

**CITY OF CORNELL
MINUTES OF COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 2, 2023**

6:30 p.m. Mayor Mark Larson opened the 2024 Budget Public Hearing at 6:30 pm.

Council members present: Terry Smith, Bill Kvapil, Sandra Schecklman, Debra Semanko and Floyd Hickethier. Guest present: Ginna Young.

DeJongh highlighted the proposed 2024 Budget. No one from the public attended the hearing or had any questions.

Public Hearing was adjourned at 6:45pm.

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.

Guest present: Ginna Young.

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 October 19, 2023. Carried 6 ayes.

Smith reported on City Works Committee Meeting of October 21, 2023. Committee met with local truck drivers to discuss travel and parking on city streets which are mainly classified Class B roads.

Semanko reported on Library Board Meeting. Board is looking for someone to clear sidewalks during the winter.

Turany reported on Finance Committee Meeting held earlier.

Motion Hickethier, Seconded Smith to approve Ordinance #23-5 adopting the 2024 Budget. Carried 6 ayes.

DeJongh reminded elected officials of the Spring Election for local positions. Nomination papers can start being circulated on December 1, 2023.

Chippewa County Tourism office is looking for activity photos for the City of Cornell ad for the new tourism guide. Photo credits will be given. Ginna reported that she had emailed pictures directly to the tourism office.

Cornell Police Department announced the hiring of full-time police officer Grant Kjellberg.

Motion Smith, Seconded Turany to approve bills totaling \$281,055.61. Roll Call Vote Carried 6 ayes.

Forthcoming Events.

- Winter night parking restrictions start on November 1st.
- Veteran's Day program is scheduled at the High School on Friday, Oct 10th at 12:30 pm.

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

Adjourned at 7:28 pm

Date Approved

Mark Larson, Mayor

David DeJongh, Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer