

**CITY OF CORNELL
MINUTES OF COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 3, 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, Debra Semanko, Bill Kvapil, Sandra Schecklman and Floyd Hickethier.

Guests present: Ginna Young & Bruce Johnson.

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 September 19, 2024. Carried 6 ayes.

Bruce Johnson, city property owner expressed his opinion that he was not in favor of the county acquisition of private land outside of Cornell for Ice Age Trail development.

Turany reported on Finance Committee meeting of October 3rd. Committee met in closed session to consider police department employment. Committee met the new city marketing manager Sami Caswell. They also discussed the county purchase of private land outside of Cornell for Ice Age Trail development and provide other recreational activities. Nobody was in favor of the county purchase and taking the land off the tax roll. It was decided to place the topic on the next council agenda for discussion and possible action.

Motion Turany, Seconded Smith to approve certified survey maps submitted by Denzine Surveying for property owned by J & M Larson Rentals LLC, Jeff Larson agent, property located 704/808 S. 3rd Street. Carried 6 ayes.

DeJongh reported on a local veteran Ron Jiskra's effort to get state legislation passed that would give veterans free admission to Wisconsin State Parks as a way of saying Thank You. If members of the public supported this initiative, he asks that they contact their legislators supporting Senate Bill 693 and Assembly Bill 769.

Chippewa County Public Health will be providing free nitrate screening on private water supplies brought into the Council chambers on Tuesday, Oct 15th from 2-6 pm.

Motion Turany, Seconded Smith to support the Mayor's Proclamation of having the following recommended hours: Trunk or Treat at the Mill Yard Park 4-5pm – Trick or Treat 4-6pm in the City. Carried 6 ayes.

Motion Smith, Seconded Kvapil to approve bills totaling \$65,748.67. Roll Call Vote Carried 6 ayes.

Forthcoming Events.

- Special Garbage Day – Tuesday, October 15, 2024
- Overview of “Day in the Life” Chip Cty Human Services – Oct 29th.
- Trunk or Treat event at Mill Yard Park – Oct. 31st.

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

Adjourned at 7:24 pm

Oct. 17, 2024
Date Approved

Mark E Larson
Mark Larson, Mayor

David DeJongh
David DeJongh, Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer