MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FENNIMORE, GRANT COUNTY, WISCONSIN HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th, 2026

The Regular Council meeting of the Common Council was called to order by Mayor Rob Krantz at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call was taken with the following alderpersons answering present. Adam, Lippert, Kretschman, Roth, Strack, Streif, and Hagen.

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 7-0.

Consent Agenda:

The following Operators were approved: Jamie Dilley, William Simmons Jr, Olivia Stelpflug, Ashley Meyer, Becky, Stietz. There was a motion by Hagen, and a second by Strack to approve the Operators Licenses. Motion carried 7-0.

Minutes of the preceding meeting. Approval of minutes if correct, and corrections of mistakes: The minutes from August 17th, 2026 and September 21st, 2026 were approved with a motion by Adam, 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 Kretschman to approve the 09/28/2026 Council claims with the breakdown of bills to their respective accounts for a total of $816,228.49 with City bills at $603,414.39, Utility bills at $162,839.93, Sewer bills at $41,664.53, TIF-CDBG bills at $791.26, and Capital Projects at $7,518.38. Gross Payroll amounts for 08/21/2026 were $82,440.98 with $49,032.47 for City, $22,688.95 for Utility and $10,719.56 for Sewer. Gross Payroll amounts for 09/04/2026 were $79,457.13 with $47,637.47 for City, $22,084.51 for Utility and $9,735.15 for Sewer. Gorr Payroll amounts for 09/18/2026 were $71,848.98 with $38,406.99 for City, $22,066.91 for Utility, and $11,375.08 for Sewer. Motion carried on a roll call vote 7-0.

Committee Reports:
Unfinished Business:
New Business:

Discussion and possible action on Doll & Toy Museum Collections: There was a motion by Streif, and a second by Strack to approve the sale of the City of Fennimore's Doll & Toy Collection to the Doll & Toy Museum for $1. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion and possible action on sewer reimbursement: Chad Fry had a sewer backup in his house resulting in him being charged $427.50. DPW, Downing, stated that the cause was in the main, and was verified by cameras. There was a motion by Adam, and a second by Roth to approve the payment of $427.50. Motion carried 6-0 with Strack abstaining.

Discussion and possible action on Building and Zoning Violations: After much discussion on 1580 4th St about having the property be in compliance for building and zoning codes, there was a motion by Adam, and a second by Roth to request the building and zoning inspector provide the property owner a detailed list of items that need to be brought to compliance, the property owner will then have 30 days to comply. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion and possible action on Grid Iron Agreement: Joe Grimme was present to discuss the history of the Grid Iron, and the Handshake agreement that took place many years ago when the Grid Iron gave the city the football field, and the concession stand. The suggestion was made by Alder Adam to update the Property Use Agreement to reflect the Grid Iron having priority and make them exempt from fees. This was be presented at the next meeting. No action taken.

Discussion and possible action on Railroad Museum Building Fees: There was a motion by Hagen, and a second by Streif to waive the building permit fees required to update the electricity panel. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion and possible action on speed signs: Discussion was had whether or not council felt it was necessary to have four speed signs at each entrance of Fennimore. Council suggested asking Police Chief if he could find any grants to help pay for a speed sign, and asked to check with Tennyson to get information about their speed sign. No action taken.

Discussion and possible action on allowing food and drinks in gymnasium: There was a motion by Strack, and a second by Kretschman to approve food and non-alcoholic drink in the gymnasium on November 13th, 2026 for the Sportsmans Banquet. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion and possible action on EMS funding
Discussion and possible action on CDM position
Discussion and possible action on library financial request
Discussion and possible action on Land Rental

There was a motion by Roth and a second by Kretschman to consider moving into closed session at 6:15 pm. Motion carried on a roll call vote 7-0.

Return to open session: There was a motion by Adam and a second by Roth to return to open session at 7:44 pm. Motion carried 7-0

There was a motion by Adam and a second by Roth to approve $125,000 to put toward the library, asking the local banks for bids for a three year term. Motion carried on a roll call vote 7-0.

Comments and suggestions from Citizens present:
Communications and recommendations from the mayor:
Schedule Committee meetings: Personnel & Administrative meeting scheduled for October 12th, 2026 at 4:30pm.

Adjourn: Motion by Roth, second by Strack to adjourn at 7:49 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

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Ashley Edge, City Clerk-Treasurer

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Robert Krantz, Mayor