

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRINCETON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
April 9, 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, Lee Steinbrecher and Dick Dobson. Councilor Victoria Hallin was absent. Staff present was Mark Karnowski, Steve Jackson, Bob Gerold, Brian Payne, and Katie Hunter. Also present was City Attorney Dick Schieffer.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

IT WAS THE CONSENSUS OF THE COUNCIL TO ADD THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO THE AGENDA:

- A. Revised Copy of the March 26, 2009 Minutes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 26, 2009 AND STUDY SESSION OF APRIL 2, 2009

WHITCOMB MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 26, 2009 AND THE STUDY SESSION OF APRIL 2, 2009 AS WRITTEN. STEINBRECHER SECONDED THE MOTION. ON THE VOTE: AYES - 4; NAYS - 0. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Permits and Licenses

- 1. Princeton Jaycees – Liquor License for 2009
- 2. Hometown Fireworks – Fireworks Display Permit at 601 Rum River Drive

B. Personnel: None

C. Donations/Designations: None

STEINBRECHER MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. DOBSON SECONDED THE MOTION. ON THE VOTE: AYES - 4; NAYS - 0. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OPEN FORUM

No one was present for Open Forum.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

No one was present for Public Hearings.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES

A. Planning Commission

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- 1. **Draft Minutes of March 16, 2009**
The above minutes were reviewed.

B. Fire Advisory Board

- 1. **Minutes of March 3, 2009**
The above minutes were reviewed.

- C. **Princeton Area Visionary Committee**
 - 1. **Minutes of March 9, 2009**

The above minutes were reviewed.

- D. **Park Board**
 - 1. **Draft Minutes of March 23, 2009**

The above minutes were reviewed.

PETITIONS, REQUESTS, AND COMMUNICATIONS

A. Request for Removal of Tree in Boulevard; Letter from Jay Doyle, 211 7th Ave. S.

Karnowski reported that Princeton resident Jay Doyle planted an Ash tree in the boulevard in front of his home years ago and now wants to remove it to protect a Maple tree from growing at a slant. Doyle is willing to contact a tree removal service and pay for the removal.

Bob Gerold drove by the boulevard to look at the tree. It is currently leaning to the West, but still in good shape. Steinbrecher mentioned that the resident has a sufficient amount of trees in the boulevard already, so there would be no concern with the removal of one tree. Mayor Riddle asked if the trees are starting to lean. Steinbrecher stated that they are starting to lean.

STEINBRECHER MOVED TO APPROVE THE REMOVAL OF THE ASH TREE BY JAY DOYLE LOCATED AT 211 7TH AVENUE SOUTH IN PRINCETON, MN. DOBSON SECONDED THE MOTION. ON THE VOTE: AYES - 4; NAYS - 0. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

A. Ordinance #631, Caterer's Liquor License

Karnowski stated that state law currently allows on-sale liquor license holders to obtain a "caterer's license" from the state of Minnesota that allow them to sell liquor at any venue within the state. Karnowski reported concerns that there are liquor license holders in cities other than Princeton that are going to other cities, putting on events and selling alcohol using the State of MN Catering license. It is the city's responsibility to control the sale in your own city limits. Current law says they must notify the Police Chief, who has never received a phone call from a caterer. This ordinance would give the city more control over a caterer selling liquor within the city limits.

The purpose of the ordinance would be to require a contract with real person to cater *their* event, not the caterer's event.

The city attorney has looked over the ordinance and has some concerns with it currently, so Karnowski and City Attorney are revising this draft.

Karnowski asked if the Council is interested in pursuing an ordinance like this. Steinbrecher asked if it would stop the outsiders from coming into the community. Karnowski did not see a concern with it stopping outsiders. The fee would only be approximately \$25.00 and the permit would be a way to let the city know what the caterer plans on doing. Basically, the same controls that we put on our own caterers. The Mayor stated that if something went wrong, the city would know who to go to. The Mayor also stated that the city would not want to prohibit the events.

Steinbrecher asked if the city could prohibit an out of city on-sale caterer, could they? The City Attorney stated that they could not. If you have an on-sale permit with the State of MN, you could also have a caterer's license from State of MN and you can use that anywhere in Minnesota. Each individual city cannot prohibit the caterers.

Dobson is all in favor due to being pro active instead of reactive. All in favor.

MOTION MADE BY WHITCOMB TO INTRODUCE ORDINANCE #631. STEINBRECHER SECONDED THE MOTION. ON THE VOTE: AYES - 4; NAYS - 0. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

A. 11th Ave. So. Parking

Karnowski reported that there has been some concern expressed by the Fire Department that during the summer months, the on-street parking along 11th Avenue South can restrict the ability of a large fire truck maneuvering easily down the street. The recommendation is to restrict on-street parking to just the west side of 11th Avenue from 3rd Street to Old County Road 18 and post 'No Parking' signs on the east side of 11th Avenue South.

Steinbrecher asked if the city has made any contact with the people around the 11th Avenue area. Karnowski stated that the city has not made contact with those residents, but that is a good point and the people can be notified before the city does the work.

Steinbrecher brought up issues such as possible broken windshields from foul balls from the baseball fields. Councilor Steinbrecher has no suggestions, he just wanted all to be aware of potential future issues.

MOTION MADE BY DOBSON TO INTRODUCE ORDINANCE #631. WHITCOMB SECONDED THE MOTION. ON THE VOTE: AYES - 4; NAYS - 0. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Hanson Hangar

Karnowski explained the request from James and Vivian Hanson which proposes giving up their right for ground access to the airport in exchange for the amount owed on the special assessments on this site. City Attorney Schieffer has recommended that the City acquire the easement rights from Mr. and Mrs. Hanson for the sum equal to the existing pending assessments on the property. The City attorney would draft necessary documents to make that exchange.

Dobson stated his belief in this being a good way to clear up the property assessment.

STEINBRECHER MOVED TO ACCEPT DIRECT STAFF AND CITY ATTORNEY TO PURSUE WITH WORK ON MR AND MRS HANSON ON HANGER. DOBSON SECONDED. ON THE VOTE: AYES - 4; NAYS - 0. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. Public Works – Purchase of 2007 Dodge Ram

Gerold explained the Public Works Department wanting to purchase a 2007 Dodge Ram that was budgeted \$16,000 for this year. The total of the vehicle through Trent's Used Car Network in Princeton equals \$12,331.50. Gerold requested \$600.00 more for a rack, beacon, and decals

DOBSON MOVED TO PURCHASE THE VEHICLE; NOT TO EXCEED \$600.00 ON THE EXTRA ITEMS. WHITCOMB SECONDED THE MOTION. ON THE VOTE: AYES - 4; NAYS - 0. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MISCELLANEOUS: None

BILL LIST – \$399,844.52

WHITCOMB MOVED TO APPROVE THE MANUAL VOUCHER BILL LIST FOR A TOTAL OF \$89,510.13, AND THE ITEMS LISTED ON THE LIQUOR BILL LIST AND GENERAL CITY BILL LIST, WHICH WILL BE CHECKS NUMBERING 60489-60559, FOR A TOTAL OF \$399,844.52. DOBSON SECONDED THE MOTION. ON THE VOTE: AYES - 4; NAYS - 0. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

There being no further business, STEINBRECHER MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 7:41 P.M. DOBSON SECONDED THE MOTION. ON THE VOTE: AYES - 4; NAYS - 0. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Hunter; City Clerk

ATTEST:

Jeremy Riddle, Mayor