

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRINCETON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
JUNE 8, 2010, 4:30 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, Dick Dobson and Lee Steinbrecher. Councilor Victoria Hallin was absent. Staff present was Administrator Mark Karnowski, Finance Director Steve Jackson, Community Development Director Jay Blake, Public Works Director Bob Gerold and City Clerk Katie Hunter. Also present: City Attorneys Damien Toven and Dick Schieffer.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

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

4. Consent Agenda

A. Permits and Licenses:

1. Gerald Schroeder to sell cotton candy along the parade route on June 10, 2010 contingent upon background check.

10. Unfinished Business

- A.** Sealcoat Bids

11. New Business

- C.** Princeton JC's Beer License Amendment

CONSENT AGENDA

B. Personnel

1. Liquor Store

- A. Stephanie Hauger: Leave of Absence for Maternity from May 8, 2010 to July 5, 2010

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

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES

1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 20, 2010

The EDA minutes were reviewed by the City Council without comment.

PETITIONS, REQUESTS, AND COMMUNICATIONS

A. Northern Attitudes Street Dance

Karnowski explained that every year, Northern Attitudes Bar & Grill puts on a street dance the weekend of Rum River Festival Days. This year's will be held Saturday, June 12, 2010. There is no street closure needed, but Northern Attitudes just wanted to let the council know.

DOBSON MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE LATE NIGHT DANCE AT NORTHERN ATTITUDES BAR & GRILL ON JUNE 12, 2010, WITH THE APPROVAL OF POLICE CHIEF PAYNE. STEINBRECHER SECONDED THE MOTION.

Chief Payne commented that every year the bar does this dance and the Police Department has never had a problem with it.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4 AYES, 0 NAYS).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Sealcoat Bids

Karnowski explained that the city advertised for sealcoat bids which were opened yesterday, Monday June 7, 2010. The city collaborated with Greenbush Township who needed a smaller amount of sealcoating done. The hope of the city was a better price for a larger total project for a better price. The following are the bids the city received:

- No.1:** City Bid only
- No.2:** Township Bid Only
- No.3:** City/Township Combination

<u>Proposed Bidder</u>	<u>Bid Items Start Date</u>	<u>(per sq. yd.)</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Astech Corp St. Cloud MN	subject to negotiations	<u>No.1:</u> \$0.874	\$137,219.74
		<u>No.2:</u> \$0.874	14,683.20
		<u>No.3:</u> \$0.874	151,902.94
Caldwell Asphalt Hawick MN	July 31	<u>No.1:</u> \$0.882	\$138,475.76
		<u>No.2:</u> \$1.01	16,960.00
		<u>No.3:</u> \$0.877	152,424.35
Allied Blacktop Co. Maple Grove MN	as specified	<u>No.1:</u> \$0.93	\$146,011.86
		<u>No.2:</u> \$0.99	16,632.00
		<u>No.3:</u> \$0.93	161,635.86
Pearson Brothers Hanover MN	July 1	<u>No.1:</u> \$1.03	\$161,712.06
		<u>No.2:</u> \$1.00	16,800.00
		<u>No.3:</u> \$1.02	177,278.04

Staff is suggesting the low bid from Astech Corporation be awarded.

Steinbrecher asked if the motion would be only for the city portion. Karnowski stated that it would be just the \$137,219.74 that the council would be approving. Staff will speak with the township to see what their plans are.

STEINBRECHER MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE BID FROM ASTECH CORPORATION. DOBSON SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4 AYES, 0 NAYS).

New Business

A. Appointment of Election Judges

Karnowski stated that Hunter put together the list of election judges and requested the council's approval. The hourly wage will be \$10.00 for judges and \$10.50 for head judges. All judges are expected to attend a 2-3 hour training session prior to the election through either the Sherburne County or Mille Lacs County Auditor's Office.

WHITCOMB MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE LIST OF ELECTION JUDGES. STEINBRECHER SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4 AYES, 0 NAYS).

B. New Princeton Sign Location Discussion

Blake explained that staff received a notification from MnDOT that MnDOT denied the city's permit request for the relocation of the Princeton monument sign to the West side of the southbound lane of TH 169. MnDOT Advised that no signs are allowed in the right-of-way of a federal highway. Since TH 169 is a federal highway, the request was denied.

Blake explained that staff reviewed three other potential sites:

1. North side of Highway 95 at the former rest area along the Rum River.
2. West of 169/95 interchange at the former 19th Avenue North
3. South side of Highway 95, north of Arcadian Homes on the former railroad ROW.
4. The Rick Johnson (West Branch Const.) property (out of MnDOT's right-of-way).

Blake went on to explain that the former wayside rest area east of the TH95 bridge is low and require a large amount of fill to make the sign visible for passing motorists. The city doesn't own or control this site either. The railroad right-of-way has the best visibility and the city owns the land so no permits would be required. The Princeton Rotary and Princeton Lions already have signs at that location and the city could coordinate with them.

Staff recommended the sign be relocated to the location south of Highway 95 and north of West Branch Street.

Mayor Riddle asked about the sign in front of the North Ambulance lot, north of town on Highway 169 on the West side of town. Blake said that is a chamber sign put up by the person who owns the property. Riddle suggested that the New Life church site on Highway 95 might be a more visible site for the sign and yet, still on the highway. The council supported looking further into this site. Steinbrecher noted that site is outside of the city limits but that the city could go to Princeton Township for approval.

Dobson reiterated the fact that the sign should be lit.

Gerold added that, according to Dave Thompson, the newer solar lights are stronger and then power wouldn't be needed.

As a whole, the council agreed they like Highway 95 better as a location.

C. Princeton Jaycees Beer License Amendment

Karnowski said the Chamber has asked the Princeton Jaycees to sell beer at their Craft

Fair this weekend and at the Chili Fest, but those locations were not part of the Jaycees original 3.2 license. Karnowski said that the necessary fees have been paid as well as the paperwork filled out to amend the license.

The council's only concern was that they have a separate tent to sell the beer in.

STEINBRECHER MOVED TO AMEND THE JAYCEES LIQUOR LICENSE TO INCLUDE THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CRAFT FAIR AND CHILI FEST. WHITCOMB SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4 AYES, 0 NAYS).

BILL LIST – \$243,608.13

WHITCOMB MOVED TO APPROVE THE BILL LIST WHICH INCLUDES THE MANUAL CHECKS AS LISTED ON THE MANUAL VOUCHER BILL LIST FOR A TOTAL OF \$63,168.63 AND THE ITEMS LISTED ON THE LIQUOR BILL LIST AND GENERAL CITY BILL LIST WHICH WILL BE CHECKS 62519 - 62588 FOR A TOTAL OF \$180,439.50. DOBSON SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4 AYES, 0 NAYS).

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business:

WHITCOMB MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 5:00 PM. DOBSON SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4 AYES, 0 NAYS).

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Hunter; City Clerk

ATTEST:

Jeremy Riddle, Mayor