

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FENNIMORE, GRANT COUNTY,
WISCONSIN HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 15TH, 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, Strack, Streif, and Hagen. City Clerk Ashley Walker and DPW John Murray 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 Day to approve the proof of posting and agenda. Motion carried 7-0.

Consent Agenda:

The following Operators were approved with a motion by Day and a second by Sheckler: Kathryn Brown, Christopher Fritz, Monica Fritz, Margaux Pascoe, Gary White, Christina Hill, Tiffany Halverson, Karolyn Graser, Britany Powers, and Brenda Orth. Motion carried 7-0.

Minutes of the preceding meeting. Approval of minutes if correct, and corrections of mistakes: The minutes from the April 18th, 2023 Organizational Meeting, and April 18th, 2023 Regular Meeting were approved with a motion by Adam, and a second by Streif. Motion carried 7-0.

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

Railroad Museum Board: Larry Beer, Sharon Beer, Sheldon Bartels, Rob Rands, Margaret Sprague all brought up their wish to keep the barn at the softball diamonds, and not remove it. Mayor Boebel assured the Board that no decisions have been made at this point, and it is just all discussion at this point.

Tree-Bench Memorial: Margaret Sprague, Tree Board is researching the style and prices of benches.

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 5/15/2023 Council claims with the breakdown of bills to their respective accounts for a total of \$323,966.03 with City bills at \$89,423.04 Utility bills at \$215,567.26, Sewer bills at \$18,975.73, TIF-CDBG bills at \$0, and Capital Projects at \$0. Gross Payroll amounts for 04/21/2023 were \$65,916.67 with \$36,883.65 for City, \$19,690.83 for Utility and \$9,342.19 for Sewer. Gross Payroll amounts for 05/05/2023 were \$61,653.56 with \$33,005.41 for City, \$21,408.80 for Utility, and \$7,239.35 for Sewer. Motion carried on a roll call vote 7-0.

Committee Reports: None

Unfinished Business:

Discussion and possible action on City reimbursement.

Discussion and possible action on BAIRD proposals.

Discussion and possible action on land acquisition.

Consideration of moving into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. sec. 19.85(1)(c) for Item A. for the purpose of reviewing employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of city employees, and pursuant to Wis. Stat. sec. 19.85(1)(e) for Item B & C which permits 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.

There was a motion by Day and a second by Streif to go adjourn to closed session at 6:54 p.m. Motion carried with a roll call vote 7-0.

Return to Open Session. There was a motion by Hagen and a second by Day to return to open session at 7:48pm. Motion carried 7-0.

No action taken on closed session items.

New Business:

Discussion and possible action on purchase of equipment-Boscobel has a leaf vac system for sale on WI Surplus. Bidding ends on May 24th.

Sewer and Jetter camera need to be replaced. Suggested that Murray talks to Ben Wood about sharing the purchase with another community, and see if other municipalities have a contract set up.

Murray will reach out to other organizations to see what their opinion is on replacing the bleachers at the ball diamonds, or if they have any other replacement suggestions.

Discussion and possible approval of new library board members-There was a motion by Streif, and a second by Day to approve Dennis Hofstetter and Stephanie Knapp as new members to the library board effective July 1st, and renewing Kathi Freymiller and Karen Jeardeau's terms.

Discussion and possible action on Change Order #2 for 2022 Street and Utility Improvements-There was a motion by Adam, and a second by Streif to approve the change order #2 for 2022 Street and Utility Improvements with a price adjustment of -\$55,097.86. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion and Possible action on Final Pay Application (#8) for 2022 Street and Utility Improvements-There was a motion by Chiefari, and a second by Streif to approve final pay application #8 for 2022 Street and Utility improvements. Motion carried on a roll call vote 7-0.

Discussion and possible action of landscaping at the pool-Update on landscaping the front of the pool, specifically the front of the pool. No action taken.

Discussion and possible action on status and activation of the civilian alert system-No action taken.

Discussion and possible action on mowing ordinance-Motion by Day, and a second by Hagen to remove noxious weed verbiage from Ordinance 17.025 (1).

Discussion and possible action to allow Police Department to purchase a vehicle-Motion by Day, and a second by Hagen to purchase a F-150 ½ ton crew cab truck for \$47,840.00. Motion carried on a roll call vote 7-0.

Comments and suggestions from Citizens present: None

Communications and recommendations from the mayor: Meetings scheduled regarding grant money, and separate meeting scheduled with Congressman Derrick Van Order regarding Energizer closing.

Schedule Committee meetings: None

Adjourn: Motion by Roth, second by Sheckler to adjourn at 6:27 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Ashley Walker, City Clerk

Ryan Boebel, Mayor
