

**CITY OF CORNELL**  
**MINUTES OF ORGANIZATIONAL COMMON COUNCIL MEETING**  
**APRIL 18, 2023**

7:00 p.m. Mayor Mark Larson called the organizational council meeting to order at the City Council Chambers. The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence honoring all individuals that have or are protecting our freedom. Minutes taken by Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer DeJongh.

Council members present: Floyd Hickethier, Bill Kvapil, Steve Turany, Terry Smith, Sandra Schecklman and Debra Semanko.

Guests present: Ashley Carothers, Bri Lahodik, Chris Wolff, Ginna Young and Police Chief Glenn Rehberg.

DeJongh orally swore in the newly elected officials – Council members Floyd Hickethier, Sandra Schecklman & Debra Semanko.

Motion Hickethier, seconded Smith to accept the agenda as printed. Carried 6 ayes.

Motion Turany, seconded Smith to approve the regular council meeting minutes of April 6, 2023. Carried 6 ayes.

Turany reported on Finance Committee Meeting held earlier.

Motion Hickethier, Seconded Kvapil to nominate Steve Turany as Council President. Carried 5 ayes, Turany abstained.

Motion Turany, seconded Smith to approve Mayor Larson's appointment of City Officials & Committees dated April 18, 2023. Carried 6 ayes.

Chris Wolff and Bri Lahodik introduced themselves as prospective buyers of Big T's Bar at 116 Main St. They've applied for the appropriate alcohol licenses and if they're able to close on it the Council will act on at their next regular meeting.

DeJongh reported that J & M Displays has provided a proposal that sets the shell count the same as last year 1603 and for the same price of \$5640. Necessary paperwork and check have now gone out for the July 3<sup>rd</sup> fireworks to take advantage of the discounts if paid by April 20<sup>th</sup>.

Motion Kvapil, Seconded Smith to approve bills totaling \$58,241.04. Roll Call Vote Carried 6 ayes.

A Thank You was given to the newly elected Council members for taking an interest in City government.

Council Member Schecklman reported that the ATV Club is considering changing the date for the Cornell ATV rally since Jim Falls club was going to be running an ATV event on August 26<sup>th</sup>.

Forthcoming Events:

- Special Garbage Pick-up April 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Outdoor Edventure, Mill Yard Park – April 30<sup>th</sup> 11:00am – 2:00 pm.

- American Legion Auxiliary Chicken dinner – April 23
- Board of Review – May 3rd.
- Cornell PD hosting a conceal carry course – April 29<sup>th</sup> .

Ashley Carothers reported that Chippewa County Health Department is now dispensing NARCAN to residents interested in carrying them for precautionary purposes.

Motion Hickethier, Seconded Smith to adjourn. Carried 6 ayes.

Adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

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Date Approved

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Mark Larson, Mayor

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David DeJongh, Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer