

The City Council of the City of Princeton, Iowa met in regular electronic session on Thursday, January 14, 2021 via conference call. Mayor Kevin Kernan presided. Roll Call: Present: Stutting, McDonough, Woomert, Kline and Wolfe to arrive later. Motion to approve consent agenda made by McDonough and seconded by Stutting. Roll Call: All Ayes, with the exception of Woomert abstaining from Fire Chief approval in consent agenda. MC

**MAYORS COMMENTS:**

Mayor Kernan condemned the actions that took place at the Capitol Building last week. Mayor Kernan introduced Zac Hamilton of Big Docks. Hamilton proposed a donation of public docks in return to have permission to pick up and drop off passengers for his upcoming tiki boat business this summer. Woomert and Stutting stated that was a great idea and would draw some attraction to Princeton. Council agreed to further research and discuss the dock donation.

**PENDING BUSINESS:**

Mayor Kernan, Council, and Employees discussed changes to the employee handbook. McDonough updated the google doc as Council accepted or denied the proposed changes. Council agreed to vote on the updated handbook at the February meeting.

**ORDINANCES:**

A motion was made by Woomert to approve the second reading of ORDINANCE 4-2020, AN ORDINANCE AMDENDING CHAPTER 92 (WATER RATES) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PRINCETON, IOWA and was seconded by Stutting. Roll Call: All Ayes. MC

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES:**

**Community Protection** - Woomert stated police and fire have been extremely busy with emergency calls within the last few weeks.

**Policy and Administration** – Stutting and Kline are working to complete annual reviews. Wolfe asked to be included in Police Chief Carsten review as previously discussed.

**Water and Sewer** – Mayor Kernan introduced David Watkins with Maguire Iron, Inc. Watkins presented a water tower maintenance plan with updated costs for painting and work that needs to be done. Mayor Kernan asked Woomert and McDonough to further discuss for the upcoming budget.

**Streets** – Public Works Foreman Genz and Woomert discussed snow removal and residents parking on streets. Council agreed to mail warning letters to the residents who park on streets during a snowfall and blow snow back into the streets.

**Trails** – McDonough said the National Park Service will present updated trail and park concept designs at the February meeting. The steering committee is planning virtual community breakout sessions for additional public input. Princeton Rec. Trail non-profit hired a local artist to create a logo. Kline said the Park Board is interested in a dog park. Wolfe updated Council on the Tree’s Forever Community Visioning project and encouraged residents that received a public input survey to complete it and mail it back.

**BUDGET HEARING:**

Mayor Kernan and Council discussed the preliminary budget. Clerk Tweed will meet with her mentor on January 16. Council will hold a Max Levy Hearing on January 28, 2021.

**Mayors Closing Comments:**

Council agreed to a budget meeting following the regular February meeting.

With nothing more to discuss, the Princeton City Council meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Approved:

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Kevin Kernan, Mayor

Attest:

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Kisa Tweed, City Clerk/Treasurer