

**CITY OF CORNELL
MINUTES OF COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 21, 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.

Guest present: 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 December 7, 2023. Carried 6 ayes.

Turany reported on Finance Committee Meeting held earlier and on December 20, 2023.

Motion Turany, Seconded Smith to approve appointment of election inspectors / special voting deputies for the term 2024-2025 as presented on December 21, 2023 correspondence. Carried 6 ayes.

Motion Turany, Seconded Hickethier to approve the appointment of Ryan Salzman to Cornell Police Chief at a rate of pay of \$35.75/hr. with 3 weeks vacation upfront. Roll Call Vote Turany, Hickethier, Semanko and Smith cast yes votes. Schecklman and Kvapil cast no votes. Carried 4 ayes, 2 nays.

Motion Turany, Seconded Smith to approve engagement letter with Bauman Associates to perform audit/accounting services for 2023 for a figure not to exceed \$35,000. Carried 6 ayes.

Motion Turany, Seconded Smith to approve Resolution #23-6 Guaranteeing Cornell Area Fire Department loans up to \$339,293 to purchase new equipment. Carried 6 ayes.

No action on Resolution #23-7.

Motion Hickethier, Seconded Smith to approve final payment application #3 from Haas Sons Inc. in the amount of \$151,014.16 regarding completion of Riverfront Trail Construction. Carried 6 ayes.

Motion Smith, Seconded Turany to approve Timber Sale Administration proposal received from Dunlap Land and Wildlife Mgmt LLC to oversee the timber sales on city property at old airport and gun range / gravel pit. Carried 6 ayes.

Motion Turany, Seconded Smith to approve dates of April 16, 2024 for Open Book and May 1, 2024 for Board of Review. Carried 6 ayes.

Mayor and Council acknowledged Dan Osborn's email of Dec. 11th 2023 regarding his interpretation of new legislation regarding liquor licensing.

City officials are reminded the filing deadline for nomination papers is January 2, 2024.

Motion Kvapil, Seconded Smith to approve bills totaling \$223,174.01. Roll Call Vote Carried 6 ayes.

Forthcoming Events.

- Spaghetti Dinner /Donkey Basketball fundraiser – January 6, 2024 at 5:30pm CHS
- Huddle-up serving Christmas Eve Lunch.
- WEDC representative Ray French would like to talk Main Street Revitalization on Jan 18th.

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

Adjourned at 7:35 pm

Date Approved

Mark Larson, Mayor

David DeJongh, Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer