

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FENNIMORE, GRANT COUNTY,
WISCONSIN HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 16TH, 2022**

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, Chiefari Sheckler, Day, Strack, Streif, and Hagen. Ald Roth was 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 Streif, second by Strack to approve the proof of posting and agenda. Motion carried 7-0.

Consent Agenda:

Operators Licenses:

There were no operators to approve.

Minutes of the preceding meeting. Approval of minutes if correct, and corrections of mistakes: The minutes from the April 18th, April 20th and May 5th, 2022, Council meetings were approved with a motion by Day and a second by Hagen. Motion carried 7-0.

Comments from Pre-registered Citizens: Margaret Sprague, Tree Board was present to update on the Tree Committee.

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 5/16/22 Council claims with the breakdown of bills to their respective accounts for a total of \$255,337.86 with City bills @ \$36,786.67, Utility bills @ \$213,536.96, and Sewer bills @ \$5,014.23. Gross Payroll amounts for 4/22/22 were \$64,028.23 with \$38,980.63 for City \$17,811.74 for Utility and \$7,235.86 for Sewer. Gross Payroll amounts for 5/6/22 were \$57,532.95 with \$35,726.38 for City, \$19,392.28 for Utility, and \$5,667.33 for Sewer. Motion carried on a roll call vote 7-0.

Committee Reports: none

Old Business: none

New Business:

Discussion and possible action on Handicap parking on 12th Street. Susan Bragger, owner of a property on Lincoln Ave is requesting a handicap parking spot for her upstairs tenants. There was a motion by Streif and a second by Day to allow the DPW to investigate and will place a spot as needed on the side street. All in favor - motion carried 7-0.

Discussion and possible approval of Dan Bredeson to the Dwight Parker Library Board: There was a motion by Streif and a second by Strack to approve this appointment. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

Presentation of a space needs assessment for the Dwight Parker Library – Cathy Smith, Librarian presenting Librarian Cathy Smith presented the Council with a Space needs assessment that was filled out by her to assess current and future needs of the library. This assessment helps decide if a new or improved library is needed and helps with the size. No formal action was taken but City Engineer, Evan Chambers was present and gave her his contact information to contact him for assistance as Town and country have staff who work with these types of projects.

Discussion and possible action regarding Resolution 2022-05-16A Appointing Authorized Representative to file Applications for Financial Assistance from the State of Wisconsin Environmental improvement Fund – Town and Country Engineering presenting: There was a motion by Hagen and a second by Day to approve this resolution allowing Mayor Ryan Boebel to be the Authorized Representative to file applications with the State of Wi Environmental Improvement Fund. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

Discussion and possible action regarding Resolution 2022-05-16B: Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures for Clean Water Fund Program and Safe Drinking Water Loan program Project - Town and Country Engineering presenting: There was a motion by Streif and a send by Day to approve the above resolution as presented. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

Discussion and Possible action regarding Contractor's application for Payment No 1 for 2022 Street &Utility Improvements – Town and Country Engineering Presenting: There was motion by Adam and a second by Hagen to approve payment to HJames and Sons for pay application #1 in the amount of \$396,438.58. Motion carried on a roll call vote 7-0.

Discussion and possible action on WI DOT 80/20 Grant Proposal – DPW John Murray presenting – The BIL infrastructure bill – which is funding through the DOT – would allow us to resurface Brownwood to Bronson cul-de-sac. Realistically a 60/40 split. There was a motion by Adam and a second by Streif to proceed with this project and to allow Mayor Boebel to sign and proceed without the need of a special meeting. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Discussion and possible action on the hiring of a Title Company to do title searches for Utility Easements – DPW John Murray presenting: There was a motion by Day and a second by Streif to approve the DPW to allow Midwest Title Co to do the title searches for \$1800 for the needed utility easements. Motion carried on a roll call vote 7-0.

Discussion and possible action on the Depot Exchange request to stub in storm water – DPW John Murray presenting: There was a motion by Streif and a second by Day to allow the Depot Exchange to stub in storm water. All in favor – motion carried 7-0

Discussion and possible action on furnace replacement in the Memorial Building – DPW John Murray presenting. John explained the furnace situation and was asked to get 3 bids and see what money is available through Focus on Energy and report back to council.

Discussion and possible action on personnel manual updates: DPW John Murray and Clerk Debi Heisner presenting: Discussion was heard on Equipment Usage and that the DPW can no longer allow an employee to use City Equipment – this must now go to Council. The Boot Allowance is currently \$100 and will now be raised to \$200. Proper clothing attire for the summer with supervisor approval can be shorts if the job allows for it. An SOP needs to be created for a response time of 30 minutes and a 10–15-minute call back window. There was a motion by Day and a second by Chiefari to approve these changes. All in favor – motion carried 7-0.

Discussion and possible action on the promotion of Electric Apprentices Jordan Fritche and Jordon Dyer to Electric Lineman. This promotion will put them at the \$39.36/hour wage. There was a motion by Adam and a second by Day to go approve this promotion. All in favor – motion carried 7-0.

Discussion and possible action on property acquisition: Consideration of and action on adjourning to closed session as authorized by Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(c) for the purpose stated in agenda items #11. There was a motion by Hagen and a second by Streif to adjourn to closed session. Motion carried on a roll call vote 7-0.

Return to Open Session. There was a motion by Adam and a second by Streif to return to open session. Motion carried 7-0.

Communications and recommendations from the mayor: none

Schedule Committee Meetings: none

Adjourn: Motion by Adam, second by Strack to adjourn at 7:18 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Debi Heisner, City Clerk

Ryan Boebel, Mayor
