

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF FENNIMORE, GRANT COUNTY, WISCONSIN  
HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2007**

This meeting was called to order by Mayor Charles Stenner at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following alderpersons answering present: Linda Stephenson, Sara Brodt, Dan Bender, Dave Streif, Jon Miles (late), Greg Fry and Marcia Bahl. Absent: Gerald Bollant. Others present: Mary Freymiller, Barb Lenz, Eugene Korb, Wilfred Christopherson, Lyle Lang, Sheldon Bartels, Dale Vogel, Doris Ann Wachter, Dave Stenner, Ila Jo Graser, Rob and Karla Rands, Jeri Novinska, Teresa Ashmore, Don Noyes, Sherry Swim, Linda & Larry Watchorn, Gerald O'Brien, Correne Morgan, 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 Brodt second by Streif to approve the proof of posting and agenda. Carried.

Ald. Miles arrived at approx. 7:02 p.m.

A public hearing was held on proposed fees and regulations for the garbage and recycling programs to be considered later in the meeting as part of the updating of Chapter 12 of the Municipal Code. Several citizens spoke in opposition to the proposed fees. They feel the cost of operating the garbage and recycling programs should be collected through property taxes rather than user fees—they feel it is more equitable and they can take it as a tax deduction. Some objected to the weekly limit on garbage because although they would typically be below the limit, on occasion they may need to set out a few extra bags. A few of those present spoke in support of using the fee system and setting limits to encourage more recycling. Implementing the user fee also puts the responsibility on the tenant rather than the landlord for the service. Some business owners expressed concerns about the fee for their small amount of garbage—learned they can opt out of City service. Several objected to the fee reduction for "snowbirds" included in the proposed ordinance. Mayor Stenner explained that the remainder of 2007 is a trial period for the fees and regulations. The program will be reviewed this fall and necessary changes made for 2008.

The hearing was closed at 8:25 p.m.

Consideration of the ordinance to update Chapter 12 of the Municipal Code was moved up on the agenda due to the large crowd being interested in the council's decision on the matter.

Ordinance No. 247 entitled "AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND RECREATING CHAPTER 12 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF FENNIMORE, GRANT COUNTY, WISCONSIN" was introduced. Motion by Stephenson second by Bender to adopt Ordinance No. 247, removing the provision in 12.02(6)(d)(i) for a fee reduction for unoccupied residential units. Upon roll call vote, voting aye: Stephenson, Brodt, Bender, Miles and Bahl. Voting no: Streif and Fry. Carried.

Motion by Miles second by Brodt to approve the minutes of the May 29, 2007, regular meeting and May 31, 2007 special meeting as printed by the Clerk. Carried.

Motion by Streif second by Fry to approve the request of Midwest Builders to have a driveway opening of approx. 58 feet at their office at 1410 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Carried.

Motion by Streif second by Brodt to grant operator's licenses to the following: Rhonda M. Blabaum, Jessica M. Hilger, Kimberly M. Sweeney, Gail A. Hall, Gwendolyn M. Arms, Shari M. Lewis, Joseph D. Klais, Dawn (Napp) Dechow, Erica S. Fjelsted, Cathy Gabel, Lee A. Faith, Elizabeth T. Goss, Lisa A. Edge, Jay Stimart and Eric D. Kreul. Carried.

Motion by Bender second by Brodt to approve the request of the Chamber of Commerce for a special Class "B" beer license for the July 28<sup>th</sup> Jack Hammer Party on Lincoln Avenue at 7<sup>th</sup> Street; and the request to close the street for the event as presented. Carried.

Motion by Stephenson second by Bahl to approve the March Director of Public Works Report as presented. Carried.

DPW John Murphy gave an update on activities relating to the Lincoln Avenue reconstruction project. Motion by Bender second by Brodt to approve the DPW report on the Lincoln Avenue project as presented. Carried.

Motion by Streif second by Fry to approve the reappointment of Jim Nelson to the Library Board for a 3-year term. Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 6-11-07 entitled "RESOLUTION APPROVING 2006 COMPLIANCE MAINTENANCE ANNUAL REPORT FOR CITY OF FENNIMORE WASTEWATER SYSTEM" was introduced. Motion by Streif second by Stephenson to adopt Resolution No. 6-11-07. Upon roll call vote all alderpersons present voted aye. Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 6-11-07-A entitled RESOLUTION AWARDDING THE SALE OF \$1,200,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION PROMISSORY NOTES; PROVIDING THE FORM OF THE NOTES; AND LEVYING A TAX IN CONNECTION THEREWITH" was introduced. Motion by Miles second by Stephenson to adopt Resolution No. 6-11-07-A. Upon roll call vote all alderpersons present voted aye. Carried.

The Finance Committee presented claims of \$289,673.63 - General City; \$18,072.11 - Utility; \$15,106.29- Sewer; and \$46,530.06- June 8<sup>th</sup> 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. 9:10 p.m.