

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRINCETON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
AUGUST 9, 2012 7:00 P.M. IN THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Mayor Jeremy Riddle called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Council members present were Dick Dobson, Paul Whitcomb, Victoria Hallin, and Thom Walker. Staff present was Finance Director Steve Jackson, Public Works Director Bob Gerold, Chief Brian Payne, and City Clerk Katie Hunter. Also present was City Attorney Damien Toven.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

- A. Regular Meeting of July 26, 2012
- B. Study Session Minutes of August 2, 2012

WHITCOMB MOVED TO APPROVE THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF JULY 26 AND THE STUDY SESSION MINUTES OF AUGUST 2, 2012. WALKER SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5 AYES, 0 NAYS).

CONSENT AGENDA

Under Personnel:

Public Works Chris Klinghagen Step 3 Increase to \$20.03/hour effective 8/29/12

HALLIN MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. WHITCOMB SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5 AYES, 0 NAYS).

OPEN FORUM

No one was present for Open Forum.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no Public Hearings.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES

- A. EDA Board Minutes of July 19, 2012
- B. Visionary Committee Minutes of July 9, 2012

The above minutes were reviewed without further comment.

PETITIONS, REQUESTS, AND COMMUNICATIONS

There were no Petitions, Requests, and Communications.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution 12-55 Accepting Donations for Civic Center

Karnowski explained that this resolution recognizes contributions to the Civic Center. The contributions are from various individuals including anonymous individuals that attended the Block Party, Shelly Anderson, Representative Sondra Erickson, and Gary Whitcomb.

WHITCOMB MOTIONED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 12-55 ACCEPTING A TOTAL OF \$257.70 FOR THE PRINCETON CIVIC CENTER REHABILITATION. DOBSON SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5 AYES, 0 NAYS).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Pay Estimate #13 to Rice Lake Construction Group

Karnowski explained that the latest pay estimate for Rice Lake Construction was \$1,202,007.11 and the Engineers have reviewed it and it is staff's recommendation to be approved for payment.

Karnowski said that in speaking with one of the SEH Engineers, they are looking hard at getting the completion done pursuant to the schedule. Karnowski added that if completion is set for September, which only leaves two weeks for the people to fix whatever may not work, if something happened to not run correctly.

Walker asked if there were any comments on the change orders. Was this a cost for the offset of the pipe that didn't quite line up?

Karnowski said that the city is not paying for that fix. That is between the engineering company and the construction firm. The change orders are standard with each pay estimate and thus the listed \$4,944.00 on the pay estimate is not a new change order.

HALLIN MOVED TO APPROVE PAY ESTIMATE #13 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,202,007.11. WHITCOMB SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5 AYES, 0 NAYS).

NEW BUSINESS

A. Demographer's Population Estimates

Karnowski said that first off, he was not quite finished with the memo that the council received, so some of the numbers are incorrect. But, he had found it a little disconcerting that the number of households in both Baldwin Township and Princeton Townships decreased between 2010 and 2011, especially with the Sterling Pointe complex that opened last year. When contacting the state demographer office, they indicated that households had in fact decreased. Karnowski verified with Sterling Pointe that there were currently 50 people living there. The state demographer's office said they must have missed counting Sterling Pointe. In closing, there will be credits on household numbers for next year's census.

B. Location of Princeton Sign

Karnowski reminded the Council that when the start of the construction with the roundabout began in Princeton, the sign that was located at the southwest corner of the intersection had to be moved. Staff has been looking at various options to relocate the sign. There are two options for Council's consideration: the south side of Highway 95 on the West side of the city on the New Life Church property. The other option is the Cross of Life Church property east of the city. There is higher traffic coming from the east than the west. But, with the opening of Walmart, that may change

Gerold said that he had tried to make contact with both churches and Cross of Life had not gotten back to him yet. New Life Church had no issue with the sign possibly being placed on their property.

Whitcomb said he would prefer the west side of the city anyway with the opening of Walmart. Dobson agreed. Dobson mentioned Merlin's, the Liquor Store, and the other businesses located on that end of town. When people see the Princeton sign, they will also notice that these are our businesses.

Hallin said unfortunately the city doesn't have two of the signs and one could be placed at both ends of the city.

MISCELLANEOUS

BILL LIST – \$1,682,258.27

HALLIN MOVED TO APPROVE THE BILL LIST WHICH INCLUDES THE MANUAL CHECKS AS LISTED ON THE MANUAL VOUCHER BILL LIST FOR A TOTAL OF \$68,788.62, AND THE ITEMS LISTED ON THE LIQUOR BILL LIST AND GENERAL CITY BILL LIST WHICH WILL BE CHECKS 66518 TO 66582 FOR A TOTAL OF \$1,613,479.65. WHITCOMB SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5 AYES, 0 NAYS).

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business:

WHITCOMB MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:32 PM. HALLIN SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5 AYES, 0 NAYS).

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Hunter
City Clerk

ATTEST:

Jeremy Riddle, Mayor