

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FENNIMORE, GRANT COUNTY,
WISCONSIN HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH, 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, Roth, Day, Strack, Streif, and Hagen. Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Ashley Mumm 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 City Clerk-Treasurer. Motion by Streif, second by Day to approve the proof of posting and agenda. Motion carried 8-0.

Consent Agenda:

The following Operators were approved with a motion by Day and a second by Roth: Laquine Watters, Janell Lucious, and Susan Friederick. Motion carried 8-0.

Minutes of the preceding meeting. Approval of minutes if correct, and corrections of mistakes: The minutes from the October 16th, 2023 Regular Meeting and the November 6th, 2023 Emergency Council Meeting were approved with a motion by Streif, and a second by Strack. Motion carried 8-0.

Comments from Pre-registered Citizens: Tree Board Update was sent via email.

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 11/20/2023 Council claims with the breakdown of bills to their respective accounts for a total of \$521,548.08 with City bills at \$289,982.21, Utility bills at \$211,285.62, Sewer bills at \$18330.25, TIF-CDBG bills at \$1950.00 and Capital Projects at \$0. Gross Payroll amounts for 10/20/2023 were \$59,438.69 with \$35944.48 for City, \$16,510.62 for Utility and \$6,983.59 for Sewer. Gross Payroll amounts for 11/03/2023 were \$57,945.83 with \$33,659.33 for City, \$15,849.46 for Utility, and \$8,437.04 for Sewer. Motion carried on a roll call vote 8-0.

Committee Reports: None

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

*Discussion and possible action on adding additional no parking spots-*Tabled until an update to the ordinance is completed.

Notice of bid award on concrete for substations-No action.

*Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of Badger Books-*There was a motion by Sheckler, and a second by Roth to approve the purchase of Badger Books. Motion carried on a roll call vote 8-0.

Discussion and possible action on Change Order no. 1 for the Oakwood Park Storm Sewer Project- There was a motion by Streif, and a second by Sheckler to approve Change Order #1 for the Oakwood Storm Sewer Project. Motion carried on a roll call vote 8-0.

*Discussion and possible action regarding Contractor's application for payment no. 1 for Oakwood Park Storm Sewer Project-*There was a motion by Adam, and a second by Streif to approve the Contractor's Application for payment #1 for Oakwood Park Storm Sewer Project. Motion carried on a roll call vote 8-0.

*Discussion and possible action on police garage door replacement bid-*There was a motion by Day, and a second by Roth to go with Overhead Door Company of Dubuque for \$7,544. Motion carried on a roll call vote 8-0.

*Discussion and possible action on transferring the old squad to the DPW-*There was a motion by Day, and a second by Roth to approve the transfer of the 2015 SUV to the DPW to become a travel vehicle. Motion carried 8-0.

*Discussion and possible action on extending a driveway-*There was a motion by Adam and a second by Roth to approve Northern Natural Gas to extend their driveway with a 50 ft. culvert. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion and possible action on land acquisition

Discussion and possible action on Industrial Park lots

Discussion and possible action on City lots

Discussion and possible action on employee negotiations

Discussion and possible action on approving PTO payout

There was a motion by Roth and a second by Adam to consider moving into closed session. Motion carried on a roll call vote 8-0.

Return to open session: There was a motion by Roth and a second by Streif to return to open session. Motion carried 8-0.

There was a motion by Adam, and a second by Roth to Survey the two lots on Roosevelt St for potential sale. Motion carried 8-0.

There was a motion by Adam, and a second by Strack to approve the PTO payout. Motion carried 8-0.

There was a motion by Adam, and a second by Hagen to approve the following employee negotiations for 2024:

- Utility Superintendent wage is \$45.87, Journeyman is \$43.33, not to exempt the utility department from the annual percentage increase.
- Meter Tech will receive \$.50 for each step of the apprenticeship program; currently a 3-step program.
- Police officer will go to \$34 an hour.
- Increase part-time library clerk to \$13.65 an hour.

- Water/WWTP clothing will go to \$600 annually.
- On-Call of \$225 was approved for Streets (\$29 weekdays, and \$40 weekends), and \$300 for Water/WWTP (\$35 weekdays, and \$55 weekdays)
- Boot allowance increased to \$250.
- DPW amended 2023 contract to include a \$14,000 bonus to be paid upon the final paycheck for calendar year 2023.

There was a motion by Adam, and a second by Strack to approve the PTO payout. Motion carried 8-0.

Comments and suggestions from Citizens present: None

Communications and recommendations from the mayor

Schedule Committee meetings: Monday, November 27th, 2023 is the Budget Hearing for the City of Fennimore

Adjourn: Motion by Roth, second by Strack to adjourn at 7:19 p.m. Motion carried 8-0.

Ashley Edge, City Clerk-Treasurer

Ryan Boebel, Mayor
