**CITY OF CORNELL**

**MINUTES OF COMMON COUNCIL MEETING**

**AUGUST 1, 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: Harley Thompson, Donna Hoel, Mary Roth, Sue Howard, Doug Carlson, Vicki Keller, Everett Davis, Andrew Johnson, Sue Hartzell & Ginna Young. .

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

Motion Smith, seconded Kvapil to approve the regular council meeting minutes of July 18, 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 and then discussed looking at new platforms for the City’s website.

President Mary Roth and members of the Cornell Cemetery Assoc. were at meeting to update the City Council on the current financial status of the association. The Association was established in 1927 and operates the Cemetery. Over the last 10 years income has been down and expenses have risen significantly creating losses to their fund balance. They are working on ways to stay solvent one of which is seeking contributions from the municipality. If the Cemetery Association runs out of funds the cemetery, then falls under the City of Cornell by state statue 157.115. The City Council will discuss further at upcoming budget meetings.

DeJongh reported that the Bates Street CDBG-PF application scored just under the awarded applications. Cornell would be next in line if someone doesn’t take their award or if additional funds are added to the program.

Motion Turany, Seconded Smith to approve the closure of Main Street between 2nd and 3rd Street between the hours of 4-11pm for ATV Rally on August 24th and allow the consumption of alcohol on the street. Carried 6 ayes.

2025 Budget Worksheets are now out. Committees can start working on their budgets.

Motion Kvapil, Seconded Smith to approve bills totaling $124,664.81. Roll Call Vote Carried 6 ayes.

Andrew Johnson asked the City Council to consider addressing two concerns related to juvenile run aways that he thought may help affected families.

1. Have the City owned Parks close at 10 pm the same time as curfew.
2. Ask city officials to use their spheres of influence to encourage families to know what their children are up to and what their children’s friend’s parents’ communication expectations are.

Forthcoming Events.

* Partisan Primary – August 13, 2024.
* High Ground bicycle riders will be having lunch at the Legion Aug 3rd 9:30-11am.
* Cornell Lions Golf Tournament - August 10th
* ATV Rally – Aug 24th.

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

Adjourned at 8:09 pm

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