MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRINCETON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON JULY 12, 2018 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, Jack Edmonds, Jules Zimmer, and Jeff Reynolds. Others present: Finance Director Steve Jackson, Clerk Shawna Jenkins, Police Chief Todd Frederick, Public Works Director Bob Gerold, Wastewater Plant Manager Chris Klinghagen, Liquor Store Manager Nancy Campbell, Fire Chief Ron Lawrence, and Attorney Kelli Bourgeois and Damien Toven. Absent was Administrator Robert Barbian.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

Jenkins advised that there was a request from the VFW to have a beer garden area in front of their location for the Block Party on Friday, July 27th. Since the next meeting is the night before the Block Party, she asked if it could be added to this agenda for approval. Whitcomb approved the addition to Petitions and Requests.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting Minutes of June 28, 2018

REYNOLDS MOVED TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 28, 2018. EDMONDS SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Permits and Licenses
B. Personnel
C. Donations
   1. Resolution 18-35 accepting donation from Walmart for National Night Out
D. Miscellaneous

WALKER MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. REYNOLDS SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PRESENTATION

OPEN FORUM

Jan Jude said she is again running for Mille Lacs County Attorney. She has 28 years of experience in the legal field. She was the Mille Lacs County attorney for 12 years and has had her own practice in Milaca for the past 3 ½ years. She has reflected back on her 12 years as the County Attorney and there are a few things that she would like to do differently if she is reelected. One thing she is concerned about is the amount that the County has recently spent on outside legal expenses. She would like to try to keep those legal fees in house to save the taxpayers money. She said many police officers and other officials in the County has urged her to run for County Attorney in the 2018 election.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES

PETITIONS, REQUESTS, AND COMMUNICATIONS

A. VFW Block Party Beer Garden request
Jenkins advised that this was dropped off earlier this week after the agenda went out. This is the same set up that the council has approved in the past. Frederick added that he approves of their proposed set up and stated that they have not had any issues in the past.

ZIMMER MOVED TO APPROVE VFW'S REQUEST FOR A BEER GARDEN IN FRONT OF THEIR LOCATION FOR THE BLOCK PARTY ON JULY 27TH, 2018, WITH THE REQUIREMENT THAT THEY NOTIFY THEIR NEIGHBORING BUSINESSES. EDMONDS SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

A. Ordinance 766 – Site Plan Review Fee – FINAL READING

Jenkins reported that this is the final reading of the Ordinance that is adding a site Plan Review fee to the city's fee schedule. There have been no changes since the first reading.

WALKER MOVED TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 766. REYNOLDS SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Grass rig #6 purchase

Lawrence advised that they were unable to purchase the truck off the auction to replace our grass 6. It went for over the allotted amount that we wanted to spend. Upon the request of the council at the last discussion, I am presenting the option of purchasing a new truck to replace grass 6.

The cost of a new truck from the state bid will be under $34,000.00. This will be the same as the last 2 grass trucks that we have purchased. An additional $9,000.00 will be needed to obtain the graphics and emergency lights. He provided the specs for the truck as priced.

Edmonds asked if the one in Blue Hill is out of service. Lawrence said that was sold at auction. The oldest Grass rig will move to Blue Hill Township, and this new one will be housed at the Princeton Station.

ZIMMER MOVED TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A TRUCK TO BE USED AS GRASS RIG 6 UP TO $34,000 FOR THE VEHICLE AND UP TO $9000 FOR THE GRAPHICS, LIGHTS AND OTHER NECESSARY EQUIPMENT. REYNOLDS SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

A. Appoint Election Judges for Primary and General Elections

Jenkins reported that she is recommending the following persons for approval as election judges for the 2018 Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, August 14, 2018, and the General Election on Tuesday, November 6, 2018. The hourly wage will be $10.00 for judges and $10.50 for head judges. Judges are also expected to attend a 2-3 hour training session prior to
the election through Mille Lacs County. One change this year, is the County is going to Electronic Polling books. Reynolds added that he is an election judge for Minneapolis and the electronic poll books are a real time saver.

Donald Britt
Meilan Haehn
Jane Hanson
Evelyn King
Jo Seifert
Norma Stay
Jim Oliver
Anne Stevenson
Tammy Creasy
Marilyn Trunk

WALKER MOVED TO APPROVE DONALD BRITT, MEILAN HAEHN, JANE HANSON, EVELYN KING, JO SIEFERT, NORMA STAY, JIM OLIVER, ANNE STEVENSON, TAMMY CReASY AND MARILYN TRUNK. EDMONDS SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MISCELLANEOUS

Whitcomb thanked all of the volunteers that helped with the moving Wall last week, it was an excellent event that was very well attended.

Edmonds added that Whitcomb did gave a great welcoming speech during the opening ceremony.

BILL LIST
ZIMMER MOVED TO APPROVE THE BILL LIST WHICH INCLUDES THE MANUAL CHECKS AS LISTED ON THE MANUAL BILL LIST FOR A TOTAL OF $114,274.36 AND THE ITEMS LISTED ON THE LIQUOR BILL LIST AND GENERAL CITY BILL LIST WHICH WILL BE CHECKS 77681 TO 77763 FOR A TOTAL OF $502,575.24. REYNOLDS SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business:

ZIMMER MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:14PM. REYNOLDS SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully Submitted,

Shawna Jenkins
City Clerk

ATTEST:

Paul Whitcomb, Mayor