

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRINCETON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
JULY 8, 2010, 7:00 P.M. IN THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Mayor Jeremy Riddle called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Council members present were Paul Whitcomb, Victoria Hallin, and Dick Dobson. Lee Steinbrecher was absent. Staff present was Administrator Mark Karnowski, Finance Director Steve Jackson, Public Works Director Bob Gerold and City Clerk Katie Hunter. Also present: City Attorney Damien Toven.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

It was the consensus of the Council to add the following items to the agenda:

11. New Business

- A. Authorized Bid for Smith System Road Sewer (Mike Nielson)**
- B. Consideration of Front-end Loader Replacement (Bob Gerold)**

CONSIDERATION OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES:

WHITCOMB MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 24, 2010 AND STUDY SESSION MINUTES OF JULY 1, 2010. STEINBRECHER SECONDED THE MOTION. DOBSON SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4 AYES, 0 NAYS).

CONSENT AGENDA

Donations

Resolution 10-34 considered the acceptance of a \$250.00 donation from the Princeton Jaycees for the Chamber of Commerce's Kid's Tractor Pull.

DOBSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. HALLIN SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4 AYES, 0 NAYS).

OPEN FORUM

Gail Kulick-Jackson, District 16-A Minnesota State Representative, was present to give a 2009-2010 Legislative Report. She would like to see the Princeton Public Safety Building back on the bonding bill next year. Jackson said it was perfect project and it fit the criteria. She was astounded when it was line item vetoed and things like volleyball courts were not.

Another item that Jackson would like to continue to work on is the reimbursement rights for the nursing homes. Even though she loves the Vikings Football team, Jackson said she does not support public funds for a sporting arena. How can we prioritize that now before nursing homes and schools?

Dobson thanked Kulick-Jackson for her availability and how well she follows up on questions. Hallin said she appreciates that Kulick-Jackson is always available at the capital when she comes to visit. Jackson said her number one priority is serving her constituents.

Kulick-Jackson explained how she has drafted a bill that would prohibit private transfer fees. This means that any out-of-state people developing land in Minnesota would not get a percentage over the next 100 years. This will help with title problems and keep the housing prices from being driven down.

Hallin asked Kulick-Jackson if she was aware of a bill that would tax luxury items, such as tattoos. Jackson said it never got to floor, but she thinks it will be revisited.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES

- A. Princeton Area Visionary Committee Draft Minutes of June 14 & 28, 2010
- B. Planning Commission Minutes: June 21, 2010
- C. Public Utilities Commission of Regular Meetings of April 27, 2010 and May 26, 2010
- D. Parks & Recreation Minutes of June 29, 2010
- E. Fire Board Draft Minutes of July 6, 2010

The Council reviewed the above minutes from the boards. No comments were made.

New Business

A. Smith System Sewer Bids

Mike Nielson, City Engineer, stated that the water line should be extended from the railroad right of way past the High School and replaces the water main down to 4th Avenue. The High School does not have adequate water flow. A vital loop to the East side of town to the commercial properties on Rum River Drive that don't have a water main in front of them and provide for a future trunk line going North on 4th Avenue. The Engineer's estimate for this project is about two million five hundred and thirty three thousand dollars. The additional three hundred thousand will be for the additional water main. All of this still needs to be approved by the Public Utilities Commission Board. The City will advertise the 'worst case scenario', hoping that the cost will be lower. Nielson said that Dave Thompson will bring this information to the Board and if they decide not to move on it, an addendum will be written before this project is bid out.

The bid opening will be held at City Hall on August 10, 2010 at 10:00 am.

Hallin asked if the school would be assessed anything for this project. Neilson said that the school would be assessed about \$60,000 for water from the PUC.

DOBSON MOTIONED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 10-35. WHITCOMB SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4 AYES, 0 NAYS).

B. Consideration of Front-end Loader Replacement

Gerold explained that the city has budgeted for a new loader for \$140,000. The bid that the department received was from Ziegler and off of the State bid.

Some options for the disposition of the older loader are open. One option, if it works out, would be to have the Federal Government pay the City to keep it and keep it at the airport. There is also a township that has expressed interest in it. Gerold is proposing that the township pay trade-in value plus sales tax.

At this time, Gerold said he is looking for approval for purchasing this piece of equipment.

WHITCOMB MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF THE 2010 FRONT END LOADER WITH A SNOWPLOW AND WING. DOBSON SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4 AYES, 0 NAYS).

C. Traffic Speed Monitor

Sergeant Joe Backlund explained that the Police Department placed their Traffic Speed Monitor on West Branch Street & 13th Avenue North on July 3, 2010 at 1:00 PM and it ran thru July 7, 2010 until 7:00 PM. (Note: there was a 5 hour time frame it was down on the 5th while the battery was recharged.) The following data was received:

0-15 MPH: 608 vehicles
16-25 MPH: 1261 vehicles
26-35 MPH: 3452 vehicles
36-45 MPH: 489 vehicles
>46 MPH: 22 vehicles. Backlund explained that he believes a good portion of these vehicles were probably emergency vehicles responding to emergency calls.
Total Vehicles: 5821
Average Speed: 27.1 mph

After we recharge the unit back up, it will be placed back up as soon as possible.

Dobson suggested keeping a parked squad car along with the monitor. When drivers see that car, they tend to immediately slow down. The council concurred with the idea, even if it was empty. Backlund said the department does have a reserve squad car that could be placed there. Backlund said yesterday, Officer Frederick stopped seventeen people yesterday through the Safe and Sober Grant.

BILL LIST – \$270,102.21

HALLIN MOVED TO APPROVE THE BILL LIST WHICH INCLUDES THE MANUAL CHECKS AS LISTED ON THE MANUAL VOUCHER BILL LIST FOR A TOTAL OF \$68,672.36 AND THE ITEMS LISTED ON THE LIQUOR BILL LIST AND GENERAL CITY BILL LIST WHICH WILL BE CHECKS 62651 TO 62699 FOR A TOTAL OF \$201,429.85. WHITCOMB SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4 AYES, 0 NAYS).

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business:

WHITCOMB MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:25 PM. HALLIN SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4 AYES, 0 NAYS).

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Hunter; City Clerk

ATTEST:

Jeremy Riddle, Mayor