

**CITY OF CORNELL
MINUTES OF COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 4, 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 and Floyd Hickethier. Absent: Debra Semanko.

Guests present: Melanie McManus, Ashley Carothers, & Ginna Young .

Motion Hickethier, Seconded Smith to accept the agenda as printed. Carried 5 ayes, 1 absent.

Motion Smith, seconded Kvapil to approve the regular council meeting minutes of March 21, 2024. Carried 5 ayes, 1 absent.

Melanie McManus, Chippewa County Register of Deeds was at the meeting to provide information regarding property fraud which is occurring in other parts of the country. There have been cases where fraudulent documents have been recorded to make it look like they own the home or property. Property owner can now sign up for an early warning system should fraud activity take place, so the appropriate action can be taken.

Ashley Carothers also provided information on a Red Cross project called Sound the Alarm. Red Cross is teaming up with the Cornell Area Fire Department to install up to 4 free smoke alarms and provide fire safety information to area residents. Residents can register online or call the CAFC. Event to take place in the Cornell/Lake Holcombe area on April 20th from 9am to noon.

Turany reported on the Finance Committee Meeting of April 1st 2024.

Motion Turany, Seconded Smith to approve a certified survey map proposing a land division for the property located at 24988 STH 64. Carried 5 ayes, 1 absent.

Kvapil provided an update on ATV/UTV travel on public roads in this part of Chippewa County. CTH Z is anticipated to be open for ATV/UTV travel on May 11th. He explained that with the City Council's approval state highway sections with speed limits of 35 mph and under can be opened for travel. In the near future he would like the Council to consider opening Bridge St / STH 64 from Park Rd to S. Riverside Dr / CTH CC and that portion of CTH CC in the City.

Motion Turany, Seconded Smith to approve bills totaling \$62,106.14. Roll Call Vote Carried 5 ayes, Semanko absent.

Council had no problem with Derek Braun setting minimums if needed on upcoming auction items.

Forthcoming Events.

- Assessor's Open Book- April 16th 2:30-4:30pm in the Council Chambers
- Board of Review – May 1st, 4-6pm.
- Organizational Meeting is set for the 3rd Tuesday, April 16, 2024
- CDBG-PF Public Hearing April 18, 2024 at 6:30pm
- Missing Persons Awareness – Month of April – Green Lights on Bridge St.
- Legion Auxiliary Chicken Dinner – April 21st starting at 11am till gone

Turany wanted to thank everyone that was part of bringing the gun show to Cornell last weekend and the thousands of people it attracted.

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

Adjourned at 7:37 pm

Date Approved

Mark Larson, Mayor

David DeJongh, Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer