New Business:

Property & Infrastructure Committee Recommendation on Fennimore's 5-year Capital Improvements Plan & Street & Utility projects: The Property and Infrastructure committee met June 28th to review the capital improvements plan that DPW John Murray and City Engineer, Evan Chambers had been working on. There were several scenarios presented with breakdowns of cost for City and Water & Sewer Utilities broken down. The Committee had asked that Debi find out what the tax impact would be to borrow \$3,600,000 which would complete scenario #1. Auditors from Johnson Block comprised a table showing this impact on various improvement values with a 10 & 20 year note @ 1.37%. Evan discussed the ITA (intent to apply) and that it is too late to apply for 2022 but 2023 we can apply. We can do an interim loan and have use the DNR loan to pay the interim loan. Alderman Adam stated that at these percentage rates we really cannot afford to not do road work. He felt we should consider moving forward and asked Evan if he had enough information to start moving forward with the planning around Scenario #1 in mind. Evan will start fine tuning the plan and get surveying scheduled.

Discussion and possible action on Pay Application #3 – Final Payment for Lift Station Upgrades: There was a motion by Hagen and a second by Sheckler to approve the final pay request from Portzen on the lift station upgrades. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.

Discussion and possible action on Change Order #1 for Lift Station Upgrades: There was a motion by Adam and a second by Hagen to approve the Change order for Lift Station #1 for \$12,873.00 less than proposed. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.

Discussion and possible action on Certificate of Substantial Completion for Lift Station Upgrades: There was a motion by Adam and a second by Hagen to accept the Certificate of Substantial Completion for the Lift Station upgrades. All in favor – motion carried 6-0.

Presentation of Notice of Acceptability of Work for Lift Station Upgrades: There was no action needed on this item. Town and Country Engineering presented this and was happy with the work Portzen did.

Discussion and possible action on a Sewer Rate increase: There was discussion of a sewer rate increase but Evan, City Engineer was there to contribute to the discussion. He said the spreadsheet that was discovered showing future increases was done prior to the New WWTP and the numbers were more of a guide. Town and Country will true up the spreadsheet and do a 5-year projection. No action was taken at this time.

Approval of proceeding with an Electric Rate increase: There was a motion by Adam and a second by Flynn to proceed with an Electric Rate increase through Johnson Block & Co for a maximum cost of \$8000. Motion carried on a roll call vote 6-0.

Approval of 2022-2023 SVRS Provider/Relier and Self Provider Memo of understanding with Grant County: There was a motion by Adam and a second by Flynn to approve the MOU with Grant County for the 2022-2023 Election Season. All in favor – motion carried.

Discussion and possible approval of 2021-2022 Law Enforcement/Police Liaison Services with Fennimore School District: There was a motion by Adam and a second by Hagen to approve. Motion carried on a roll call vote 6-0.

Discussion and Approval of WWTP/Water pay scale: There was a motion by Adam and a second by Hagen to approve the present WWTP/Water pay scale. Ald. Adam commented that the personnel committee had asked DPW John Murray to comprise this pay scale and present to council for approval. All in favor – motion carried 6-0.

Approval of bids for RRFB lights for the Pedestrian Crosswalk at Lincoln Ave and 9th Street: There was a motion by Adam and a second by Hagen to allow DPW, John Murray to accept the lower bid for the lights if they can guarantee placement before the 2021-2022 School year begins this fall. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.

Discussion and possible approval of Handicap Parking Stalls within the City: DPW, John Murray reported that we do not have to specify places/areas in the ordinance if council is aware of the handicap parking areas and those areas have proper signage. The list of current handicap parking areas are: 7th Street next to the Football field – 2 spots – signage is up, Adams Street on the East side by pool, the first 3 stalls – signage is up, 8th Street – 1st stall on the South side just off of 12th – signage is up, Trinity Church – 1 stall on the South side of 10th Street from Monroe and 1 stall on the West side of Monroe from 10th – needs signage, and BD's 1st stall on 7th Street on the North side. All in favor – motion carried 6-0.

Discussion and possible approval of Io Co Canine Unit using Oakwood Nature Park for training with SWTC Aug 6-8: Debi received a call from Officer Zachary Lovell, Iowa County Sheriffs department called to see if using the Oakwood Nature Park would be permissible on the above dates. It will most likely be just for one of the days, but the class is for 3 days @ SWTC. They will have dogs – leashed, decoys, lots of staff, unloaded guns and it would be nice to be able to close it off to the public to conduct their class. Ryan has offered to out signage up for them about the park being closed. No one on the council had issues with this happening.

Discussion and possible approval of obtaining services through Global Life for Supplemental Insurance Benefits: There was a motion by Adam and a second by Roth to approve obtaining services Global Life Insurance. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.

Board of Review Committee Appointment: The Mayor asked the Council to approve his recommendation of Chuck Stenner to the Board of Review. There was a motion by Strack and a second by Adam to approve this appointment. All in favor - motion carried.

Discussion on revisions to Tree Ordinance: No action taken as the Ordinance was revised in February 2021.

Discussion & possible action on the Sidewalk map: After much discussion on the sidewalk map the following changes will be made: Existing sidewalks on Madison and Jefferson Streets will be added to the map, the revision date should be added to the map, if a sidewalk is on the map and needs repair or replacement the homeowner will be responsible for 50%, if the sidewalk is not on the map and not a nuisance and the homeowner wants it removed or repaired they are 100%, if natural causes create a need for replacement or removal then the city will be 100% responsible, The 4 ft definition needs to be added with the exception on Lincoln Ave. This will be on the next agenda.

Comments and suggestions from citizens present: none

Communications and recommendations from the mayor: Mayor Boebel mentioned that the new Veterans signs are in, and the old signs are being given to the families of the Veterans listed.

Schedule Committee Meetings: none

Adjourn: Motion by Boebel, second by Roth to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Debi Heisner, City Clerk

Ryan Boebel, Mayor