

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FENNIMORE, GRANT COUNTY,
WISCONSIN HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 15TH, 2024**

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. Chiefari, Sheckler, Roth, Strack, Streif, and Hagen. DPW, John Murray, and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Ashley Mumm 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 City Clerk-Treasurer. Motion by Streif, second by Strack to approve the proof of posting and agenda. Motion carried 6-0.

Consent Agenda:

The following Operators were approved with a motion by Hagen and a second by Sheckler: Hailey Compton. Motion carried 6-0.

Minutes of the preceding meeting. Approval of minutes if correct, and corrections of mistakes: The minutes from the December 15th, 2024 was approved with a motion by Streif, and a second by Strack. Motion carried 6-0.

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 12/18/2023 Council claims with the breakdown of bills to their respective accounts for a total of \$697,178.12 with City bills at \$459,186.28, Utility bills at \$210,931.32, Sewer bills at \$27,060.52, TIF-CDBG bills at \$0 and Capital Projects at \$0. Gross Payroll amounts for 12/29/2023 were \$72,978.12 with \$36,445.04 for City, \$25,067.14 for Utility and \$11,465.94 for Sewer. Gross Payroll amounts for 01/12/2024 were \$60,664.50 with \$37,956.17 for City, \$14,544.69 for Utility, and \$8,163.64 for Sewer. Motion carried on a roll call vote 6-0.

Committee Reports: None

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Possible approval to action on refunding tax overpayment: Last year's tax assessment on a house on Wilson St had the incorrect assessed value. Council asked that we reach out to our assessor to get more information. Tabled.

Discussion and possible approval of food in the gymnasium: There was a motion by Roth, and a second by Hagen to allow food in the drinks in the Memorial Building Gymnasium for the gathering. Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion and possible action on beginning a Job Shadow/Youth training program: Jordan Fritche, John Murray, and Justin Tollefson have met with CESA and SWTC to initiate a job training program within the City of Fennimore. Mayor Boebel will reach out to City Attorney, Ben Wood, to ensure liability coverage, and a policy.

Discussion and possible action on updating the Personnel Practices Manual for clothing payout: There was a motion by Streif, and a second by Roth to amend the manual as per Council's discussion, to payout the clothing allowance on the first paycheck in January of each year. Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion and possible action on adding a moratorium to prohibit storage containers in residential areas: There was a motion by Roth, and a second by Sheckler to approve the moratorium on storage containers, to allow the Zoning Inspector time to create additional information in our current Zoning Ordinance to prohibit the use of storage containers in residential areas. Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion and possible action on employee negotiations

Discussion and possible approval of a personnel transfer from Public Works Maintenance to Water/WWTP Operator

Discussion and possible approval of hiring a Journeyman Line Worker

Discussion and possible approval of promotion of Journeyman Line Worker

Discussion and possible approval of promotion of Water/WWTP Operator

Discussion and possible action on land purchase/offer

There was a motion by Roth and a second by Streif to consider moving into closed session at 6:09 pm. Motion carried on a roll call vote 6-0.

Return to open session: There was a motion by Streif and a second by Strack to return to open session at 7:19pm. Motion carried 6-0.

There was a motion by Roth, and a second from Hagen to approve John Schmitt's contract.

There was a motion by Roth, and a second by Hagen to approve a bonus for Ashley Edge, and Ashley Mumm. Motion carried 6-0.

There was a motion by Roth, and a second by Sheckler to approve a bonus for Eddie Ward. Motion carried 6-0.

There was a motion by Roth, and a second by Hagen to approve the transfer of Zack McLimans to the Water/Wastewater Department. Motion carried 6-0.

There was a motion by Roth, and second by Strack to approve Justin Tollefson to receive an additional \$1 an hour per hour, and take responsibility for water reports. Motion carried 6-0.

There was a motion by Roth, and a second by Hagen to approve Jordon Dyer as Electric Superintendent beginning January 20th, 2024, giving him 4 weeks of PTO, and still allowing him to receive the meter tech additional pay of \$0.50 per year. Motion carried 6-0.

There was a motion, and a second by Hagen to approve candidate #1 for the Journeyman Lineman position. Motion carried 6-0.

Comments and suggestions from Citizens present: None

Communications and recommendations from the mayor

Schedule Committee meetings

Adjourn: Motion by Roth, second by Strack to adjourn at 7:27 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Ashley Edge, City Clerk-Treasurer

Ryan Boebel, Mayor
