

The City Council of the City of Princeton, Iowa met for a Regular meeting on Thursday, March 10, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Kernan presided. Roll Call: Present: Stutting, Woomert, Phares, McDonough, Wolfe. Motion to approve consent agenda with revised minutes was made by McDonough and seconded by Stutting. Roll Call: All Ayes. MC.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Resident Betsy Wolfe shared there is a current violation of the city sidewalk ordinance in front of 227 Fillmore St and that she fell and broke her arm due to debris such as mud, weeds, and grass buildup. Resident Wolfe asked what the Council and Mayor’s plan of action was going to be to address the situation and correct it moving forward. Council stated this house has more violations than just the sidewalk and they will work towards addressing the landlord and every violation that is happening. Public Works Foreman Rindler stated that he was contacted by the owner of Portz’s Garage and the DNR needs a testing well that could be used anywhere from 1-20 years. Council asked Foreman Rindler to work with the owner and DNR on the placement of the testing well.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Kernan welcomed Gena McCullough with Bi-State was welcomed by Mayor Kernan, McCullough shared that updating 1 or 2 areas of the current land use book are allowed under the current membership and Mayor Kernan asked that McCullough work with Council Wolfe to update the community visioning plans. Mayor Kernan then welcomed Tim Ruser chair of Planning and Zoning, Ruser shared that the planning and zoning group has made a different strategy for the rental ordinance that has been discussed previously the ordinance will be modeled off a new house certificate of occupancy between renters. Council agreed this would be a better approach to protect the renters and landlords of Princeton.

PENDING BUSINESS:

Mayor Kernan asked council if there was an update on the ARPA allocation, Council McDonough shared she has been checking to see if Iowa Economic Authority has updated their website regarding other funding, as of March 10, 2022, there is no updates. Council McDonough asked Clerk Tweed to reach out to Iowa Economic Authority and get more information. Public Works Foreman Rindler shared there have been 59 of 100 meters replaced in the last 5 days and at this rate the city will not have to have Van Wert Company come in and install meters April 1, 2022. Rindler shared there is one resident in town with a bigger “business” meter in their home and asked council how they want it replaced because that type of meter does cost more, council stated they want Foreman Rindler to offer the smaller meter installation to the resident at no cost but if the resident prefers the larger meter, they will have to pay the difference on the cost of the meter. Council agreed to purchase 150 more meters to have in stock for when other meters reach end of life. Council discussed with Attorney Pastrnak the updated ordinance book and council agreed to go forward with codifying it as soon as Clerk Tweed sent Iowa Codification the updated ordinances for chapters 92, 99, 114, and 115.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council Phares shared the City has to update the current employee insurance coverage. Phares shared different insurance coverage options. Motion to move forward with the current coverage was made by Wolfe and seconded by McDonough. Roll Call: All Ayes. MC.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Public Safety – Woomert shared there was a good turnout for the annual fireman’s dinner, and she was excited to announce the 3 new volunteers to the fire department.

Park Board – Council Wolfe shared the park board meeting was moved to Wednesday, March 16, 2022, and will be held VIA zoom.

Trails – Council McDonough shared the Whiskey Run Creek Clean up will be on April 16, 2022, and Scott County Watershed departments will be meeting with public works on the removal of debris and dead trees along the creek.

Streets – Council agreed to have Foreman Rindler contact 3 companies to get estimates on Chip and Seal for 5th street, Boll’s Parking lot and Bluff Blvd

Community Center – Council Stutting shared Kevin Stutting is the new chair for the community center board and at a previous meeting they voted to change the rate for funerals/celebrations of life to \$75/day for the use of the main floor. Stutting also shared that the Community Center board will no longer be doing the Garden Walk and that they are willing to give it to the group that will be doing the Garden Tractor Show in July. The board is working on recreating a contract for the different groups that use the community center weekly.

Summerfest – Council Phares shared that the first Sunday of every month at 12 p.m. will be “Can Cleanup” and anyone is welcome to join. Summerfest will be focusing on a more kid oriented Friday night for this year’s celebration by having a DJ and dance party in the parking lot of Boll’s following the Color Run. On Saturday they hope to have the celebrations on River Drive and have contacted local band Dirt Road Rockers to play.

CLOSING COMMENTS:

Mark Ridolfi with the North Scott Press shared March 21 the North Scott School Board will be meeting at Virgil Grissom. Mayor Kernan shared there is still set to be a 20-person boating club in the basement of the old “Kernan’s” and the new bar will be called Pitt’s Stop Bar and Grill and they have an opening date of April 1, 2022. With nothing further to discuss the meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Approved:

Kevin Kernan, Mayor

Attest:

Kisa Tweed, City Clerk/Treasurer