

**MINUTES OF A STUDY SESSION OF THE PRINCETON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
JULY 7, 2011, 4:30 P.M. IN THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Mayor Jeremy Riddle called the meeting to order. Council members present were Dick Dobson, Victoria Hallin, Thom Walker and Paul Whitcomb. Staff present was Finance Director Steve Jackson, Community Developer Carie Fuhrman, Public Works Director Bob Gerold and City Clerk Katie Hunter.

The City Council agreed to add a resolution to the agenda:

Resolution #11-34; Accepting a Donation from the American Legion for the Fireworks Display.

Resolution 11-22 (Road Restrictions) changed to 11-24

WHITCOMB MOTIONED TO CHANGE RESOLUTION 11-22 ROAD RESTRICTIONS TO RESOLUTION 11-24. HALLIN SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5 AYES, 0 NAYS).

Resolution 11-31 Accepting Donation from VFW for Fireworks

HALLIN MOTIONED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 11-31 ACCEPTING A FIVE HUNDRED DOLLAR DONATION TO THE CITY OF PRINCETON TOWARD THE FIREWORKS FUND. WALKER SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5 AYES, 0 NAYS).

11-32 WWTP Effluent Outfall Testing Bids

Two bids were received for the Effluent Outfall Testing:

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| Braun Intertec, St Cloud | \$96,755.00 |
| American Engineering Testing (AET), Albertville | \$98,486.00 |

Nielson explained that Ekola recommendation is to award the amount to Braun Intertec, who is the lowest bidder.

Whitcomb asked if SEH had a proposed cost for this project. Unfortunately, Nielson did not know the answer to that question.

HALLIN MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM BRAUN INTERTEC OUT OF ST CLOUD, MINNESOTA. WHITCOMB SECONDED THE MOTION.

Dobson asked if the funding for the Effluent Outfall Testing will be through grant dollars. Nielson said that this project is USDA eligible.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5 AYES, 0 NAYS).

Resolution 11-33 Accepting \$2000 Donation from MDU Resources

Jackson explained that Gerold applied for a grant, previously, through MDU. MDU has recently purchased the company Knife River. This money will be used for trails at Mark Park.

WHITCOMB MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE DONATION OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM MDU RESOURCES FOR MARK PARK. WALKER SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5 AYES, 0 NAYS).

Dobson commented that Bob Gerold did a good job.

11-34 Accepting Donation from the American Legion for Fireworks Display

Jackson said the Princeton American Legion Woodcock Herbst Post No. 216 has proposed contributing one thousand five hundred dollars to the City of Princeton for the fireworks.

WHITCOMB MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE DONATION FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION FOR ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR THE FIREWORKS FUND. HALLIN SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5 AYES, 0 NAYS).

Allowing Storage of Crushed Material as an Interim Use Permit

Fuhrman said that Dunkley's property (old Smith System Building/Thunder Alley) had applied for an Interim Use Permit in which twelve months have passed. Question and concerns have been raised to staff to have the pile removed.

Gary Germundsen from Welsch Company was present at the meeting as a representative of the property owners. It would require a new interim use permit. Fuhrman added that this type of material is not listed as an Interim Use Permit and an ordinance amendment would have to take place to get it added. Technically, the property owners are in violation.

Hallin asked if this material was hazardous and why is it still sitting there.

Nielson said the material was crushed to a Class 5 rating, and the city had hoped to use it on the Smith System road project. Because of the location, it would save a lot of money due to no shipping charges.

Germundsen added that with the memory care and nursing home, it is also in their best interest to have a nice looking place. Because of a chain of unfortunate events such as theft and damage, chasing after a contractor, economic conditions and bad weather, the pile has been looked over.

Whitcomb reiterated the fact with Nielson that no foreign metals or hazardous material was in the crushed concrete. Environmental studies have been done to prove this.

Walker asked if there was a timeline on the Northland Drive project. Nielson said bonding and bidding could be done spring of 2012. Probably about a year's time. Hallin suggested on keeping the material where it is for now and rewriting the ordinance. Whitcomb added that a timeline should be included on how long the material can be there. Hallin suggested a timeline of twelve (12) months. Because the council sees the road project being delayed and taking longer than 12 months, the issue will be reexamined at that time. The Interim Use Permit can be extended at that time. Dobson said he would like the one year review to be stated in the ordinance. The council agreed.

Walker also requested a limit on the number of extensions.

Fuhrman will make changes to be presented at a future council meeting.

Dog Park Ordinance

Fuhrman explained that this was just an informal discussion about incorporating a section into

the code. Dobson admitted he had brought the idea up to Fuhrman explaining that if citizens are not complying with the rules at the dog park, the Police Department cannot do anything about it.

Riddle mentioned a simpler standpoint. There could be a possibility of a small revenue charging \$5.00 for a dog park use permit. If you are in the park without it, there could be an administrative fine of \$25.00, perhaps. If a person does not follow the rules, their license would be revoked. You're "trespassing" if you don't follow the rules. Dobson questioned the permit process. What if there was a family with four children? How could you keep track of the permit?

Hallin wondered if the permit process would involve more paperwork for staff. What if there was an out of town dog or relatives? Walker said he liked the idea, but how much will it be used? Dobson said it will probably get used frequently. Fuhrman added that a lot of dog parks in the metro area do require a permit. Riddle said an easy fix for relatives or out-of-towners would be the drop box location. A person could put the required dollar amount in a drop box.

Payne said the Police Department has found problems with drop boxes in that younger individuals try to steal the money. Although, Payne likes the idea of knowing in advance if dogs have vaccinations.

Walker concurs with mayor on making an application process and permitting. Walker asked Jackson what fund the money would go into. Jackson said that the cost of a permit would probably break even with the costs of keeping track and policing the area. Jackson said his department could keep track of the funds, and if there happens to be revenue, it could be brought before the council and the funds could be authorized to be moved to the Park Fund.

Application for Exempt Permit

WALKER MOVED TO APPROVE THE EXEMPT PERMIT FOR CHRIST OUR LIGHT CATHOLIC PARISH FOR A BINGO/RAFFLE/PULL TABS ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2011. HALLIN SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5 AYES, 0 NAYS).

Anderson Detachment Settlement Agreement

Jackson explained that there was a detailed packet from Chris Hood with Flaherty and Hood in the council packets. The Mayor, Karnowski and Jay Blake were in on the discussions. The memo gives background and the mediation settlement agreement. One change was to add parents and grandchildren in the rights to bear firearms.

Whitcomb commented that he would like to move this issue through. Dobson agrees.

DOBSON MOVED TO ACCEPT THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT. WALKER SECONDED THE MOTION.

Jackson added that when the Council signs the contract, it will be binding, even with the state being shut down. The contract will still be enforceable.

Miscellaneous

Dobson said he had an issue raised to him from a citizen. The car lot at the old drive-in next to

Family Pathways has cars parked on the grass and there could be a possibility of oil leaking into the soil.

Riddle said he recalls some agreement about the paving. Dobson said the main reason for bringing the topic up, is because of the agreements with the Waste Water Treatment Plant and making sure no oils are seeping into that land.

Walker asked about the zoning for the car lot near the Moose Club. Are they in compliance with the ordinance with parking cars on grass?

Fuhrman said she would look into the issue.

Hallin added that the Public Utilities is having their 100th Anniversary celebration tomorrow, July 8, until 3:00 pm.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, RIDDLE MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 5:07 PM. DOBSON SECONDED THE MOTION. ON THE VOTE: AYES - 5; NAYS - 0. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Hunter, City Clerk

ATTEST:

Jeremy Riddle, Mayor