MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FENNIMORE, GRANT COUNTY, WISCONSIN HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH, 2025

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, Kretschman, Roth, Day, Strack, Streif, and Hagen. Director of Public Works Anthony Downing, and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer, Ashley Mumm were also in attendance.

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 Deputy Clerk-Treasurer. Motion by Streif, second by Strack to approve the proof of posting and agenda. Motion carried 7-0.

Public Hearing on 2026 City Budget: The public hearing began at 5:31pm by Mayor Boebel. Margaret Sprague asked about the $300,000 for the library expansion. Discussion was had regarding where and how the funds would be obtained, but it was determined that it wouldn't affect the 2026 budget as presented. There was a motion by Streif, and a second by Roth to close the public hearing and resume the regular meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

Consent Agenda:

The following Operators were approved: Jennifer Ohlhauser, Bailey Miller, Amanda Abing. There was a motion by Day, and a second by Strack to approve the Operator's licenses. Motion carried 7-0.

Minutes of the preceding meeting. Approval of minutes if correct, and corrections of mistakes: The minutes from the October 20th, 2025 Regular Meeting with a motion by Streif, and a second by Kretschman. Motion carried 7-0.

Comments from Pre-registered Citizens:

Reports of Officers:
Clerk
DPW
Chief of Police

Presentation of accounts and other claims against the city: There was a motion by Streif and a second by Strack to approve the 11/17/2025 Council claims with the breakdown of bills to their respective accounts for a total of $483,531.81 with City bills at $79,677.46, Utility bills at $181,948.58 Sewer bills at $206,117.91, TIF-CDBG bills at $0, and Capital Projects at $15,787.86. Gross Payroll amounts for 10/31/2025 were $63,700.39 with $34,338.88 for City, $21,931.25 for Utility and $7,430.26 for Sewer. Gross Payroll amounts for 11/14/2025 were $64,765.23 with $35,585.99 for City, $20,800.44 for Utility and $8,378.80 for Sewer. Motion carried on a roll call vote 7-0.

Committee Reports:
Unfinished Business:
Tree Board Update-Margaret Sprague

Discussion on park maintenance: Mayor Boebel will reach out to Attorney, Ben Wood to draft up an MOU between the City and Marsden Park Board of Trustees to define roles and responsibilities.

New Business:

Discussion and possible action on engagement letter from Johnson Block: There was a motion by Day, and a second by Streif to approve the engagement letter from Johnson Block. Motion carried on a roll call vote 7-0.

Discussion and possible action on Chamber Bucks for employees: There was a motion by Day, and a second by Roth to approve $50 in Chamber Bucks for full-time employees, and $25 in Chamber Bucks for part-time employees. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion and possible action on food and beverages in the gymnasium May 24th: There was a motion by Day, and a second by Strack to approve having food and beverages in the gymnasium on May 24, 2026. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion and possible action on updating alternate for UMMEG: There was a motion by Day, and a second by Streif to approve the removal of Jordon Dyer, and add Anthony Downing at the UMMEG alternate. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion and possible action on updating the Schedule of Fees: There was a motion by Day, and a second by Roth to approve the 2% Administration Fee be added to the Schedule of Fees. Motion carried 7-0. DPW, Downing, will check with the County regarding a dumping fee for brush site.

Discussion and possible action on water tower bids: Tabled to get additional bids and totals.

Discussion and possible action to amend Chapter 1 Ordinance 2025-11-17: There was a motion by Day, and a second by Roth to approve the amendment to Chapter 1 Ordinance 2025-11-17. Motion carried on a roll call vote 7-0.

Discussion and possible action on the 2026 City Budget: There was a motion by Streif, and a second by Day to approve the 2026 city budget. Motion carried on a roll call vote 7-0.

Resolution 2025-11-17A, appropriating the necessary funds for the operation of the government and administration of the City of Fennimore, Grant County, Wisconsin for the year 2026: There was a motion by Day, and a second by Streif to approve Resolution 2025-11-17A. Motion carried on a roll call vote 7-0.

Discussion and possible action on approval of MOU with WPPA
Discussion and possible approval of conditional offer of employment and reimbursement agreement

There was a motion by Day and a second by Streif to consider moving into closed session at 6:13 pm. Motion carried on a roll call vote 7-0.

Return to open session: There was a motion by Roth and a second by Day to return to open session at 6:22 pm. Motion carried 7-0.

There was a motion by Kretschman, and a second by Streif to approve the MOU with the WPPA. Motion carried with a roll call vote 7-0.

There was a motion by Day, and a second by Chiefari to approve the offer of employment and the reimbursement agreement. Motion carried 7-0.

Comments and suggestions from Citizens present:

Communications and recommendations from the mayor: Mayor Boebel is showing SWTC vacant lots for potential student housing locations.

Schedule Committee meetings:

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

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Ashley Edge, City Clerk-Treasurer

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Ryan Boebel, Mayor