MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRINCETON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON JULY 26, 2018 6:00 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: Administrator Robert Barbian, Finance Director Steve Jackson, 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 Police Chief Todd Frederick and Clerk Shawna Jenkins.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

Walker would like to speak during the miscellaneous section.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting Minutes of June 12, 2018

REYNOLDS MOVED TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 12, 2018. EDMONDS SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Permits and Licenses
   1. Gene’s of Apple Valley Construction solicitor request, 5 consecutive days
   2. Princeton Lion’s Raffle Request for November 19, 2018

B. Personnel
   1. Approval to hire Bob Blackwelder effective 7-31-18

C. Donations

D. Miscellaneous

WALKER MOVED TO MOVE THE SOLICITOR LICENSE REQUEST TO NEW BUSINESS. EDMONDS SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

WALKER MOVED TO APPROVE THE REMAINING CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS. EDMONDS SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PRESENTATION

OPEN FORUM

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES

A. Public Utilities

Wangen presented the Council with electric utility rates from some other local electric companies.

For Residential properties the flat customer charge is $15, which is in the mid-range compared to the lowest at $11.59 from New Prague Municipal Utilities, with the highest being at $30.25 with East Central Energy.

Residential Energy charge for PUC is $.13/kWh all year. Others range from the lowest at $.1022/kWh for Spring and Fall with Mille Lacs Electric, to the highest of $.1438/kWh during the summer months with East Central Energy.
Small Commercial has a $20 monthly charge (others range from $30, and $67.25. PUC has $.135 / kWh all year. The low rate being $.1039 / kWh for winter months, to a high of $.1395 / kWh for summer months with Mille Lacs Electric.

Large Commercial has a $0 monthly charge (others range from $30, and $67.25. PUC has $.073 / kWh all year which is the highest and the low being $.0536 / kWh. 3 companies did not provide their numbers on Large Commercial.

B. City Administrator
C. City Engineer
D. Airport Advisory Board Minutes of June 4, 2018

PETITIONS, REQUESTS, AND COMMUNICATIONS

A. Block Party Generator Use Request

Whitcomb asked if Gerold was aware of this. Gerold responded he became aware when they called him earlier this week. He said Jenkins stated that they had not submitted the request, so a form was sent to them to fill out and get back to us to include on this agenda.

REYNOLDS MOVED TO APPROVE THE USE OF THE GENERATOR FOR THE BLOCK PARTY. EDMONDS SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Franchise Fee Trail and Park Improvement Plan

Edison presented the Trail and Park Improvement Plan. Barbian added that overall the people that attended the open house appear to be excited about the planned park and trail improvements. Zimmer agreed that it seems to be well received.

The city will include an information stuffer in an upcoming utility bill, and the Ordinance will come to the council for approval in September.

ZIMMER MOVED TO APPROVE THE PARK AND TRAIL IMPROVEMENT PLAN. REYNOLDS SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

A. Tractor purchase

Gerold advised that the public works department is looking at purchasing a 2018 Kubota Tractor Backhoe to replace the current 2007 Agco 295MT tractor backhoe. This piece of equipment is used in the cemetery, parks, as well as the streets. The purchase would be from Arnolds Equipment through the NJPA contract for $50,614.34. This has been budgeted for in the CIP for this year.
The Agco 2007 would go to public auction. If the council agrees, a motion to that effect would be in order.

EDMONDS MOVED TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF THE 2018 KUBOTA TRACTOR BACKHOE FOR $50,614.34 AND TO SELL THE AGCO 2007 AT AUCTION. ZIMMER SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. Travis Koenen Park Board appointment

Gerold reported that Travis Koenen is interested in serving on the Park Board. Zimmer added that Koenen attended the last Park Board meeting and he was impressed with his concern for the Parks.

ZIMMER MOVED TO APPOINT TRAVIS KOENEN TO THE PARK BOARD WITH THE TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020. EDMONDS SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. Gene’s of Apple Valley Construction Solicitor permit request – 5 consecutive days

Walker questioned what the applicant is going to be selling. Whitcomb responded that the application states he will be selling storm damage repair.

Walker asked why this company needs to apply for a solicitor’s permit, if others do not. He said he gets cards placed in his door from a local roofing company.

Walker stated that this applicant is following the city’s ordinance and that is commendable. Zimmer said he has no problems with this request.

WALKER MOVED TO APPROVE A 5 DAY SOLICITORS PERMIT FOR GENE’S OF APPLE VALLEY. ZIMMER SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MISCELLANEOUS

Walker advised that he will not be seeking re-election this year. It is getting more difficult to find time with work and family.

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 $133,905.94 AND THE ITEMS LISTED ON THE LIQUOR BILL LIST AND GENERAL CITY BILL LIST WHICH WILL BE CHECKS 77765 TO 77822 FOR A TOTAL OF $351,726.73. REYNOLDS SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business:
ZIMMER MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:48PM. REYNOLDS SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully Submitted,

_________________________

Shawna Jenkins
City Clerk

ATTEST:

_________________________

Paul Whitcomb, Mayor

City Clerk