

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

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

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

The agenda was reviewed with Springfield Food Shelf added under new business.

The February 11, 2025 regular meeting minutes were approved on a motion made by Arnsdorf, second by Redman and carried unanimously.

Total bills in the amount of \$68239.56 were reviewed and approved on a motion made by Arnsdorf, second by Evers and carried unanimously.

A resolution expressing acceptance and appreciation for memorial donations from the Marie Evers Family to the first responders of \$60; the Marge Schwaegerl Family to the library of \$80; the Bucky and Idelle Schottle Family to the City for \$1000 towards a new lawn mower; an anonymous donation to the City for \$500; and a donation from Triple V Concrete to the fire department of \$2000 on a motion made by Arnsdorf, second by Redman and carried unanimously.

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

Berberich reported the large leak finally surfaced on Broad Street and has been repaired. Flows have gone from 60,000 a day down to 24,000 to 25,000 per day. This should lead to savings for the city in chemicals and pump maintenance. The police Explorer has been sold and picked up.

No new updates for the fire department.

No new updates for the first responders.

Library board will meet later this month.

The police report was reviewed.

No new updates on the cannabis agreement with the counties.

A letter from the Springfield Food Shelf was shared asking for a donation for operating expenses. They are still extremely busy and expenses continue to rise. A motion was made by Kastner, second by Redman and carried unanimously to grant \$1000 to the food shelf.

City Auditor Sara Oberloh was present and reviewed our 2024 financial audit. The opinion was the financial statements fairly represent the financial condition of the city and a clean audit opinion was given. No legal compliance issues. Motion by Redman, second by Evers and carried unanimously to accept the audit review.

A hearing was set before the Planning and Zoning Commission to consider the request of Dan and Jessica Riordan to allow a variance from the maximum square footage allowable for the construction of a garage with approximately 2000 square feet of floor area, attached to a residential structure for Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 6:00 pm in the Comfrey Community Center on a motion made by Evers, second by Arnsdorf and carried unanimously.

A public hearing was also set by the Comfrey Economic Development Authority on Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 6:15 pm for the purpose to consider the proposed sale of real estate described as Lots 1 and 2, Block 1, Samuelson First Addition, City of Comfrey in Cottonwood County.

A Facility Plan Public Hearing was set by the Comfrey City Council for April 8, 2025 at 6:30 pm in the Comfrey Community Center to consider potential improvements to the municipal

wastewater system along CSAH 17 on a motion made Evers, second by Arnsdorf and carried unanimously.

A brief work plan from Hanson Communications to install fiber to homes in the City of Comfrey was reviewed and approved on a motion made by Redman, second by Evers and carried unanimously. A representative will be at the April City Council meeting to answer any question the council may have.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion made by Arnsdorf, second by Evers at 7:19 PM.