

**CITY OF CORNELL
MINUTES OF COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 15, 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 & Pam Guthman.

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 February 1, 2024. Carried 6 ayes.

Pam Guthman introduced herself as a candidate running for county board for our district this spring. She provided some background of her education and work history and discussed the challenges she sees that are facing the county in the future.

Turany reported on Finance Committee meeting held earlier. CDBG-CV Riverfront Trail project is closing out. The City will be receiving \$659,700 in grant funding with a \$15,000 match in local funds used for grant administration. Committee reviewed and recommended approving fireworks proposal from J&M Displays for July 3rd display. Timber bids were reviewed and it was the recommendation to accept the high bid submitted by S & S Forestry Plus LLP. DeJongh reported on recent P-T hires. Megan Mercer was hired as custodian of City Office, Police Dept. and City shop. Jackie Campeau was hired as secretary at the City Shop.

DeJongh reported that on Feb 14th the Mayor and himself took part in the loan closings with Dairyland Power and Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative. The City of Cornell is co-signing on these Cornell Area Fire Dept. loans of \$237,000 to purchase new equipment.

Motion Turany, Seconded Smith to award the city timber sale to the high bidder S&S Forestry Plus LLP in the amount of \$25,332. Carried 6 ayes.

Motion Smith, Seconded Kvapil to approve the July 3rd fireworks proposal from J&M Displays in the amount of \$5640. Carried 6 ayes.

Motion Hickethier, Seconded Smith to approve bills totaling \$421,755.79. Roll Call Vote Carried 6 ayes.

Forthcoming Events.

- American Legion 9 pin tap – March 2nd.
- Kids Easter Egg Hunt at the City Park – March 16th.

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

Adjourned at 7:23 pm

Date Approved

Mark Larson, Mayor

David DeJongh, Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer