

**CITY OF CORNELL  
MINUTES OF COMMON COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 3, 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, Debra Semanko and Floyd Hickethier.

Guests present: Buck Steele, Ashley Carothers & Ginna Young.

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

Motion Smith, seconded Kvapil to approve the regular council meeting minutes of July 20, 2023. Carried 6 ayes.

Turany reported on Finance Committee Meeting held earlier.

Hickethier reported on Ambulance Board Meeting held on August 2, 2023. Amy Clark will be the new service director following Robin Stender's resignation.

Semanko reported on Library Board Meeting held on August 2, 2023. Board met with a representative from the IFLS who provided guidance on Wisconsin library operations.

Mayor Larson introduced Ashley Carothers who inquired about using the Council Chambers for the County's Spirit of Christmas distribution event scheduled for December 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> free of charge. Elected officials saw no problem with her request and thanked her for spearheading it locally.

DeJongh reported that the closing on the sale of city-owned lots 4 & 5 Brunet Estates occurred last Thursday.

Elected officials reviewed the police recruitment status update provided by Chief Rehberg. In addition, DeJongh reported that Kristine Hemenway was hired to replace Tracy Roper-Beachem who retired from the police secretary position. Rachelle Johnson was hired to replace Ellen Nodolf who retired from the custodial duties at the City Office and Police Dept.

DeJongh reported that the Wis DNR is requesting that the City update its current Floodplain ordinance. The DNR has provided a draft ordinance that is being reviewed by the City Attorney and will need to be acted on in the future.

The budget worksheets are out for the committees to start working on the 2024 budget.

Motion Turany, Seconded Smith to approve bills totaling \$100,761.95. Roll Call Vote Carried 6 ayes.

Ashley Carothers reported the County public health department is making Narcan nasal sprays available free of charge to the public.

Forthcoming Events.

- Farmer's Market on Tuesdays at MY pavilion starting June 20<sup>th</sup>
- Y on the Fly program starting at the Mill Yard Park Tuesday starting July 11
- Day in the Life of a Consumer – August 8, 2023.
- Cornell Lions Club Golf Tournament – August 12, 2023

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

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