

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRINCETON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
FEBRUARY 28, 2008, 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 Mayor Jeremy Riddle and Councilors Dick Dobson, Victoria Hallin, Lee Steinbrecher, and Paul Whitcomb. Staff present was Mark Karnowski, Steve Jackson, Jay Blake, Brian Payne, Tom Mismash, and Ann Bien. Also present were City Engineer Mike Nielson, WSB, and City Attorney Damien Toven.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

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

Under Petitions, Requests, and Communications:

B. Request from Princeton Fire and Rescue Department

Under Old Business:

C. 21st Avenue South Extension

Under New Business:

C. Hospital Bond Referendum

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 14, 2008

WHITCOMB MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 14, 2008, AS WRITTEN. HALLIN SECONDED THE MOTION. ON THE VOTE: AYES - 5; NAYS - 0. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Permits and Licenses: None

B. Personnel: None

C. Donations/Designations

1. Princeton Jaycees - \$1,000 for Fire Education Trailer

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

OPEN FORUM

No one was present for Open Forum.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES

A. Planning Commission

1. Interim Use Permit at 603 6th Street North

Blake reported the Planning Commission approved an Interim Use Permit for Kimberly Morris for a garden gift shop at 603 6th Street North with specific hours.

2. Interim Use Permit for Home Tax Business at 1407 1st Street

Blake reported the Planning Commission approved an Interim Use Permit for Charles Snustead for a tax preparation business at 1407 1st Street. Mr. Snustead had also requested permission to display a 24" x 18" non-illuminated sign in his front yard. However, the sign is over the 2 square foot limit, so Mr. Snustead will be reducing the size.

3. Final Plat for Damer Addition

Blake reported Tony Damer owns all of Blocks 36, 37, 38, 48 and 49 and a portion of Block 47. The area is currently zoned B-2 General Business. Mr. Damer submitted a simple plat consisting of three commercial lots and one outlot to be given to the City of Princeton for open space and park purposes. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on February 19, 2008, and recommends approval of the plat with the conditions that the Park Board approves the land dedication, no additional access points are allowed on Rum River Drive, the developer or future purchase of the lots are solely responsible for the costs associated with the connection of sewer and water; and drainage and utility easements are placed over the bluff line. The Park Board met on February 25 and approved the land dedication.

DOBSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE FINAL PLAT FOR DAMER ADDITION WITH THE RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR SIGN THE PLAT. HALLIN SECONDED THE MOTION. ON THE VOTE: AYES - 5; NAYS - 0. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Fire Advisory Board

1. Minutes of January 2, 2008 and February 12, 2008

The above minutes were reviewed.

C. Park Board

1. Draft Minutes of February 25, 2008

The above minutes were reviewed.

D. Airport Advisory Board

1. Minutes of January 14, 2008

The above minutes reviewed.

PETITIONS, REQUESTS, AND COMMUNICATIONS

A. Request for Donation for Library Summer Reading Program

The Friends of the Library submitted a request for a donation of \$1,200 for the library's summer reading program. Riddle asked and was told no other donations are requested at other times of the year.

HALLIN MOVED TO APPROVE A DONATION OF \$1,200 FROM THE LIQUOR FUND FOR THE LIBRARY SUMMER READING PROGRAM. WHITCOMB SECONDED THE MOTION. ON THE VOTE: AYES - 5; NAYS - 0. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Request from Princeton Fire and Rescue Department

Karnowski reported the Princeton Fire and Rescue Department is asking permission to hold their annual dance in the Princeton Mall parking lot on August 16, 2008, from 9 p.m. until 12:00 midnight and authorization to sell alcohol at the location. The Princeton Golf Club will be catering the alcohol. They have received oral approval from the neighboring businesses to use the lot and will obtain written signatures.

STEINBRECHER MOVED TO APPROVE THE PRINCETON FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT HOLDING THEIR ANNUAL DANCE IN THE PRINCETON MALL PARKING LOT ON AUGUST 16, 2008, FROM 9:00 P.M. UNTIL 12:00 MIDNIGHT AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THEM TO SERVE/SELL ALCOHOL. HALLIN SECONDED THE MOTION.

Dobson asked and Payne answered they usually provide their own security and there has been no problem in the past.

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

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Highway 95 Bridge Update

The Council reviewed the draft minutes of the February 26, 2008, Ad Hoc Bridge Committee. Karnowski reported both Dave Schwarting (MNDOT) and Bruce Cochran (Mille Lacs County Highway Dept.) were at the meeting, as well as David Patten (Visionary Committee), Carol Peterson (Princeton Schools) and city staff. Other business people are invited but were unable to attend.

Karnowski reported Schwarting and Cochran stated they were considering working on both bridges at same time. There were both advantages and disadvantages to coordinating both projects to take place in the same year. They also discussed possible bypass routes, possible temporary bridge, making a permanent intersection at 13th Avenue North rather than spend money on a temporary intersection at 7th Avenue North, and since both bridges will be worked on, a round-about intersection is being looked at. It was also recommended both bridges be coordinated, preferably to match the Dunn bridge. Both entities will try to get the projects completed in one construction season, currently scheduled for 2010. Blake had put together various concerns to be discussed at future meetings. The follow up meeting is scheduled for March 25th at 3:00 p.m. at City Hall.

