

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PRINCETON CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON JULY 17, 2008, AT 5:00 P.M. IN THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Mayor Jeremy Riddle called the meeting to order. Council members present were Jeremy Riddle and Councilors Paul Whitcomb and Lee Steinbrecher. Councilors Victoria Hallin and Dick Dobson was absent. Staff present was Mark Karnowski, Jay Blake, and Ann Bien.

1000 FRIENDS DISCUSSION

Sally Wakefield and Liz Boyer from 1000 Friends of Minnesota were present to discuss their Community Growth Options (CGO) grant, for which the City has applied. CGO recognizes that many small communities have little or no support to help them prepare for future growth. Through a grant, they hope to provide this support in planning. Boyer reported 26 applications were received, of which 10 communities will be selected for funding. She explained a \$1.5 million grant from the McKnight Foundation was awarded to 1000 Friends of Minnesota to support the first two years of a six year project. Approximately half of the grant each years passes through 1000 Friends to support planning and implementation efforts in the selected 10 communities. The selected communities will contract with a partner firm for a 5 year planning process.. There is no cost to the community during the first year. The community assumes increased responsibility to fund the project over years 2-6.

Blake explained he has experience in this type of planning and the City is already working on visionary planning and controlling urban sprawl. He asked if the City was too far along that 1000 Friends won't consider it for funding. Boyer answered these are issues they are looking at.

Riddle stated a concern is finding time for Blake to work on these types of projects and thought this assistance would be extremely helpful.

Boyer explained a high end estimate of the funding would be \$30,000, with the City paying nothing the first year, 20% the second, 40% the third, 60% the fourth, 80% the fifth, and 100% for year six. She asked how the Council felt about the funding numbers. Steinbrecher stated it sounded like a lot until you realize what it will accomplish. The Council agreed and liked the phased in approach.

Blake asked what was the next step. Wakefield stated they are working with planning firms and "interviewing" cities. They will be narrowing the applications down to 10 and should get back to the City with an answer in a few weeks.

There being no further business, STEINBRECHER MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 5:20 P.M. HAL-LIN SECONDED THE MOTION. ON THE VOTE: AYES - 5; NAYS - 0. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Bien, Deputy City Clerk

ATTEST:

Jeremy Riddle, Mayor