

**CITY OF CORNELL  
MINUTES OF COMMON COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 7, 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: Todd Koch, Bri Lahodik, 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 February 15, 2024. Carried 6 ayes.

Todd Koch introduced himself as a fiscally conservative write-in candidate for district 2 Chippewa County Board this Spring Election. He felt his background as a retired fire fighter / EMT would benefit our district on the Board. If elected he would push for more county roads being open for ATV/UTV travel.

Motion Hickethier, Seconded Smith to approve resolution approving amendments to the Cornell Area Ambulance Service Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement recommended by the ambulance board. Carried 6 ayes.

Semanko reported on recent Library Board meeting. Board received letter of resignation from director Denise Korenuk.

Motion Turany, Seconded Smith to approve Offer to Purchase received from Better Built Inc. to purchase Lots 7,8 & 9 of Brunet Estates for the total asking price of \$38,501.00. Carried 6 ayes.

DeJongh reported that the City received a signed contract back on the recent timber sale with S&S Forestry Plus LLP along with their down payment.

The City received a Class A Beer and Class A Liquor license application from CAPL LLC for premises at 713 Bridge Street. This will be acted on at the next meeting.

Motion Turany, Seconded Smith to approve amended engineering agreement with Cedar Corp. for Bates and N. 5<sup>th</sup> street projects. Carried 6 ayes.

DeJongh reported that Daryl Pries has withdrawn his name from the police chief hiring process.

Motion Smith, Seconded Hickethier to approve bills totaling \$38,619.73. Roll Call Vote Carried 6 ayes.

Schecklman reported that 6 individuals have volunteered to work on a Main Street economic development committee. Also, through fund raising efforts Huddle Up was able to raise \$350 for the July 3<sup>rd</sup> Fireworks.

Turany inquired with County Board representative Buck Steele on progress being made on the announced closure of Prevea Clinics and HSHS hospital facilities in Eau Claire and Chippewa Falls area. Steele reported that the hospitals would now be closing on March 22<sup>nd</sup> with not much hope of delaying that or finding someone else to take them over.

Forthcoming Events.

- Kids Easter Egg Hunt at the City Park – March 16<sup>th</sup>.
- St. Patrick’s Day Story time – Library -March 16<sup>th</sup> 10am.
- Spring Election – April 2, 2024
- Gun show Cornell High School – weekend of March 16<sup>th</sup>.

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

Adjourned at 7:52 pm

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Date Approved

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Mark Larson, Mayor

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David DeJongh, Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer