**CITY OF CORNELL**

**MINUTES OF COMMON COUNCIL MEETING**

**JUNE 6, 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, Officer Luke Abbate, Sheriff Travis Hakes, Kelsey Podgarnik, Brent Stickney, Miles Palmer, Denise Korenuk, John Thompson, David Ash, Jane Ash, Nancy Hickethier, Valerie Stickney, Sam J. Meier, Cara Meier and Darrel Palmer. .

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 May 16, 2024. Carried 6 ayes.

Smith reported on City Works Committee Meeting of May 17th 2024.Committee met with resident, 308 N. 8th St. to hear their concerns regarding their water drainage issues.

Turany reported on Buildings, Parks & Rec. Committee Meeting of May 28th. Committee met with Miles Palmer and Tyrel Sikora to consider present and future major updates to the Mill Yard Skateboard Park. Sandra Schecklman also shared marketing/promotion ideas that her Main Street group has come up with for the City of Cornell.

Turany reported on Finance Committee Meeting held earlier. Committee met with Chippewa County Sheriff Travis Hakes to discuss police coverage issues the City was having with the chief position open and one officer off a month for military training. He offered alternatives for the coverage. The City was most interested in paying the county officer’s actual wage while working a shift in Cornell which could be time and a half if working overtime. The County would then bill the City.

Residents from S 8th Street were at meeting to express concerns about living near Dan Osborn, 921 S 8th Street. They inquired about his ability to operate a winery and now pretty much a bar in a mostly residential neighborhood. It was explained that the area is zoned Agriculture and business uses could be permitted on a conditional use basis per City ordinances. It was also explained that the State changed the law in December concerning regulation of wineries. The Dept. of Revenue now issues Full-Service Retail licenses to wineries that allows them to also sell beer and liquor which has been obtained by Mr. Osborn. It was recommended that residents either contact the Police Department if it was felt laws or ordinances were being broken or put a petition together by area residents expressing their concerns.

John Thompson from IFLS provided background on a Flexible Facilities Grant Program that has 107 million dollars to grant out for library and community center capital projects. A minimum of 25 applicants will receive $4,250,000. Library representatives indicated that they had the roughly $13,000 available to prepare an application.

Motion Turany, Seconded Hickethier to endorse an application to pursue this grant for library capital improvements. Carried 6 ayes.

Motion Smith, Seconded Kvapil to approve Resolution #24-8 Compliance Maintenance Report indicating review of the performance of the Wastewater Treatment Plant in 2023. Carried 6 ayes.

Motion Turany, Seconded Smith to approve the following alcohol beverage application for the July 1st, 2024 to June 30, 2025 term approval and issuance contingent on ordinance restrictions being met: A Class B Beer and Class B Liquor License to Huddle Up Pub LLC for premises at 216 Main St. Roll Call Vote Carried 4 ayes Kvapil and Schecklman abstained.

Motion Turany, Seconded Smith to approve the following alcohol beverage applications for the July 1st, 2024 to June 30, 2025 term approval and issuance contingent on ordinance restrictions being met: A Class A Beer and Class A Liquor license to CAPL Retail, LLC for premises at 713 Bridge St., KJ’s of Wis Inc. for premises at 522 Bridge St. & Cenergy LLC for premises at 600 Bridge Street, & Two Stores LLC for premises at 425 S. 3rd Street. A Class B Beer and Class B Liquor License to: Weinsch-Gilbert-Patten-Gillett Post 353 for premises at 309 S. 2nd St., & Lori Johnson for premises at 118-120 Main Street. A Class B Beer and Class C Wine to Sam’s Place & Diner for premises at 401 Bridge St. A Class B Beer to Infinite Exteriors as Moonridge Brewing Company LLC for premises located at 501 Bridge Street. Roll Call Vote Carried 6 ayes.

Motion Turany, Seconded Kvapil to advertise for an individual to market Cornell. The position would be part-time approximately 500-600 hours a year be able to work out of their home with wages based on qualifications. Carried 6 ayes.

Motion Smith, Seconded Turany to approve bills totaling $186,362.85. Roll Call Vote Carried 6 ayes.

Forthcoming Events.

* Ribbon Cutting – Our Nawakwa, 25336 CTH E Cornell – June 20, 3:30pm.
* Cornell Fair June 14-16th.
* Farmer’s Market Tuesdays at MY pavilion starting June 18th 4-6pm.

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

Adjourned at 7:55 pm

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Mark Larson, Mayor David DeJongh, Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer