**CITY OF CORNELL**

**MINUTES OF COMMON COUNCIL MEETING**

**JULY 18, 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: Bri Lahodik, Matt Hansen, Ashley Carothers & Ginna Young. .

Motion Hickethier, Seconded Smith to accept the agenda as printed. Carried 6 ayes.

Motion Hickethier, seconded Turany to approve the regular council meeting minutes of July 1, 2024. Carried 6 ayes.

Smith reported on Public Works Committee Committee Meeting held July 12th. Committee reviewed possible street projects with City Shop Supervisor Derek Braun.

Turany reported on Finance Committee Meetings of July 9th. Committee met in closed session.

Schecklman reported on Fire Board Meeting of July 17th. Fire Department has 39 volunteer fire fighters and has responded to 61 incidences this year so far.

Hickethier reported on Ambulance Board meeting of July 10th. Board approved the purchase of a new ambulance.

Matt Hanson, Chippewa County Forest Administrator, has been meeting with different municipalities getting their feelings on the county’s purchase of close to 2200 acres and making it recreational land in addition to providing a 4-mile corridor for a portion of the Ice Age Trail. To purchase the county would be applying for multiple pots of money. The property currently generates over $29,000 in annual real estate taxes. Council members indicated they would be talking with their constitutes and would like to discuss further at an upcoming meeting possibly September 19th.

Members of the Farmer’s Market Committee inquired about paying $1.00 per night to have the market continue at the Mill Yard Park Pavilion. Up to this point they haven’t paid any rent but felt the nominal rental fee would entitle them to bring in food trucks.

Motion Turany, Seconded Smith to charge the The Farmer’s Market Committee a $1.00 per event for the Mill Yard Park pavilion rental. Carried 6 ayes.

Motion Turany, Seconded Smith to approve an engineering agreement with Cedar Corp. to complete an analysis for dealing with phosphorus limits at the wastewater treatment plant. It would be a time and materials contract not to exceed $13,500. Carried 6 ayes.

Motion Kvapil, Seconded Smith to approve bills totaling $66,956.10. Roll Call Vote Carried 6 ayes.

Forthcoming Events.

* Farmer’s Market Xmas in July with Food Truck – July 30th Mill Yard Park 4-6pm.
* High Ground bicycle riders will be having lunch at the Legion Aug 3rd 9:30-11am.
* National Night Out- July 29th – 6-8pm at the Mill Yard Park.
* ATV Rally – Aug 24th.

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

Adjourned at 8:07 pm

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