

**CITY OF CORNELL
MINUTES OF COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 3, 2025**

7:00 p.m. Mayor Mark Larson called the regular council meeting to order at the City Council Chambers. The meeting opened with Mayor Larson leading the pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silence honoring Council Member Terry Smith all individuals that have or are protecting our freedom. Minutes taken by Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer DeJongh.

Council members present: Bill Kvapil, Sandra Schecklman, Deb Semanko, & Floyd Hickethier.
Absent: Steve Turany.

Guests present: Police Chief John Kosterman, David Hoel, Pam Guthman, Ginna Young, at 7:10 pm Ashley Carothers and Leslie Porter.

Motion Hickethier, Seconded Kvapil to accept the agenda as printed. Carried 4 ayes, 1 absent.

Motion Hickethier, seconded Kvapil to approve the regular council meeting minutes of March 20, 2025. Carried 4 ayes, 1 absent.

Mayor Larson thanked Sandra Schecklman for her service on the City Council.

Motion Kvapil, Seconded Hickethier to approve request for unlimited transfer full-service retail outlet for Wisconsin Veterans Farm LLC for Mill Yard pavilion on May 2nd & 3rd 2025 with no restrictions. Carried 4 ayes, 1 absent.

DeJongh reported that the Board of Zoning Appeals will be meeting on Monday at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers to discuss a conditional use permit request by Dan Osborn / Jeff & Millissa Larson to allow the manufacture, blending, bottling and labeling of alcoholic beverages at 808 S. 3rd Street zoned M-1 Industrial.

Police Chief John Kosterman provided an update on happenings at the Police Dept. since taking over the end of December. He welcomed the elected officials to stop by if they had questions or concerns – open door policy.

DeJongh reported that he and Derek have been working with attorney Anita Gallucci on updating the City's pole attachment agreement to present to Brightspeed for their fiber build this summer. Copies of draft agreement are available in the City Office.

July 3rd Fireworks fundraising efforts were discussed.

Senator Jessie James is having a listening session on April 11th 12pm – 1pm in the City Council Chambers.

Motion Kvapil, Seconded Semanko to approve bills totaling \$79,870.73. Roll Call Vote Carried 4 ayes. Turany absent.

Ashley Carothers reviewed her educational background and reported that she has been temporarily hired by the Cornell Library.

Forthcoming Events.

- Organizational Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday April 15th 7pm.
- Cornell Community Easter Egg Hunt – April 19th at 9am City Park
- Celebrate Earth Day at Camp Nawakwa Tuesday, April 22nd
- Special Garbage Day – April 22nd.
- Open Book – April 23rd 4-6pm
- Outdoor Edventures – Sunday, April 27th Mill Yard Park Pavilion.
- Next week is national Library week.
- Green lights on poles on Bridge St are meant to bring awareness to Missing Persons.

Motion Hickethier, Seconded Semanko to adjourn. Carried 4 ayes, 1 absent.

Adjourned at 7:30 pm

Date Approved

Mark Larson, Mayor

David DeJongh, Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer