

City of Comfrey Minutes
July 9, 2024 at 6:30 PM
Comfrey Community Center

The City Council of Comfrey met in regular session on Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at 6:30 PM in the community center with all council members present. Also in attendance were S Berberich, J Veerkamp, C Schleif and Attorney Matthew Muske. Mayor Richter presided.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

The agenda was reviewed with no additions.

The June 11, 2024 regular meeting minutes were approved on motion made by Arnsdorf, second by Evers and carried unanimously.

Total bills in the amount of \$54,683.32 were reviewed and approved on a motion made by Redman, second by Arnsdorf and carried unanimously.

A resolution expressing acceptance and appreciation for memorial donations to the fire department of \$500 and the library of \$100 from the Linda Hesse family and a donation from the Comfrey Lions Club of an emergency wound kit for the community center on a motion made by Evers, second by Redman and carried unanimously.

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

Berberich reported the rebuilt light post is up and working well. Berberich discussed the need for someone else to take over the Emergency Manager position for the city. It is difficult for him to do when he is also working for the city in emergency situations such as a flood event. Discussion was had about the upcoming Comfrey Community Day Celebration and spraying for mosquitos. A motion was made by Arnsdorf, second by Kastner and carried unanimously to spray for the event. Review of a quote from Pollardwater for an additional trash pump was discussed. A motion was made by Redman, second by Kastner and carried unanimously to purchase the trash pump for flood events at a cost of \$4258.63

The fire department and first responders had nothing new to report.

The library budget put together by the library board was reviewed and approved on a motion made by Evers, second by Redman and carried unanimously.

The police report was reviewed.

The zoning commission held a public hearing before tonight's council meeting and would like to recommend to approve a building permit to Mike and Jennifer Redman to allow a variance from the maximum sidewall height and maximum square footage allowable for the construction of a garage/storage building, with 18'4" sidewalls and approximately 3,888 square feet. A motion was made by Arnsdorf, second by Kastner and carried unanimously to approve the zoning variance and permit.

A motion was made by Kastner, second by Arnsdorf and carried unanimously to assign the address of 419 Brown St W for the new storage building being built by the Redman's on the property recently annexed into the city, located next to the property address of 416 Brown St W.

The hay lease agreement currently held by Charles Schleif was reviewed and discussed with Mr. Schleif. His intent is to be done with the agreement and recommended assigning the lease agreement to Jerney Pidde. A motion was made by Kastner, second by Evers and carried unanimously to terminate the current agreement and update the lease with Jeremy Pidde as the Lessee. Attorney Paul Muske will be contacted to update the Lease Agreement.

The 2024 ambulance service rates will be discussed once additional information is received.

A gambling permit for St. Paul's Catholic Church Raffle on October 27, 2024 was approved on a motion made by Arnsdorf, second by Evers and carried unanimously.

The long-range planning meeting was scheduled for August 14, 2024 at 6:30 by a motion made by Arnsdorf, second by Kastner and carried unanimously.

Chuck Schleif had a couple questions regarding road weight limits on city roads and how far North Dewey Ave continued as a road vs a private alley or property. The council will do some research to see if any action needs to be taken.

The meeting was adjourned on motion made by Arnsdorf, second by Kastner at 7:20 p.m.