

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FENNIMORE, GRANT COUNTY,
WISCONSIN HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST, 2022**

The Regular Council meeting of the Common Council was called to order by Mayor Ryan Boebel at 5:33 p.m.

Roll Call was taken with the following alderpersons answering present: Adam, Sheckler, Roth, Day, Strack, Streif, and Hagen. 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 Streif, second by Hagen to approve the proof of posting and agenda. Motion carried 7-0.

Consent Agenda:

Operators Licenses:

The following Operators were approved with a motion by Adam and a second by Day. Alaska Falch & Sydney Bailie: All in favor - Motion carried 7-0.

Minutes of the preceding meeting. Approval of minutes if correct, and corrections of mistakes: The minutes from the January 17th, 2022, Council meetings were approved with a motion by Adam and a second by Day. Motion carried 7-0.

Comments from Pre-registered Citizens: none

The Mayor asked that item 11a be moved up on the agenda. The council was in favor.

Appointment of Marc Chiefari to City Council Ward 3 Alderperson: Marc would like to be more involved with the City and felt this was a good opportunity. He will be running as a registered write in at the April 5th Election. There was a motion by Adam and a second by Sheckler to approve this appointment. Motion carried – 7-0.

Reports of Officers:

Clerk

DPW

Chief of Police

Community Development Manager

Presentation of accounts and other claims against the city: There was a motion by Streif and a second by Sheckler to approve the 2/21/22 Council claims with the breakdown of bills to their respective accounts for a total of \$1,790,207.94 with City bills @ \$1,375,768.14, Utility bills @ \$358,238.74, Sewer bills @ \$22,034.73, TOF - CDBG bills \$32,246.33 and Capital Projects \$1920.00. Gross Payroll amounts for 1/28/22 were \$62,046.87 with \$37,394.47 for City, \$18,388.63 for Utility and \$6,263.77 for Sewer. Gross Payroll amounts for 2/11/22 were \$59,720.44 with \$34,658.02 for City. \$19,571.76 for Utility, and \$5,490.66 for Sewer. Motion carried on a roll call vote 8-0.

Committee Reports: none

Old Business: none

New Business:

Discussion and Possible Approval of Resolution 2021-02-21: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF \$3,565,000 NOTE ANTICIPATION NOTES – Baird Financial Presenting. Justin Fischer, Baird Financial was present via zoom to discuss the anticipating borrowing for the 2022 Street Improvement Project. The amount requested of \$3.5 million may be less considering the bids came in significantly less but after much discussion there was a motion by Adam and a second by Day to continue with the original amount as the amount can be reduced later. Motion carried 8-0 on a roll call vote.

Discussion and possible action on award of contract for 2022 Street and Utility improvements Project – Town & Country Engineers presenting

Bids for the upcoming Street improvement project were opened on Feb 17th @ City Hall. There were 2 bids. H James & Sons and G-Pro Excavating. H James & Sons came in @ \$2,113,795.39 and G-Pro Excavating @ \$2,116,770.39. Bases on the lower amounts if we are to consider more construction, we could do an expansion of bids up to approximately \$300K. There was a motion by Streif and a second by Adam to award the bid to H James & Sons. Motion carried 8-0 on a roll call vote.

Discussion and possible approval of revisions to Job descriptions for the following:

- i. Deputy Clerk Treasurer/Billing Specialist
- ii. Utility Clerk/Administrative Assistant
- iii. Clerk Treasurer
- iv. Public Works Maintenance Worker

There was a motion by Adam and a second by Hagen to approve the revisions to the above job descriptions. All in favor – motion carried 8-0.

Approval of Revisions to Wage Resolution #2021-12-20: There was a motion by Roth and a second by Hagen to approve the revisions to the 2021-12-20 wage resolution. Motion carried 8-0 on a roll call vote.

Property & Infrastructure Committee meeting update: Adam Day and Jessie Strack updated the council as to the Upgrades to the Substation. We are moving forward with the PSC construction application.

Consider a Zoning Code amendment to allow, as permitted uses in the IPD-1 Professional, Scientific & Technical Services District, those uses identified in the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) as Health Care Services (Code Numbers 6211-6219) – Referral to Plan Commission for Recommendation: There was a motion by Streif and a second by Roth to approve this change and refer to the Planning commission for the recommendation. Motion carried – 8-0.

Preliminary approval of CSM for Grant Regional Health Care – referral to City Planning Commission for review: There was a motion by Roth and a second by Sheckler to approve the preliminary CSM for Grant Regional Health Care. Motion carried 8-0.

Approval of Sludge hauling bid from Bi Tech. DPW John Murray explained he received 2 bids. One from Bi-Tech and one from Midwest. BiTech was the lower of the 2 bids, so he recommends approving their bid. There was a motion by Roth and a second by Adam to award the bid to BiTech. Motion carried on a roll call vote 8-0.

Discussion and Possible Approval of 2022 Electric Budget: This item is postponed

Discussion and approval of 2022 Pool Use Agreement with the Fennimore School District: There was a motion by Adam and a second by Day to approve the 2022 Pool Use Agreement with the Fennimore School District. All in favor - motion carried.

Ordinance to Repeal and Recreate Chapters 1-3 of the of the Municipal Code Relating to General Government, the

Common Council and Finance and Public Records: There was a motion by Adam and a second by Day to approve the repeal and recreation of Chapters 1-3 of the Municipal Code. Motion carried on a roll call vote 8-0.

Appointment of Kathy Freymiller to Dwight Parker Library Board: There was a motion by Day and a second by Strack to approve the appointment of Kathy Freymiller to the Library Board. All in favor motion carried 8-0.

Discussion of Special Meeting Date: Thursday March 10th will be the Special Meeting date.

Discussion and possible action on land acquisition in the Town of Fennimore. Consideration of and action on adjourning to closed session as authorized by Wis. Stat. sec 19.85(1)(e), which authorizes convening in closed session for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, for the purpose stated in item 12. There was a motion by Roth and a second by Hagen to go adjourn to closed session. Motion carried with a roll call vote 8-0.

Return to Open Session.

There was a motion by Boebel and a second by Adam to return to open session. Motion carried 8-0.

There was a motion by Adam and a second by Roth to offer \$10K for the property. Motion carried on a roll call vote 8-0.

Comments and suggestions from Citizens present:

None

Communications and recommendations from the mayor: Mayor Boebel informed the council that employees will be meeting with the Attorney from Boardman and Clark on March 24th.

Adjourn: Motion by Cheifari, second by Sheckler to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried 8-0.

Debi Heisner, City Clerk

Ryan Boebel, Mayor
