

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRINCETON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
OCTOBER 8, 2009, 7:00 P.M. IN THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Mayor Riddle called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Council members present were Councilors Paul Whitcomb, Victoria Hallin, Dick Dobson and Lee Steinbrecher. Staff present was Mark Karnowski, Steve Jackson, Bob Gerold, Brian Payne, and Katie Hunter.

Also present were City Attorneys Dick Schieffer and Damien Toven.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

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

Under Consent Agenda

- A. Permits and Licenses**
 - 1. PYHA Gambling License**

- C. Donations/Designations/Miscellaneous**
 - 2. Donation**
 - A. Accepting a \$300 donation from Princeton Used Clothing Center for the Beautification Committee for Christmas Lights; Resolution #09-44

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2009

WHITCOMB MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2009, AS WRITTEN. HALLIN SECONDED THE MOTION. ON THE VOTE: 5 AYES AND 0 NAYS. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Permits and Licenses**
 - 1. PYHA Gambling License**
- B. Personnel:**
 - 1. Fire Department**
 - A. Greg Johnson's Return effective 09/08/2009
 - B. Keith Young's Return from Military Leave effective 09/30/2009
 - 2. Public Works**
 - A. Jason Baumunk Step Increase to \$21.55
 - 3. Police Department**
 - A. Jason Cederberg Step Increase to \$20.47
- C. Donations/Designations/Miscellaneous**
 - 1. Airport**
 - A. Cancellation of Airport Lease between City and Paul Novotny
 - 2. Donation**
 - A. Accepting a \$300 donation from Princeton Used Clothing Center for the Beautification Committee for Christmas Lights; Resolution #09-44

HALLIN MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. STEINBRECHER SECONDED THE MOTION. ON THE VOTE: 5 AYES AND 0 NAYS. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OPEN FORUM - None

PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES

The Council reviewed the minutes from the Fire Advisory Board of September 9, 2009, the Princeton Parks & Recreation Board Minutes of September 28, 2009, the Planning Commission minutes of September 21, 2009 and the EDA Minutes of September 17, 2009 without comment. There were no action items for the Council to consider.

PETITIONS, REQUESTS, AND COMMUNICATIONS

A. Roger Winkelman Properties Request

Karnowski explained that Roger Winkelman wrote a letter to the city requesting that his property be detached from the city. The property is located at Lot 1, Block 1, Railway Properties Sherburne County, Minnesota 31878 126th Street Princeton, MN 55371. On March 27, 2009, the Council adopted Ordinance #615 annexing that same property as requested so the business located there could qualify for funding from the Initiative Foundation.

Roger Winkelman was present to explain his rationale. The tenant of the lot in question unexpectedly had some medical problems and can no longer fulfill the commitment. This lot is one of ten lots in the development named Railway Properties and all other nine lots are not in the city limits.

Steinbrecher asked if funds were ever received from the Initiative Foundation. Winkelman answered that there were funds received but he plans on paying the money back. Steinbrecher asked if Mr. Winkelman was more concerned with the long term issue of it being in city because taxes will be higher. Mr. Winkelman agreed with that statement. Winkelman stated that he believes no one needs city water and sewer near his properties and that a lift station would have to be installed before anything could be done, anyway.

Steinbrecher questioned how the payback situation would work. Mayor Riddle commented that he thought the developer's agreement could be modified. Karnowski stated that Jay Blake is the best person to answer that question, but because he is absent, Karnowski assumes that developer's agreements can be changed.

Riddle is concerned that a fair amount of cost went into the annexation. The city will probably be in the red on that, although not a huge amount. The Council agreed that they are more inclined to work out an agreement that would keep the property in city limits. Winkelman agreed that if it would be easier for the city, he is open to negotiations. Mayor Riddle said that if the negotiations do not go well, Mr. Winkelman could still pursue the detachment.

Councilor Lee Steinbrecher and Mayor Jeremy Riddle volunteered to sit in on meetings between city staff and Roger Winkelman as they resolve this issue.

The Council thanked Roger Winkelman for his readiness to negotiate.

