MINUTES OF A STUDY SESSION OF THE PRINCETON CITY COUNCIL 
HELD ON JUNE 6, 2019 4:30 P.M. 
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Mayor Brad Schumacher called the meeting to order. Council members present was Jack Edmonds, Jenny Gerold, Jules Zimmer and Jeff Reynolds. Staff present, Administrator Robert Barbian, Finance Director Steve Jackson, Public Works Director Bob Gerold, Police Chief Todd Frederick, Community Development Specialist Stephanie Hillesheim, Clerk Shawna Jenkins, Wastewater Plant Manager Chris Klinghagen, Liquor Store Manager Nancy Campbell and Fire Chief Ron Lawrence.

Invitation to Sherburne Area Visual Arts Showcase opening reception June 10, 6-8pm 

Schumacher advised that the Council has been included to the Sherburne Area Visual Arts Showcase. In 2018 we created a small art show for local artists to show some of their work. This year, we changed the name to expand the opportunity to artists around the area, not simply Sherburne County. This year, 2019, they have increased the number of artists showing their work, up to 14 this year. The artists are from all over the area, from St. Francis to St Cloud; from Buffalo to Foley; Anoka, Elk River, and Becker. The art medium ranges from metal sculpture, to oil on canvas, to photography.

The showcase will be open to the public from Tuesday June 11 to Friday, June 14. The opening reception, that I wrote about earlier, is scheduled for select invitees (including city and county officials) on Monday evening, June 10 from 6 pm to 8pm.

Canoe / Kayak Outdoor Rec Verbal Update 

Hillesheim advised that she has been working with Paddle Bridge on an agreement. So far, they do not have any registrations for the Rum River Festival canoe run, but they are opening up the, canoe and kayak rental for the weekend. Barbian added that Paddle Bridge is satisfied with the agreement and the first trip will be Saturday at 10am. Public Works has been working hard to get the entrance and exit cleaned up, and the Golf Course has been good to partner with on the exit area.

Schumacher stated he has heard some nice comments about this program.

Zimmer was concerned about the safety, and wanted to make sure the City, Chamber and Outfitter is equipped to handle it. Hillesheim responded that they have believe everything is covered. Her next plan is to apply for some grants for additional safety equipment that she will be looking into as well. Barbian added that Paddle Bridge does the same on the Mississippi, so they are familiar with any issues that may come up. Hillesheim stated they will be having some signs made that have the GPS locates on them in case there was an emergency on the River.

J Gerold asked about waivers of liability. Hillesheim responded that there are waivers on each registration form.

Downtown Design guidelines meeting verbal update 

Hillesheim reported that staff has received their first draft, and staff will be presenting their downtown design guidelines and façade case studies at the upcoming Planning Commission meeting.
**PUC Commissioner Findell resignation and approve advertisement for opening**

Schumacher reported that that Henry “Hank” Findell mailed a resignation from the Public Utility Commission effective May 31, 2019 to City Hall.

Edmonds said he is sure the commission will be recognizing Findell for his many years of service to the Public Utility Commission.

EDMONDS MOVED TO ACCEPT HENRY FINDELL’S RESIGNATION FROM THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION WITH REGRET. J GEROLD SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

EDMONDS MOVED TO WAIVE THE APPLICATION PROCESS, AS THERE WERE APPLICANTS THAT WERE REVIEWED IN DECEMBER, AND APPOINT PAUL WHITCOMB TO FINISH HENRY FINDELL’S TERM WHICH WILL END DECEMBER 31, 2019. ZIMMER SECONDED THE MOTION.

J Gerold asked who else who had applied in December. Jenkins replied the applications received was from Mayor Schumacher, Paul Whitcomb, Dan Erickson and Greg Hanson.

Zimmer recalled Paul Whitcomb stepping down with the tied vote, so Dan Erickson was appointed to the PUC. If the Attorney is okay with it, he feels the Council could appoint Paul Whitcomb to finish Henry Findell’s term.

Reynold stated he would like to see it go through the full process again. Schumacher agreed, that there is no reason to short circuit the process, and feels the new General Manager should have a say in who is appointed as well.

VOTE 2:3, EDMONDS AND ZIMMER IN FAVOR, J GEROLD, SCHUMACHER AND REYNOLDS OPPOSED. THE MOTION FAILED

Schumacher said he would like to see it be advertised for a month, and then the new Public Utility Manager to have a say in the position appointment. He thinks the 2 reming PUC commission members can handle things until a 3rd person was appointed.

Edmonds said he feels Paul Whitcomb would do a great job.

Jenkins stated that when commission openings are advertised in the fall, it is usually in the paper for 2 weeks and put on the City’s Facebook page.

SCHUMACHER MOVED TO ADVERTISE THE COMMISSION OPENING FOR 2 WEEKS, THEN APPOINT THEM AT THE JULY 11TH COUNCIL MEETING. REYNOLDS SECONDED THE MOTION. VOTE 3:2, SCHUMACHER, REYNOLDS AND J GEROLD IN FAVOR. EDMONDS AND ZIMMER OPPOSED. THE MOTION CARRIED

**Thursday Manager Meeting**

Schumacher stated he would like the manager meetings to be held on Thursdays instead of Monday’s, so he can attend those meetings.
Miscellaneous

Zimmer would like to bring up all the late additions to the meeting agendas, and the fact that they are going much later than usual. He knows Karnowski would have late additions at times, but they were items that could not wait until the next meeting.

Barbian responded that it 2 separate issues. For the late meetings, you don’t want to limit discussion on some items, and we have had a lot of things to discuss lately. However, many of the late additions to the agenda can wait until the next meeting.

****closed session regarding sale of Aero business Park lot ****

Barbian provided an update on the closed meeting discussion. The Council discussed a potential sale of a lot to Dan and Liz Tveite, who own the Princeton Anytime Fitness.

REYNOLDS MOVED MOVE FORWARD WITH AN AGREEMENT AND DEPOSIT FOR THE LOT WITH THE PROJECT AS DISCUSSED. J GEROLD SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Adjournment

REYNOLDS MOVED TO ADJOURN THE STUDY SESSION AT 5:55 PM. J GEROLD SECONDED THE MOTION. MEETING ADJOURNED

Respectfully Submitted,

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Shawna Jenkins Tadych
City Clerk

ATTEST:

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Brad Schumacher, Mayor