

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRINCETON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
MARCH 24, 2016 7:00 P.M. IN THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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, Victoria Hallin, and Jules Zimmer. Others present: Administrator Mark Karnowski, Public Works Director Bob Gerold, Development Director Jolene Foss, Police Chief Todd Frederick, Liquor Store Manager Nancy Campbell, Fire Chief Jim Roxbury, Clerk Shawna Jenkins, Engineers Mike Nielson and Jeff Row, and Attorney Damien Toven and Kelli Bourgeois.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2016

HALLIN MOVED TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 10, 2016. WALKER SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Permits and Licenses

- 1. Christ Our Light 3.2 Malt Liquor License for August 21
- 2. Christ Our Light Intox. Liquor License for August 20 Summer Bash
- 3. Christ Our Light Gambling permits for August 20 and 21st
- 4. Princeton Golf Course Liquor License 4-1-16 – 12-31-16

B. Personnel

- 1. Liquor Store – Theresa Zinniel resignation effective 3-14-16

C. Donations/Designations

- 1. Resolution 16-13 – Donation to Flower Project
- 2. Resolution 16-16 – Donations to the Fire Department

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

OPEN FORUM

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Issuance of General Obligation Capital Improvement Bonds
 - 1. Resolution 16-14 – Preliminary approval for Bond Issuance
 - 2. Resolution 16-15 – Providing for competitive sale of bonds

Jackson advised that George Eliertson from Northland Securities is here to explain the issuance of these General Obligation Capital Improvement bonds. Basically, this is a refinance of the EDA bonds for the Public Safety Building to a lower rate. Refinancing these bonds will save the City approximately \$129,000. Walker asked if those savings are after all costs and expenses of the refinance. Eilertson responded that was correct. He added that Us Bank will be handing this as a trust, so there will be additional savings of approximately \$1,000 per year.

Walker asked if there was a limit on General Obligation Bonds. Jackson said the city is well under the limit. Eilertson stated for Princeton, that limit would be about 8 million dollars. However, any projects that are partially assessed are not counted.

Karnowski asked Eilertson if the bond could be structured to read that the revenue to pay off

the bond comes from the Liquor fund. Eilertson replied that normally a General Bond will have some type of language as to what fund or course of revenue will be used to pay that bond.

Whitcomb opened the public hearing at 7:12pm

DOBSON MOVED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:12 WITH NO COMMENTS. HALLIN SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

HALLIN MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 16-14 GIVING PRELIMINARY APPROVAL TO THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,330,000 AND ADOPTING THE CITY OF PRINCETON, MINNESOTA, AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR THE YEARS 2016 THROUGH 2020. DOBSON SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DOBSON MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 16-15 PROVIDING FOR THE COMPETITIVE NEGOTIATED SALE OF \$2,285,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN BONDS, SERIES 2016A. HALLIN SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES

PETITIONS, REQUESTS, AND COMMUNICATIONS

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution 16-17 – TED Grant

Foss reported that Resolution 16-17 is for the TED Grant that was received by the City and County. It was requested that the projects be split, so the City will be the Legal sponsor of a portion of the project.

WALKER MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 16-17 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN TED GRANT DOCUMENTS AS NEEDED. HALLIN SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

A. National Day of Prayer

Karnowski reported that the Council recognizes the day of prayer every year in a proclamation.

HALLIN MOVED TO PROCLAIM MAY 5th, 2016 AS THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER. DOBSON SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. Planning Commission Bylaws

Foss advised that the Planning Commission reviewed their Bylaws and made a change that will also allow those with a business in the city, and residing within the Princeton School District to serve on the Planning Commission.

HALLIN MOVED TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDED AMENDMENT TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION BYLAWS THAT WILL ALLOW CITY BUSINESS OWNERS THAT RESIDE IN THE PRINCETON SCHOOL DISTRICT TO SERVE ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION. DOBSON SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. City Council 2016 Priorities

Karnowski said he was remiss in not having this to the council in December for them to rate their priorities for the year. He stated that he removed some of the projects that were completed.

One project that has been discussed was developing a camp ground in Rieibe Park. Once the bridge is constructed, it would link the 2 campgrounds together. Hallin questioned where in Rieibe Park additional camp sites would be added. Karnowski responded that the city owns quite a bit more property that is south of the disc Golf Course. His quick calculations show that they would possibly add approximately 75 more camp sites. It would likely cost a lot of money, but it is something to look at, and could bring more people to Princeton.

Zimmer said #36 can be removed, as Solheim field has been re-roofed. Karnowski added that he can also scratch off #31, as City Hall staff will be sharing offices with the School District.

MISCELLANEOUS

Zimmer said at the last planning commission meeting, there was a request to extend the curfew at the racetrack for a few weekend nights. Ultimately, the Planning Commission approved the extension to 11:30pm for 4 nights and allowed for one more Saturday race.

Hallin asked why the Sunday Race was not approved. Foss responded that they took the Sunday request off. Zimmer said there were a few letters of concern from residents in regard to the later nights. Walker asked if they changed the sanctioning body this year and that is why they are requesting later hours. Zimmer replied that the reason they are asking to extend the hours is those nights they hold Sprint Car races. Those usually bring in a lot more drivers, audience and can have more crashes. They did not want to run late, but would like to ask for extended hours in case they were to run a little late.

Zimmer stated he wanted to keep the end time as 11pm, but ultimately the Planning Commission approved 11:30 for those nights. Foss added that the suggestion was to leave it at 11pm, and just provide a valid reason if they were to go over. However, the concern was that residents would not be happy with just as reason for going over.

Hallin commented that there are some nights that she doesn't hear them at all due to the way the wind is blowing.

Frederick added that they did receive complaints last year on one night, and possibly a second night. Foss said in the complaint letters that they received, it was mostly traffic and issues with trash that were a problem. She said she did pass those concerns on to those that run the track.

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 \$108,620.12 AND THE ITEMS LISTED ON THE LIQUOR BILL LIST AND GENERAL CITY BILL LIST WHICH WILL BE CHECKS 73394 TO 73445 FOR A TOTAL OF \$132,372.35. ZIMMER SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business:

HALLIN MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:17PM. DOBSON SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully Submitted,

ATTEST:

Shawna Jenkins
City Clerk

Paul Whitcomb, Mayor