WHITCOMB MOVED TO TABLE INDEFINITELY THE PROPOSAL TO DETACH THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 31878 126TH STREET PRINCETON, MN 55371 FROM THE

CITY. HALLIN SECONDED THE MOTION. ON THE VOTE: 5 AYES AND 0 NAYS. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

A. MOR Zoning District Ordinance #637 Second Reading

Karnowski explained that this is the second reading of the MOR Zoning District Ordinance #637. Nothing has changed from the September 24, 2009 meeting when the Council approved the first reading.

STEINBRECHER MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE #637 AS WRITTEN. DOBSON SECONDED THE MOTION. ON THE VOTE: 5 AYES AND 0 NAYS. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Administrative Fine Amendment Ordinance #635 Second Reading

Karnowski explained that this is the second reading of the Administrative Fine Amendment Ordinance #635. Nothing has changed from the September 24, 2009 meeting when the Council approved the first reading.

HALLIN MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE #635 AS WRITTEN. WHITCOMB SECONDED THE MOTION.

Steinbrecher questioned if the Police Officers could no longer issue administrative fines. Karnowski said that they still can but only up to 9 mph over the speed limit.

ON THE VOTE: 5 AYES AND 0 NAYS. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. G.O. Improvement Refunding Bond and Resolution #09-43

George Eilertson, Sr. Vice President of Northland Securities, was present to discuss the Resolution providing for the Issuance and Sale of \$\$1,505,000 General Obligation Improvement Refunding Bonds, series 2009. Eilertson explained that bids were taken at 10:30 AM and the following was received:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Purchase Price</u>	<u>Net Interest Cost</u>	<u>True Interest Cost</u>
M & I Bank	\$1,551,425.60	\$251,986.90	2.702292%
Robert W. Baird & Co.	\$1,544,928.00	\$258,440.75	2.787003%
Cronin & Co.	\$1,545,741.65	\$272,345.85	2.926771%
Bernardi Securities	\$1,521,185.00	\$283,108.13	3.075468%
UBS Fin. Services	\$1,521,185.00	\$316,658.75	3.439178%

After the bond pricing, the amount decreased to \$1,505,000. The adjusted Purchase Price is \$1,521,212.61 and the adjusted TIC is 2.7080285%.

The lowest bidder is M & I Bank out of Milwaukee, WI. The range of bids is wide, but at this time, it would be prudent to consider this resolution this evening versus waiting for another bid.

STEINBRECHER MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 09-43, A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF \$1,505,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION IMPROVEMENT REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2009B AND PLEDGING FOR THE SECURITY THEREOF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AND LEVYING A TAX FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF AS WRITTEN. DOBSON SECONDED THE MOTION. ON THE VOTE: 5 AYES AND 0 NAYS. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Airport Grant Resolution #09-42

Karnowski explained that the council needs to adopt Resolution #09-42 in order to participate in the FAA grant program to repair the airport's main runway, taxiway and tie-down area. The Council approved the participation in the grant in August of this year.

DOBSON MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #09-42 AS WRITTEN. STEINBRECHER SECONDED THE MOTION. ON THE VOTE: 5 AYES AND 0 NAYS. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Cemetery Improvements

Bob Gerold was present to explain the improvements at Oak Knoll Cemetery. Repairs have not been done on the buildings at the cemetery since construction. Building improvements would include roofing, siding, soffit and fascia and new doors for the Tool Shed and similar improvements to the other two storage buildings.

\$8000.00 has been budgeted for these improvements and Gerold stated with the Public Works crew doing most of the work with some help from outside contractors, he can come in substantially under that number.

HALLIN MOVED TO APPROVE THE CEMETERY IMPROVEMENTS CONSIDERABLY BELOW THE COST OF \$8000.00. STEINBRECHER SECONDED THE MOTION. ON THE VOTE: 5 AYES AND 0 NAYS. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. East Central Arts Council Seeks Board Member

Karnowski informed the Council that the East Central Arts Council is looking for a Board Member to represent Mille Lacs County on the Advisory Committee. If anyone is interested, there is an application in the packet.

C. 2009-2010 Community Growth Options Grant Contract with Bonestroo

Karnowski introduced Ciara Schlicting with Bonestroo Engineering.

