

City of Comfrey Minutes
October 14, 2025 at 6:30 PM
Comfrey Community Center

The City Council of Comfrey met in regular session on Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at 6:30 PM in the community center with council members Arnsdorf, Evers, Kastner and Redman present. Also in attendance were S Berberich and City Attorney M Muske. Mayor Richter presided.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

The agenda was reviewed with CERTS grant application for the library added under new business.

The September 9, 2025 regular meeting minutes were approved on a motion made by Redman, second by Evers and carried unanimously with correction of typo.

Total bills in the amount of \$146,646.36 were reviewed and approved on a motion made by Redman, second by Arnsdorf and carried unanimously.

A resolution expressing acceptance and appreciation for a donation from Christensen Farms to the fire department of \$250. Motion made by Arnsdorf, second by Kastner and carried unanimously.

The September financial report was reviewed and approved on a motion made by Redman, second by Evers and carried unanimously.

Berberich informed the council both plants are running well.

Fire Chief Berberich reported the Relief Association Bingo Fundraiser has been scheduled for November 22nd with the first responders holding a barbeque sandwich supper prior to bingo. The council accepted the resignation from Karl Winterfeldt from the fire department as of August 30, 2025 on a motion made by Arnsdorf, second by Evers and carried unanimously.

The first responders also presented the resignation of Karl Winterfeldt and Grace Winterfeldt. A motion was made by Evers, second by Arnsdorf and carried unanimously to accept the resignation of Karl Winterfeldt as of October 10, 2025. A motion was made by Redman, second by Kastner and carried unanimously to accept the resignation of Grace Winterfeldt as of October 10, 2025.

The library will receive an increase of \$649 in county aid next year. They have started to update the job descriptions for the library director position. The library will be hosting several events in October.

The police report was reviewed.

A solar contract from Scheffler Energy, LLC was reviewed by the council. Attorney Muske has also reviewed the contract and his questions were forwarded to MPCA for their input and approval to meet grant guidelines. Kelly received confirmation back from MPCA that the contract is allowable under the grant. A motion was made by Redman, second by Evers, motion carried with Councilor Kastner abstaining from vote.

The new community center tables have been delivered and are set up in section C until the old tables are picked up. Bethel church in Mt. Lake did purchase 25 and the 10 remaining tables were donated to the school as discussed at an earlier meeting.

Fiber internet has no start dates yet. After talking to one of the contractors, they are still waiting on equipment to be delivered to the main building and connection with Nuvera.

Guidelines for Minnesota Paid Leave Law are being reviewed and will be presented at a future meeting.

The snow removal contract with Heiderscheidt Digging for the upcoming season was reviewed with rates staying the same as last year at \$130 per hour for the trucks and \$200 per

hour for the backhoe. The contract was approved on a motion made by Redman, second by Arnsdorf and carried unanimously.

The council approved waiving the fee for community center rental for the upcoming training session for Bridging Brown County on a motion made by Arnsdorf, second by Evers and carried unanimously.

An email from Brown County Sheriff Jason Seidl stated the solar speed signs are in along with the additional brackets to be able to rotate the sign to all three entrances into Comfrey. The additional cost for the brackets and posts will be covered by extra funds from the grant. Brown County Highway Department will be in touch with Berberich to get the posts installed.

Mayor Richter informed the council of a CERTS grant available for a lighting project and he has reached out to the school in regards to applying on behalf of the library and preschool area. Region 9 would help with the application process.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion made by Arnsdorf, second by Evers at 7:16 PM.