

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF FENNIMORE, GRANT COUNTY, WISCONSIN
HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2007**

This meeting was called to order by Mayor Charles Stenner at 6:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following alderpersons answering present: Gerald Bollant, Sara Brodt, Dan Bender, Dave Streif, Jon Miles, Greg Fry, Marcia Bahl and Linda Stephenson. Others present: Mike Wish, Mary Freymiller, Correne Morgan, Dave Kurth, Adam Day, Police Chief Rick Kreul, Atty. Eileen Brownlee, DPW John Murphy and Clerk Margaret Sprague.

Proof in the form of a certificate of public notice given as required by Section 19.84, Wisc. Stats, as to the holding of this meeting, was presented by the Clerk. Motion by Streif second by Brodt to approve the proof of posting and agenda. Carried.

Mayor Stenner announced that the matters in agenda item #3, presentation and review of Wholesale Power Agreement between the City of Fennimore and Dairyland Power Cooperative, and agenda item #4, stipulation for election to join IBEW Local 965 (clerical staff), were of a nature that consideration to go into closed session would be appropriate as authorized by Wisc. Stats. 19.85(1)(e) being deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.

Motion by Brodt second by Bender to go into closed session on the matters in agenda item #3, presentation and review of Wholesale Power Agreement between the City of Fennimore and Dairyland Power Cooperative, and agenda item #4, stipulation for election to join IBEW Local 965 (clerical staff), as authorized by Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(e). Upon roll call vote all alderpersons present voted aye. Carried.

The council went into closed session at approx. 6:01 p.m.

The council returned to open session at approx. 7:20 p.m.

Mayor Stenner opened the public hearing on the 2008 City budget. The purpose of the hearing was to receive public comments concerning the budget. The City Clerk reviewed the budget summary of revenues, expenses, proposed tax levy and new debt.

The hearing was closed at approx. 7:30 p.m.

Motion by Streif second by Brodt to approve the minutes of the November 26, 2007, regular meeting as printed by the Clerk. Carried.

Motion by Streif second by Stephenson to override the Mayor's veto of action from the November 26th council meeting authorizing \$2,000 be designated for 2008 advertising expenses for the Doll & Toy Museum from 2007 carryover funds. Upon roll call vote, voting aye: Bollant, Bender, Streif, Miles, Bahl and Stephenson. Voting no: Brodt and Fry. Carried. Veto overridden.

Motion by Stephenson second by Brodt to approve the November Police Report as presented. Carried.

Motion by Streif second by Brodt to approve the December Director of Public Works Report as presented. Carried.

Motion by Miles second by Brodt to approve the purchase of a neighborhood electric vehicle from Honda Motorwërks, LaCrosse, at a cost of \$9,549 and accept a gift from an anonymous donor in the amount of \$4,000 toward the purchase of the vehicle. Upon roll call vote, voting aye: Brodt, Bender, Streif and Miles. Voting no: Bollant, Fry, Bahl and Stephenson. There being a tie vote, Mayor Stenner voted aye. Carried.

Motion by Bollant second by Stephenson to approve the purchase of a forklift from Capital Equipment and Handling at a cost of \$20,287 for use in the recycling department. Upon roll call vote, voting aye: Bollant, Brodt, Bender, Miles, Fry, Bahl and Stephenson. Voting no: Streif. Carried.

Motion by Streif second by Brodt to approve the purchase of \$15 in chamber bucks certificates for each regular City employee as their 2007 Christmas gift. Carried.

Motion by Streif second by Bahl to add approx. 5 work hours per week to Cindy Smith's employment to provide cleaning services at the Memorial Building; total hours worked per week at the Library and Memorial Building not to exceed 10 hours; and that the rate of pay be \$10 per hour for these janitorial services. Carried.

Motion by Bender second by Streif to approve the minutes of the December 3rd Streets, Sanitation & Recycling Committee meeting including the following recommendations: a) that the yield signs at 13th and Monroe (controlling eastbound-westbound traffic) and 13th and Madison (controlling eastbound-westbound traffic) be changed to stop signs; b) that vehicles over 21 feet in length be prohibited from parking on the north side of LaFollette Street between Switzer Road and Bronson Boulevard; and c) that K-D Engineering be authorized to prepare design documents for the 2008 street projects, hourly rates to be the same as 2007 rates. Carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 250 entitled "AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE NECESSARY FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF FENNIMORE, GRANT COUNTY, WISCONSIN FOR THE YEAR 2008" was introduced. Motion by Miles second by Brodt to adopt Ordinance No. 250. Upon roll call vote all alderpersons present voted aye. Carried.

The Finance Committee presented claims of \$58,498.65 - General City; \$67,097.85 - Utility; \$19,532.02- Sewer; and \$45,317.34- November 30th payroll. Motion by Fry second by Streif that these bills be approved and paid by the proper officials. Upon roll call vote all alderpersons present voted aye. Carried.

Motion by Brodt second by Streif to adjourn. Carried.

This meeting was adjourned at approx. 8:30 p.m.