B. Public Safety Building Update

Riddle reported he and Fire Chief Roxbury testified before the State House and Senate Committees. He stated the hearings seemed to go well. However, the City's public safety building did not make the State bonding bill, although several hockey arenas were approved. Karnowski added that although Senator Wergin was very supportive, the City was not included on the first list. He recommended the City's representatives be contacted to see if the City can still be included.

C. 21st Avenue

City Engineer Mike Nielson, WSB, reviewed his memo dated February 21, 2008, outlining the steps needed to make the extension of 21st Avenue south to the Industrial Park. He explained a preliminary plan has to be submitted to the review agencies for a determination on the wetland impacts, land needs to be acquired or swapped for the right-of-way needed through the airport property, level of assessments determined, completion of a feasibility report, and various hearing. Staff will continue to work on acquiring the "north end property."

NEW BUSINESS

A. Payment Request for WWTP Phosphorus Removal Modifications

STEINBRECHER MOVED TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF \$188,387.67 TO MUNICIPAL BUILDERS, INC. FOR THE WWTP PHOSPHORUS REMOVAL PROJECT. DOBSON SECONDED THE MOTION. ON THE VOTE: AYES - 5; NAYS - 0. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Hangar Pad Policy Discussion

Karnowski explained the City has maintained a list of people who would like to build a hangar at the Princeton Airport. The list currently operates on a "first come, first served" concept with the people who have been on the list longest, getting first dibs on hangar spaces when they become available. Because of the shortage of hangar spaces, that list has grown over the years. Several recent events has caused the Airport Advisory Board (AAB) to suggest that the City Council reconsider the current policy. Those events include:

1. There are five vacant building sites that were platted. Because of their proximity to the proposed crosswind runway and other issues, there may be height restrictions which would only allow smaller to moderate sized planes. Two of the lots have electrical boxes which need to be moved.
2. The City has been "reserving" these existing spots for the remaining planes currently housed in the old hangars north of the airport. The idea was to have them available so, in our negotiations with the north-end property owners, the City could offer them an alternative relocation option.
3. With the anticipated approval of the minor ALP revisions, the proposed 2008 airport project includes development of a new hangar area just north of the T-hangar building. The estimated \$100,000 cost is to be funded primarily with FAA "entitlement" funds. Several additional lots will be available when the new ALP sheets are approved by MnDOT.

The Airport Advisory Board is suggesting the City adopt the following policy :

1. Determine how many planes are still housed (whether owned by the property owner or by a renter) in the north end hangars. It is thought that there are currently two or three.
2. Set aside a number of hangar lots equal to the number of planes still at the north end.
3. Subtract the number of "reserved" hangars (the total from #2 above) from the total of both those currently available and the new lots to be created just north of the T-hangar area.
4. Contact the folks on the hangar "waiting list" and advise them of the availabilities and get them to either commit to building a hangar on one of the lots ASAP or their name would be removed from the waiting list.

Karnowski stated this change, if adopted, would promote the continued use of the Princeton Airport by the planes currently using the facility before opening it up to other users.

DOBSON MOVED TO ADOPT THE POLICY RECOMMENDED BY THE AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD. WHITCOMB SECONDED THE MOTION. ON THE VOTE: AYES - 5; NAYS - 0. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. Hospital Bond Referendum

Karnowski explained that in 2005, the City of Princeton consented to the issuance by the City of Minneapolis of revenue bonds on behalf of Fairview Health Services to finance improvements to Fairview Northland Medical Center. The City of Minneapolis then issued bonds as part of a larger bond issue on behalf of Fairview. By including the bonds to finance the construction of improvements by Fairview Northland Medical Center as part of a larger issue of bonds by the City of Minneapolis, Fairview was able to achieve some economics of scale and reduce issuance expenses. Fairview is now proposing that the City of Minneapolis issue additional revenue bonds on behalf of Fairview, a portion of which will be used to refund the bonds issued by the city of Minneapolis in 2005 with respect to the financing of improvements to Fairview Northland Medical Center. Since Princeton will not be issuing the bonds, this also avoids any portion of the bonds counting against the City of Princeton's limit for amount of bank qualified bonds it may issue in a year. The issuance by the City of Minneapolis of bonds to refund bonds issued to finance the construction of improvements to Fairview Northland Medical Center requires the approval of the Princeton City Council. Prior to giving such approval a public hearing on the proposed refunding is required to be held by the Princeton City Council.

HALLIN MOVED TO APPROVE RES #08-10, A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ISSUE OF REVENUE BONDS ON BEHALF OF FAIRVIEW HEALTH SERVICES. WHITCOMB SECONDED THE MOTION. ON THE VOTE: AYES - 5; NAYS - 0. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MISCELLANEOUS: None

BILL LIST – \$284,899.81

HALLIN MOVED TO APPROVE MANUAL CHECKS NUMBERING 58331-58332 FOR A TOTAL OF \$700.00 AND THE ITEMS LISTED ON THE LIQUOR BILL LIST AND GENERAL CITY BILL LIST, WHICH WILL BE CHECKS NUMBERING 58334-58382, FOR A TOTAL OF \$284,199.81 AS SHOWN ON THE BILL LIST. WHITCOMB SECONDED THE MOTION. ON THE VOTE: AYES - 5; NAYS - 0. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

There being no further business, STEINBRECHER MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 7:42 P.M. DOBSON 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