

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FENNIMORE, GRANT COUNTY,
WISCONSIN HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2023**

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, Streif, and Hagen. Ald. Roth & Strack were absent. City Clerk Ashley Walker 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 Day to approve the proof of posting and agenda. Motion carried 6-0.

Consent Agenda:

The following Operators were approved with a motion by Day and a second by Sheckler, Motion carried 6-0: Dorothy Daniels

Minutes of the preceding meeting. Approval of minutes if correct, and corrections of mistakes: The minutes from the February 20, 2023, Council meetings were approved with a motion by Streif and a second by Adam. Motion carried 6-0.

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

James Bergles came in to inquire about a previously owed balance that was incurred. He wanted to ensure that he was being treated fairly, and similarly to other previous employees.

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 3/20/2023 Council claims with the breakdown of bills to their respective accounts for a total of \$519,246.41 with City bills at \$157,163.12, Utility bills at \$196,576.25, Sewer bills at \$79,357.62, TIF-CDBG bills at \$450.00, and Capital Projects at \$85,699.42. Gross Payroll amounts for 01/27/2023 were \$45,208.63 with \$20,492.66 for City, \$16,204.46 for Utility and \$8,511.51 for Sewer. Gross Payroll amounts for 02/10/2023 were \$59,058.70 with \$35,088.84 for City, \$16,904.19 for Utility, and \$7,065.67 for Sewer. Motion carried on a roll call vote 6-0.

Committee Reports: None

Unfinished Business:

*Discussion and possible action for on call pay-*There was a motion by Adam, and seconded by Hagen to approve the proposed \$350 weekly on call for the electric department. Motion carried on a roll call vote 6-0.

New Business:

Discussion and possible action on Rural Development Payment- No action taken.

Possible approval of Resolution 2023-02: Resolution Authorizing the issuance and sale of up to \$942,809 water system revenue bonds, series 2023, and providing for other details and covenants with respect thereto, and approval of related \$1,178,508 financial assistance agreement.-There was a motion by Adam and a second by Sheckler to approve Resolution 2023-02. Motion carried on a roll call vote 6-0.

Possible approval of Resolution 2023-03: Resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of up to \$1,131,832 sewerage system revenue bonds, series 2023, and providing for other details and covenants with respect thereto, and approval of related \$1,414,790 financial assistance agreement.- There was a motion by Adam and a second by Sheckler to approve Resolution 2023-03. Motion carried on a roll call vote 6-0.

*Discussion and possible action on awarding bid for stump grinding-*There was a motion by Streif and a second by Hagen to award the bid to Klein Tree Service. Motion carried 6-0.

*Discussion and possible action on purchasing a new lawn mower-*There was a motion by Hagen, and a second by Day to approve the bid from Sloan to purchase a new lawn mower. Motion carried on a roll call vote 6-0.

*Discussion and possible action on purchasing a new broom for the Street Department-*There was a motion by Streif and a second by Adam to purchase the new broom from Sloan's. Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion and possible action on establishing wages and benefits for summer help

Discussion and possible action on hiring of WWTP/Water Superintendent

Discussion and possible action on hiring Community Development Manager

Consideration of moving into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. sec. 19.85(1)(c) for Item #11, 12, & 13 for the purpose of reviewing employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of city employees.

There was a motion by Adam and a second by Sheckler to go into Closed Session: Motion carried on a roll call vote 6-0.

Return to open session: There was a motion by Day and a second by Adam to return to open session. Motion carried 6-0.

Action, if any is required, to be taken in open session, on closed session matters.

There was a motion to Adam and a second by Day to establish the summer help wages as follows: New summer public works employee, under age 18 \$12.00. New summer public works employee, over age 18 \$13, returning summer public works employee \$14. New lifeguard \$12, returning lifeguard without WSI \$13, returning lifeguard with WSI \$14, and pool manager \$19.00. Pool staff will be offered a uniform allowance of \$200. Motion carried 6-0.

There was a motion by Chiefari, and a second by Adam to hire Jason Sheire as the new Water/WWTP Superintendent who will start on April 3rd, 2023 at \$31.03 per hour with 120 hours PTO to be used in 2023, and then earn leave as stated in the employee handbook. All in favor, motion carried 6-0.

There was a motion by Adam, and a second by Chiefari to hire Lydia McLimans as the new Community Development Manager who will start on April 3rd, 2023 with an annual salary of \$45,000 and 80 hours PTO to be used in 2023, and then earn leave as stated in the employee handbook, along with paid holidays and usable accrued sick time. All in favor, motion carried 6-0.

Comments and suggestions from Citizens present: None

Communications and recommendations from the mayor: Potentially a new monument in Memorial Park.

Schedule Committee meetings: Property & Infrastructure meeting Thursday March 23rd, 2023 at 5:30pm.

Adjourn: Motion by Streif, second by Day to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Ashley Walker, City Clerk

Ryan Boebel, Mayor
