

**CITY OF CORNELL
MINUTES OF COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 1, 2024**

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: Ginna Young & Buck Steele.

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 January 18, 2024. Carried 6 ayes.

Buck Steele reported on county board efforts addressing the shutdown announcements of St. Joseph / Sacred Heart hospitals and Prevea clinics.

Schecklman reported on Fire Board Meeting of January 24, 2024. Firefighters are now being trained to assist EMTs if needed in areas such as bariatric patients and administering CPR. The compensation has been increased for firefighter personnel. The satellite station in Lake Holcombe is waiting on DNR review and approval.

Schecklman reported that forming a Main Street committee is still work in progress.

DeJongh reported that the City will not have a February primary this year and the Spring Presidential Preference election will be held on April 2, 2024.

Motion Smith, Seconded Kvapil to approve bills totaling \$41,378.07. Roll Call Vote Carried 6 ayes.

DeJongh provided school solar update that was on the agenda of the earlier held Finance Committee meeting. It was City Attorney Gierhart's opinion based on court decisions interpreting Wis. Stat. sec. 66.0401 that the City's zoning ordinance would not be enforceable with respect to regulating placement of solar panels.

Forthcoming Events.

- Candlelight sledding and cross-country ski event Feb 10th Brunet Island State Park Pavilion. Weather permitting.

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

Adjourned at 7:23 pm

Date Approved

Mark Larson, Mayor

David DeJongh, Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer