

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRINCETON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON  
FEBRUARY 13, 2013 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, Finance Director Steve Jackson, Police Chief Brian Payne and Police Sergeant Joe Backlund, Community Development Director Carie Fuhrman, Clerk Shawna Jenkins, Attorneys Dick Schieffer and Damien Toven.

**AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS**

None

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

- A. Study Session Meeting Minutes of January 2, 2014
- B. Regular Meeting Minutes of February 6, 2014

HALLIN MOVED TO APPROVE THE STUDY SESSION MINUTES OF JANUARY 2, 2014 AND FEBRUARY 6, 2014. WALKER SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Permits and Licenses**
  - 1. Mille Lacs Chapter 59 Ducks Unlimited Raffle on April 10, 2014
  - 2. Princeton Speedway Intoxicating Liquor License April 1<sup>st</sup> – Sept 30, 2014
  - 3. Annual Transient Merchant License for Eric Zebrowski
  - 4. Princeton Lion's Raffle and Bingo on April 5, 2014
- B. Personnel**
  - 1. Liquor Store:
    - a. Approval to hire Debbie Applegate effective 2-5-14
    - b. Accept resignation of Rose Christensen effective 2-3-14
- C. Donations / Designations**
  - 1. Resolution 14-09, accepting donation for the Flower Project

HALLIN MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. ZIMMER SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**OPEN FORUM**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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

- A. PUC minutes of November 27, 2013
- B. PUC minutes of December 18, 2013
- C. Planning Commission minutes of January 21, 2014
- D. EDA minutes of January 16, 2014
- E. EDA Special Meeting minutes of January 29, 2014
- F. PAVC minutes of January 27, 2014

**PETITIONS, REQUESTS, AND COMMUNICATIONS**

A. Request from Neighbors Eatery and Saloon to serve alcohol until 2am

Karnowski reported that Joe and Tama Holtz are requesting approval from the Council to serve alcohol until 2am. He stated that Damien Toven did look at the city's ordinance and it appears that it just references the state code.

Hallin recalled a 2am closing coming before the Council in the past and it was denied.

Walker asked the 2am closing could be changed if there were problems. Karnowski responded that as in any liquor establishment, they can be reviewed if there are problems.

Dobson asked if there have been any incidences at the establishment since they have been open. Payne replied that they have had 2 calls there, but he believes that in both cases the people arrived already intoxicated. He added that he feels it may present a slight problem being all the other bars close at 1am, and can foresee a lot of people moving to Neighbors for the last hour.

Backlund stated that Finish Line is open until 2am and they do get a lot of agency assists for Sherburne County to the site so it does seem to be somewhat of an issue.

Hallin commented that when a 2am request came to the council several years ago, she interviewed 100 people and only a couple were in favor of a 2am closing.

Payne added that he has no complaints in regard to this particular establishment

HALLIN MOVED TO DENY THE REQUEST OF A 2AM CLOSING FOR NEIGHBORS EATERY AND SALOON. ZIMMER SECONDED THE MOTION.

Walker said feels if they are a good establishment and they are within state statute; they should be able to stay open until 2am. Dobson stated he agrees they are a good establishment and he would like to see one stay open until 2am so patrons don't head down to Finish Line, but they haven't been in business long enough yet to have a track record.

Whitcomb said a few years ago, when RJ's request was denied, it was a new change to the MN Statutes

Whitcomb asked what nights we usually are called to assist to Finish Line. Backlund responded that it seems to be mostly on Thursday nights.

Zimmer said as an ex law enforcement officer, he is in favor of bars closing at 1am. He said he has nothing against this establishment, but he thinks 2am is too late. He asked Payne what time patrons need to be out of the bar. Payne replied that they currently need to be out of the bar by 1:30

VOTE 2:3, WHITCOMB, WALKER AND DOBSON OPPOSED, MOTION FAILED

WALKER MOVED TO APPROVE THE REQUEST OF A 2AM CLOSING FOR NEIGHBORS EATERY AND SALOON, CONDITIONAL ON STAFF REVIEW OF THE CITY'S ORDINANCE TO BE ASSURED IT IS ALLOWED BY CITY ORDINANCE. DOBSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

Walker asked if the motion needs to include a stipulation that allows the license to be reviewed and the 2am approval revoked if there are problems. Karnowski stated that it is tracked and staff does look consider these things. Also, the Council does have to pass those license renewals yearly.

VOTE 3:2, HALLIN AND ZIMMER OPPOSED, MOTION CARRIED

### **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

#### A. Ordinance 705 Amending the Fee Schedule – SECOND READING

Karnowski reported that the Council reviewed the proposed fee schedule changes at the last meeting.

WALKER MOVED TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 705 AMENDING THE FEE SCHEDULE. ZIMMER SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### A. EAB Preparedness Plan

Karnowski reported that the City needs to have an EAB Preparedness Plan in place and Gina Hugo has provided a plan which has been reviewed by staff.

WALKER MOVED TO APPROVE THE EMERALD ASH BORER PREPAREDNESS PLAN FOR THE CITY OF PRINCETON. HALLIN SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### B. City Council 2014 Priorities

Karnowski reported the following results from the Council Members worksheet that was handed out at the last meeting. He stated Councilman Walker added the extension of 21<sup>st</sup> through industrial park as he felt it was important. Walker commented that he feels there should be another access to the Industrial Park.

Zimmer agrees that it is important to have another access. Whitcomb agreed as well, but because we have to get land from Prairie Restorations to do so, he can't foresee it happening on the near future. Walker stated that if the circumstances changed, the Council can always change their mind and deal with it at that time even if it is currently rated lower on the 2014 priorities

#### C. Public safety building

Karnowski reported on the pay estimate #7 in the amount of \$43,588.85 and the change orders for the public safety building.

There are still some punch list items that need to be taken care of. These pay estimates and change orders have been reviewed by the committee.

HALLIN MOVED TO APPROVE THE PAY ESTIMATE OF \$43,588.85 AND CHANGE ORDERS AS FOLLOW:

Thompson Construction	Correct Garage Door Strike Wiring	\$ 125.00
Reliance Electric	Various electrical components	5,745.00
East Side Glass	Wiring automatic Handicapped openers	380.00
MDT, Inc	Delete acoustical tile in storage room	- 300.00
Reliance Electric	Receptacles and circuits in kitchen	770.00
Contract Hardware	Correct wiring for 6 garage doors	375.00
Omann Brother Paving	Paving and curbing	39,770.00
Northern Mechanical	Wire solenoid valve	350.00
Kellington Construction	Delete soap & paper dispenser installs	- 218.00
West Branch Constr.	Saw cutting of asphalt	175.00
Friedges Drywall	Run walls to ceiling in storage room	630.00
Steinbrecher Painting	Storage room painting & PD garage lines	402.00

DOBSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

Karnowski stated there has been 3 walkthroughs so far, and some of that work has been started on. Walker asked if all the invoices are in yet. Jackson said no, there is still some retainage. Karnowski added that when all the work is done, the retainage will be released.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Dobson commented for those interested, the Princeton police now have a Facebook page.

D. Pond decommissioning

Karnowski reported that the City has received Pay voucher #4, in the amount 246,582.00 for the Pond Decommissioning. It has been reviewed by the engineer and USDA and is recommended for approval.

WALKER MOVED TO APPROVE THE PAY VOUCHER #4 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$246,582.00 TO DRT BIOSOLIDS. HALLIN SECONDED THE MOTION AND THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**NEW BUSINESS**

A. Princeton Speedway Schedule

Karnowski said the 2014 schedule is for council review. This year it is a little different as there is a Conditional Use Permit for the races. The Planning Commission has reviewed the CUP from last year and had some discussion with the racetrack owners in regards to the issues that were had last year. The owners stated that the issues are resolved and should not happen again. Fuhrman has reviewed the 2014 schedule and it does meet the conditions of the CUP

Dobson said he would feel better as a Council Member if the Planning Commission also reviewed this schedule as they are the one responsible for the permit. Karnowski stated that this schedule does meet the CUP conditions that the Planning Commission approved and this is only for the Council's information

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Hallin made a statement that she is very disappointed in the approval of the 2am bar closing.

**BILL LIST**

HALLIN MOVED TO APPROVE THE BILL LIST WHICH INCLUDES THE MANUAL CHECKS AS LISTED ON THE MANUAL BILL LIST FOR A TOTAL OF \$106,361.13 AND THE ITEMS LISTED ON THE LIQUOR BILL LIST AND GENERAL CITY BILL LIST WHICH WILL BE CHECKS 69451 TO 69555 FOR A TOTAL OF \$563,746.03. SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business:

DOBSON MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:42pm. ZIMMER 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