

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRINCETON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON  
APRIL 3, 2014 7:00 P.M. IN THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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Mayor Paul Whitcomb called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Council members present were, Thom Walker, Dick Dobson, Jules Zimmer and Victoria Hallin. Staff present, Administrator Mark Karnowski, Police Chief Brian Payne, Clerk Shawna Jenkins and Engineer Mike Nielson. Absent was Finance Director Steve Jackson and Community Development Director Carie Fuhrman

**AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS**

None

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes of March 27, 2014

HALLIN MOVED TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 27, 2014. ZIMMER SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Permits and Licenses
- B. Personnel
- C. Donations / Designations

**OPEN FORUM**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**PRESENTATIONS** – ~~Julia Espe, Princeton School District Referendum~~ – rescheduled

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES**

- A. 4R Board of March 26, 2014
- B. Fire Board of March 4, 2014

**PETITIONS, REQUESTS, AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. National Day of Prayer

Whitcomb stated that, civic and national days of prayer have a long and venerable history in our constitutional republic, dating back to the First Continental Congress in 1775; and the Declaration of Independence, our first statement as Americans of national purpose and identity, made “the laws of Nature and of Nature’s God” the foundation of our United States of America, and asserted that people have inalienable rights that are God-given.

The Supreme Court has affirmed the right of state legislature to open their sessions with prayer, and the Supreme Court and the United States Congress themselves begin each day with prayer; and in 1988, legislation setting aside the first Thursday in May in each year as a National Day of Prayer was passed unanimously by both Houses of Congress and signed by President Ronald Reagan.

The National Day of Prayer is an opportunity for Americans of all faiths to join in united prayer to acknowledge our dependence on God, to give thanks for blessings received, to request healing for wounds endured, and to ask God to guide our leaders and bring wholeness to the United States and her citizens; and

It is fitting and proper to give thanks to God by observing a day of prayer in Princeton when all may acknowledge our blessings and express gratitude for them, while recognizing the need for strengthening religious and moral values in our city, state, and nation.

Now, therefore it be it resolved that the City Council of the City of Princeton, Minnesota hereby proclaims May 1, 2014 as A Day of Prayer.

DOBSON PROCLAIMED MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2014 AS NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER. ZIMMER SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### B. Quickstrom Real Estate Hiring

Karnowski reported that at the March Study Session the Council directed staff to employ a realtor to help sell the old fire station.

When the City initially sold the old liquor store, we contracted with Joan Quickstrom. The City did end up selling to a party staff had been dealing with before we contracted with Joan, so the city paid no commission, even though Quickstrom did a fair amount of marketing for us.

With that experience in mind, he is suggesting that we again use Quickstrom to try and sell the building. The proposed contract with Quickstrom excludes the two parties who have already contacted us about the building.

The proposed contract is for 6 months (renewable) with a commission of 6%. Joan agreed to a 5% commission if she finds the buyer rather than have another realtor come to her with the proposed buyer. That appears reasonable since Quickstrom would have to split the commission if the buyer is represented by another agent.

If the Council agrees on the basics of the above proposal, a motion to enter into the contract with Quickstrom Real Estate would be in order.

WALKER MOTIONED TO APPROVE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH QUICKSTROM REAL ESTATE TO SELL THE OLD FIRE STATION. HALLIN SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### C. Civic Center Lease Agreement with the American Legion

Karnowski reported that as everyone is aware, the Mayor and staff have been working with the American Legion leadership in trying to work out the details of a 30 year lease for the Legion's use of the Civic Center in exchange for a significant contribution that will be used to fund the completion of the ongoing Civic Center remodeling project.

The recommendation is to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the attached lease agreement and to then authorize staff to use those funds to aggressively move forward with the Civic Center remodeling project.

DOBSON MOTIONED TO APPROVE TO ENTER INTO A CIVIC CENTER LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE AMERICAN LEGION. HALLIN SECONDED THE MOTION.

Hallin asked if the City already carries liability insurance coverage. Karnowski replied that it is covered on the City's insurance.

Walker asked if the agreement should contain some language that the City Clerk should keep the schedule. Karnowski responded that the lease is non-exclusive, so city hall will keep the Civic Center reservation calendar. The Legion does have set dates that will re-occur monthly.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### A. Public Works / County Radio Agreement

Karnowski reported that as the Council has approved and signed the agreement with the County for the Fire and Police Departments, we need to do so for the Public Works Department as well.

Hallin asked if there is a cost to this. Gerold said he opted for the least expensive option, and are currently planning on using just a couple radios.

HALLIN MOTIONED TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MILLE LACS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR THE EMERGENCY RADIO SYSTEM FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT. DOBSON SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business:

HALLIN MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:07 pm. DOBSON SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully Submitted,

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Shawna Jenkins  
City Clerk  
ATTEST:

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Paul Whitcomb, Mayor