Schlicting explained that the city has a grant from 1000 Friends. This grant is a five year program with two years of funding. During the last nine months, since January of 2009, a Regional Park and Trail Board has been created with members from six townships as well as the City of Princeton. Schlicting went on to say that she has met with the Visionary

Committee as well as the Park Board and the six townships. Among everyone, there is interest in pursuing a park trail further. They all agree that this could be a way to attract people from other cities to use the trails.

One concern was the question of who would have taxing authority and would this cost people more money? Another inquiry was what level of authority would the Park and Trail Board have? Also, who would maintain the trails? Another concern was the distribution of the funds. If all of the funds went to one township, that wouldn't be fair to the other townships.

On Thursday, October 29, 2009 at 6:30 PM, city and township will meet at the Princeton Town Hall.

Steinbrecher commented that we often hear about these grants and boards, but we never see anything getting done. If a plan is established, he would like to see something done with the plan. Dobson said the concept is great for the community, not just the City of Princeton. Dobson trusts the Townships and Cities can work together as a community. Hallin said it is a necessity to have a regional trail system that can focus on the health access of what is needed.

Schlicting stated that Jay Blake and the Planning Commission put an ordinance update list together. Many updates are needed. Among them are a land use map update, neighborhood commercial with a new zoning district, the residential uses in downtown need variances, update flood plain ordinance, and working with environment ordinances. FEMA will be coming in to update the flood plain mapping in the winter of 2010. Schlicting reminded the Council that her work is completely funded through the grant.

DOBSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE CITY STAFF TO SIGN THE BONSTROO CONTRACT WHITCOMB SECONDED THE MOTION. ON THE VOTE: 5 AYES AND 0 NAYS. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

D. Bomb Scare Update

Chief Brian Payne was present to thank everyone for the nice job, quick reaction, and support that was given during the bomb scare on September 31, 2009. Payne commented that all of the members did a nice job. The bombs were very realistic. For a city of our size to get three in one day, has never heard of it happening in thirty years of law enforcement. The FBI, Bomb Units and others commented that this was by far the most secure bomb scene(s) they had ever been to. Chief Payne went on to say how proud he was of his crew. The Mayor came and assisted and dealt with the media. In the midst of everything, the city learned some lessons to help us overcome this type of challenge

As of now, two people have been arrested for the chemical reaction bombs. Payne indicated the young gentlemen were pulling a prank and they didn't realize the consequences. Payne stated that he believes personally that these two young men had nothing to do with the three larger bombs at the three sites. These three bombs are currently downtown for fingerprints and DNA testing. That is where the case sits.

Dobson speaks for the whole council by thanking Payne for his department's ability to work with other departments in a situation like this. Dobson commented that he has heard nothing but positive comments from people around the city.

Riddle remarked that everyone knew where they were supposed to be and when asked, not once did someone answer, "I don't know". Not once was there a disagreement between department heads. Riddle was immensely impressed on how everything was handled. Riddle also thanked the administration at City Hall for their efforts that day.

The organization was incredible and it was as if all of the departments had been working together for years. The community stepped back and let the department do their thing.

Hallin questioned if there was a proper protocol for thanking everyone. Payne commented that in the past when his department has assisted other departments, it meant a lot to receive a thank you. Riddle stated that he is working on a letter at this time.

Karnowski said it doesn't always happen that the city our size gets to test the city's emergency management plan under live fire. It can be said, as the mayor and council earlier stated, everyone did what they were supposed to do when they were supposed to and how they were supposed to.

MISCELLANEOUS: None

BILL LIST – \$300,069.70

HALLIN MOVED TO APPROVE THE BILL LIST WHICH INCLUDES THE MANUAL CHECKS AS LISTED ON THE MANUAL VOUCHER BILL LIST FOR A TOTAL OF \$80,610.01 AND THE ITEMS LISTED ON THE LIQUOR BILL LIST AND GENERAL CITY BILL LIST WHICH WILL BE CHECKS 61377 TO 61441 FOR A TOTAL OF \$219,459.69.

WHITCOMB SECONDED THE MOTION. ON THE VOTE: AYES - 5; NAYS - 0. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADJOURNMENT

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, DOBSON MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 7:50 P.M. STEINBRECHER SECONDED THE MOTION. ON THE VOTE: AYES - 5; NAYS - 0. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Hunter;
City Clerk

ATTEST:

Jeremy Riddle, Mayor