**CITY OF CORNELL**

**MINUTES OF COMMON COUNCIL MEETING**

**DECEMBER 5, 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, Debra Semanko, Bill Kvapil, Terry Smith & Floyd Hickethier. Absent: Sandra Schecklman.

Guest present: Ginna Young.

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

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

Ginna reported that the City Shop contacted her and the city ice rink is now open at the Mill Yard Park.

Motion Turany, Seconded Kvapil to approve hiring John Kosterman as the police chief. Rate of pay $38.50/hr. with 4 weeks’ vacation starting out and thereafter on anniversary date and prorated the year when employment ends. Carried 5 ayes, 1 absent.

Motion Turany, Seconded Kvapil to approve Memorandum of Understanding with Chippewa County to provide Statewide Voter Registration services for the City for 2025. Carried 5 ayes, 1 absent.

Reminder was given that circulation of nomination papers started on Dec 1st for the 3 Council seats that are up at the Spring election.

Motion Kvapil, Seconded Smith to approve bills totaling $64,622.30. Roll Call Vote Carried 5 ayes, Schecklman absent.

Forthcoming Events.

* Kids Community Christmas Dec 7th 11am-1pm at Cornell High School.

Motion Kvapil, Seconded Hickethier to adjourn. Carried 5 ayes, 1 absent.

Adjourned at 7:17 pm

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