

**CITY OF CORNELL  
MINUTES OF COMMON COUNCIL MEETING  
MAY 18, 2023**

7:00 p.m. Mayor Mark Larson called the regular 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: Steve Turany, Terry Smith, Bill Kvapil, Sandra Schecklman, Deb Semanko and Floyd Hickethier.

Guests present: Ginna Young, Glenn Rehberg and at 7:08pm Ryan Salzman.

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

Motion Smith, seconded Turany to approve the regular council meeting minutes of May 4, 2023 with changes asked for by Schecklman. Carried 6 ayes.

Ginna commented how nice the new pavement on South 8<sup>th</sup> St turned out.

Hickethier reported on the recent joint Fire / Rescue Squad Board Meeting. The land has been cleared for a second station in Holcombe. Things are on hold until they locate another truck.

Hickethier also reported that the Police Commission and Police Chief are working on filling some positions. Chief Rehberg reported that Ryan Salzman has offered his resignation as a full-time officer. Mayor and Council thanked Ryan for his service and told him to be safe. Ryan will continue as a part-time officer.

Motion Turany, Seconded Smith to approve a Contract for Independent Maintenance Assessing with Prochnow Assessing for contact years 2024-2026 for annual compensation of \$7500. Carried 6 ayes.

DeJongh provided legislative update on proposals being made to change shared revenue to local governments. The current proposal shows that Cornell would receive an estimated 11.2% more.

DeJongh reported that there is interest in the open city positions and he's working on getting those filled.

Motion Turany, Seconded Kvapil to approve bills totaling \$103,013.65. Roll Call Vote Carried 6 ayes.

Police Chief Rehberg officially recognized officer Ryan Salzman on his drug enforcement work for the department.

DeJongh reported on efforts to educate the public on trying to keep grass clippings out of the storm sewer.

DeJongh reported that he felt there was a need for the city to adopt zoning ordinance amendments to allow for 0 setbacks to accommodate the Twin Home concept.

DeJongh mentioned that the LRIP project (S 8<sup>th</sup> St from Polzin Rd to Baribeau Rd has been paved with binder. Derek is working on getting pricing to do paving overlays when Monarch is back in town to complete 2<sup>nd</sup> paving lift.

Forthcoming Events.

- Chippewa Valley Century Ride May 28, 2023.
- May 29th – Memorial Day Parade, Ceremony at Cornell Cemetery after parade
- Cornell Fair – June 16th-18th

Ginna reported that the Farmer's Market at the Mill Yard Park will be on Tuesdays at the Mill Yard Pavilion beginning on June 20, 2023 through September 26, 2023.

Turany reported that there will be a Main Street Committee meeting on Tuesday evening, May 30 at the Mill Yard pavilion. Anyone is invited.

Hickethier reported that he would like to see the City purchase some sweeping equipment to maintain City sidewalks and trails.

Motion Smith, Seconded Kvapil to adjourn. Carried 5 ayes, 1 absent.

Adjourned at 7:20 pm

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Date Approved

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Mark Larson, Mayor

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David DeJongh, Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer