

The City Council of the City of Princeton, Iowa met for a Regular meeting on Thursday, November 18, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Kernan presided. Roll Call: Present: Stutting, Woomert, Phares, McDonough. Absent Wolfe. Motion to approve consent agenda was made by McDonough and seconded by Woomert. Roll Call: All Ayes. MC.

**MAYOR COMMENTS:**

Mayor Kernan congratulated the re-elected and newly elected city officials. Mayor Kernan stated he would like to change council committees in January and asked council members to think about what committees they would prefer to be on. Mayor Kernan welcomed the new Deputy Clerk Nicole Matzen to the team. Mayor Kernan shared an update with the Canadian Pacific Railroad company merger estimating roughly 72-76 trains a day there will be Federal and City meetings coming up that Davenport and Bettendorf city officials will be attending he asked that Princeton city officials also attend. Mayor Kernan and Council McDonough introduced Bi-State's Brian Schmid. Schmid discussed the MRT TASA Application. Princeton was one of two local cities to apply for the TASA grant. Schmid shared how important it is to find out how much engineering will cost and that the projects must be started within 5 years. The original engineering estimate was \$250,000 in 2018 MRT trails members are estimating the engineering cost to raise to roughly \$344,000.

**PENDING BUSINESS:**

Mayor Kernan shared the Water and Sewer rate study information received from Steve Marsh. Council McDonough stated she wasn't surprised by the recommendations. Council Woomert stated she was not willing to sell our water and sewer system to Iowa American Water so she agrees with the recommendations if it helps Princeton keep our own systems. Council Stutting shared she agreed with Woomert and she has no interest in selling our water systems. Council Phares stated he would much rather see Princeton raise rates based on the rate study and keep doing it ourselves. Mayor Kernan asked council if it was okay with them to go forward with the ordinance for water and sewer rates based on the recommendations. Council McDonough stated she agreed it needed to be started as soon as possible. Motion to approve going forward with the rate study recommendations was made by Woomert and seconded by Stutting. Roll Call: All Ayes. MC.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mayor Kernan asked council to approve the Winter Maintenance Proposal with Scott County Secondary Roads. Motion to approve maintenance proposal was made by Woomert and seconded by Stutting. Roll Call: All Ayes. MC.

**RESOLUTION:**

A motion was made by Woomert to approve RESOLUTION 2021-21, A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE CITY STREET FINACE REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2020 and was seconded by McDonough. Roll Call: All Ayes. MC

A motion was made by Woomert to approve RESOLUTION 2021-22, A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE 2021 URBAN RENEWAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2020 and was seconded by Stutting. Roll Call: All Ayes. MC

**ORDINANCES:**

After some discussion a motion was made by Woomert to table ORDINANCE 05-2021, AN ORDINANCE TO CHAPTER 161 OF PRINCETON CODE IN REFERENCE TO RENTAL PROPERTY COMPLIANCE and was seconded by Phares. Roll Call: All Ayes. MC

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES:**

**Public Safety** – Woomert shared COVID-19 is live in our community again and to take precautions. She stated the fire department is taking all precautions necessary when answering calls.

**Park Board** – Council Phares shared they were unable to have a meeting because they did not have a quorum.

**Community Center** – Council Stutting shared the Community Center met on 11/17/2021 for the first time since August 2020. The Community Center board is looking for more members and especially a member willing to be the "Chair" of the board. Stutting shared at their meeting they discussed the building needing new tuckpoints, sofet, and the furnace fixed. The community center will be hosting Santa at the Center on December 4 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. with crafts. Community Center meetings will be held on the second Wednesday at 6 p.m.

**CLOSING COMMENTS:**

With nothing further to discuss the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Approved:

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Kevin Kernan, Mayor

Attest:

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Kisa Tweed, City Clerk/Treasurer