

**CITY OF CORNELL
MINUTES OF COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 16, 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 and Floyd Hickethier. Absent: Debra Semanko

Guests present: Ginna Young, Bri Lahodik & Chris Wolff.

Motion Hickethier, Seconded Smith to accept the agenda as printed. Carried 5 ayes, 1 absent.

Motion Smith, seconded Turany to approve the regular council meeting minutes of November 2, 2023. Carried 5 ayes, 1 absent.

Turany reported on Finance Committee Meeting held earlier.

The City recently requested proposals to provide curbside recycling services for its residents for 2024-2028. All municipalities in Wisconsin are required to provide recycling services. Cornell receives approximately \$10,300 in recycling grants to provide these services. Finance Committee recommended selecting GFL Environmental Inc. because of their pricing over the 5 years and services offered were more similar to what is being offered this year including a Spring & Fall large item pick-up. Residents have the ability to contract with whoever to provide their garbage services. The Council is also recommending recovering recycling costs not covered by the state grant through a special charge on residential monthly city utility bills.

Motion Turany, Seconded Smith to contract with GFL Environmental Inc. to provide curb side recycling services on a every other week basis for its residential customers for 2024-2028. Carried 5 ayes, 1 absent.

Finance Chairman Steve Turany reported that the Committee is recommending a \$1.25/hr. across the board wage increase for all union, full-time and hourly part-time employees for 2024.

Motion Turany, Seconded Smith to approve Teamster Union Contract for 2024. Carried 5 ayes, 1 absent.

Motion Turany, Seconded Smith to approve 2024 wage schedules as presented for all part-time and full-time City employees. Carried 5 ayes, 1 absent.

Mayor Larson provided reminder of the Spring Election for Mayor and three council seat positions. Nomination papers can start being circulated on December 1, 2023.

DeJongh reported on the Nov. 10, 2023 Chippewa County – Municipal Street Improvement Program meeting held in Chippewa Falls. Cornell will not receive any allocated county MSILT Funds this next biennium. The City will be submitting an application for MSI D/S funds to complete Bates Street Reconstruction. Hoping to also apply for CDBG-PF funds for Bates St and N. 5th Street.

Motion Turany, Seconded Smith to approve Memorandum of Understanding with Chippewa County to provide Statewide Voter Registration System services for the City for 2024 for \$490. Carried 5 ayes, 1 absent.

Motion Hickethier, Seconded Kvapil to approve presenting full-time and regularly scheduled part-time employees with a \$25 gift card for the grocery store for the holidays. Carried 5 ayes, 1 absent.

Motion Turany, Seconded Smith to approve bills totaling \$36,784.82. Roll Call Vote Carried 5 ayes. Semanko absent.

Forthcoming Events.

- Kids Community Christmas Dec 2nd 11am – 1pm at the Cornell High School.
- Soup with Santa at LH school on Dec 3rd.
- Huddle-Up is sponsoring a Thanksgiving Dinner for anyone interested

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

Adjourned at 7:32 pm

Date Approved

Mark Larson, Mayor

David DeJongh, Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer