

City of Comfrey Minutes
February 11, 2025 at 6:30 PM
Comfrey Community Center

The City Council of Comfrey met in regular session on Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 6:30 PM in the community center with all council members present. Also in attendance were J Veerkamp, and Attorney Paul Muske. Mayor Richter presided.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

The agenda was reviewed with Waste Water Treatment Plant Solar Grant and radar speed signs added under new business.

The January 7, 2025 regular meeting minutes were approved on a motion made by Arnsdorf, second by Evers and carried unanimously.

Total bills in the amount of \$34,637.01 were reviewed and approved on a motion made by Redman, second by Kastner and carried unanimously.

A resolution expressing acceptance and appreciation for donations from the Adrian Township Trust to the fire department of \$50 and first responders of \$50; Farmward Cooperative and Land O' Lakes to the fire department of \$500 and the first responders of \$500; the First Responder Association to the first responders for \$2074.11 and a memorial from the family of Janette Pidde to the library of \$360 and the first responders of \$385 on a motion made by Arnsdorf, second by Evers and carried unanimously.

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

No maintenance report of fire department report.

First responder Captain Jill Veerkamp reminded council of the chili feed fundraiser of March 2, 2025.

Library board January minutes were reviewed. The board approved the purchase of a new monitor with donations received for the patron computer.

The police report was reviewed.

The selling of the police squad was discussed again. Mayor Richter will reach out to Lamberton one last time. Putting it out for bids was also discussed but the full decals, equipment and lights removal would be an additional expense before it could be sold. A motion was made by Arnsdorf, second by Kastner and carried unanimously to sell to the security company, as is, for \$10,000 if there is no interest from Lamberton.

No new updates on the cannabis agreement with the counties. Attorney Muske is going to look into further.

The annual report was reviewed by Clerk Kelly and approved on a motion made by Redman, second by Kastner and carried unanimously.

The City of Comfrey was selected for an Implementation Grant for Wastewater Resilience in the amount of \$123,300 to install solar panels at the waste water treatment plant. The City of Comfrey would be required to contribute matching funds of \$13,700 with total project costs at \$137,000. The city has been asked to send additional information to MPCA before they will fully award the grant. Councilor Kastner expressed concerns over the additional costs of maintenance and expenses to keep the solar panels working. Clerk Kelly will work with Region 9 to send the additional documents requested and try to get additional information on maintenance costs. A motion was made by Redman, second by Evers to move forward with the grant information requests. The motion was approved with all councilors voting yes but council Kastner voting no.

The Brown County Sheriff's Department would like to apply for a SHIP grant for two radar speed signs that would be placed in Comfrey and Hanska. The city could be required to contribute a one-time upfront cost of \$0 to \$500 for the project. A motion was made by Evers, second by Kastner and carried unanimously to apply for the SHIP grant.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion made by Arnsdorf, second by Evers at 7:33 PM.