

The City Council of the City of Princeton, Iowa met for a regular meeting on Thursday, June 10, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. Mayor Kevin Kernan presided. Roll Call: Present: Stutting, McDonough, Woomert, and Wolfe. Motion to approve consent agenda made by Stutting and seconded by McDonough. Roll Call: All Ayes. MC.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public comment upon matters on the agenda, a concerned citizen mentioned some concerns with the Iowa American Water Rates that are currently posted on their website. Council McDonough stated that the City of Princeton has not got to the rate portion of our discussion with Iowa American Water because they need more information from the city.

MAYORS COMMENTS:

Mayor Kernan asked new Public Works Foreman Chris Rindler if he had any question regarding his letter of intent from the city. Rindler questioned the promise of raises if he received his sewer and water certificates if the city sells the water to Iowa American Water. Mayor Kernan let him know that nothing is set in stone and annual raises are still going to happen. Mayor Kernan shared with residents and council that he has been in contact with Canadian Pacific Railway, and he believes they will be opening our railroad crossings back up. Mayor Kernan welcomed owners of Go Fish Marina Bar and Grill the owners and attorney of Go Fish explained concerns over lack of communication and River Dr. closures at SummerFest causing a loss of business and revenue. Mayor Kernan and Council Woomert will follow-up with Kris Kay.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council McDonough explained that City officials were invited to learn about Iowa American Water (IAW) services. IAW presented an overview of their water and sewer services and answered questions from attendees. IAW requested Council to vote on moving forward with a soft proposal of possible acquisition. The soft proposal is non-binding and does not cost the City anything. Motion to approve moving forward with a soft proposal was made by McDonough and seconded by Wolfe. Roll Call: one Nay and the Ayes. MC. Mayor Kernan asked council to look over the ICAP 2021 Anniversary Supplement that was in the council packets. Motion to approve ICAP Anniversary Supplement made by Wolfe and seconded by Woomert. Roll Call: All Ayes. MC. Council McDonough shared that at least three residents are interested in appointment to the vacant Council seat and intend to campaign for the upcoming election. McDonough suggested the vacant seat on Council be filled by appointment and to adopt a form to collect information from interested residents for all appointments, such as Council and committees. Council Stutting wants to appoint at Mayor Kernan's recommendation. Council Wolfe wants to make an informed decision for appointment. Council Woomert agrees with the appointment and thinks the application should be reviewed and discussed at the next meeting. City of Princeton's legal advisor Candy Pastrnak does not recommend the city should go the appointment form route but does recommend that the city publish the seat vacancy and chose a new member at the next meeting. Motion to keep the seat vacant was made by Woomert and seconded by Wolfe. After discussion with City Attorney Pastrnak the motion was rescinded. Motion to publish notice of the intent to appoint made by McDonough and seconded by Stutting. Roll Call: All Ayes. MC.

RESOLUTIONS:

A motion was made by Woomert to approve RESOLUTION 2021-14, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF SPECIFIED DOCUMENTS and was seconded by McDonough. Roll Call: All Ayes. MC

A motion was made by McDonough to approve RESOLUTION 2021-15, A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CITY OF PRINCETON'S APPLICATION FOR A STATE GRANT RELATED TO THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER TRAIL ALONG US 67 and was seconded by Stutting. Roll Call: All Ayes. MC

ORDINANCES:

A motion was made by Stutting to approve the second reading of ORDINANCE 02-2021, AN ORDINANCE TO CHAPTER 146 OF PRINCETON CITY CODE IN REFERENCE TO MOBILE HOME PARK REGULATIONS and was seconded by Woomert. Roll Call: All Ayes. MC

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Parks – Terri Applegate shared that the Park Board received two dog park fence quotes and would like to move forward with a bid for grant applications; Council Wolfe agrees. Volrath Hardwoods donated mulch for all City parks. There are two open seats on the Park Board.

Trails – Council McDonough is working with Bi-State Regional Commission to submit a grant for Mississippi River Trail engineering designs. McDonough is coordinating a meeting with the railroad, Iowa DOT, Bi-State Regional Commission to discuss pedestrian crossings at Hwy 67 and railroad on 6/14/2021. Ethan Bettis joined the Princeton Rec. Trail non-profit.

Community Visioning – Council Wolfe recapped two successful in-person Community Visioning meetings at Woomert Park and expects to survey residents on ideas at SummerFest.

Streets - Council McDonough, Council Woomert, and Public Works submitted two grant applications for bioswales at Pieno Grove and Bluff Blvd.

Council Woomert invited volunteers to help Princeton First Responders host the TOMRV breakfast on 6/12/2021. Woomert requested that police enforce speeding on Chestnut St. following baseball games.

Council McDonough announced open registration for the Whiskey Run Creek Cleanup on 8/21/2021, more information is on the City website.

MAYORS CLOSING COMMENTS:

With nothing further to discuss the meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Approved:

Kevin Kernan, Mayor

Attest:

Kisa Tweed, City Clerk/Treasurer