

The City Council of the City of Princeton, Iowa met for a Budget Hearing on Thursday, October 14, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Kernan presided. Roll Call: Present: Stutting, Woomert, Phares, McDonough and Wolfe. Mayor Kernan asked Council to share and/or ask questions about anything regarding the budget. Council McDonough shared there was a small meeting with herself, Council Woomert, Public Works Foreman Rindler, and Clerk Tweed. This meeting was to discuss preliminary budget numbers for the Water and Sewer departments. Council McDonough shared key aspects of the meeting. Clerk Tweed stated she would be meeting with all department heads and department chairs before the December 9, 2021, meeting so the entire preliminary budget is completed. With nothing further to discuss the meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

The City Council of the City of Princeton, Iowa met for a Regular meeting on Thursday, October 14, 2021, at 6:15 p.m. Mayor Kernan presided. Mayor Kernan presided. Roll Call: Present: Stutting, Woomert, Phares, McDonough and Wolfe. Motion to approve consent agenda with the removal of no. 3 "Iowa Codification Updates" was made by Stutting and seconded by Woomert. Roll Call: All Ayes. MC.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Kernan stated the Deputy Clerk of many years Patty Morgan has put in her official retirement resignation and that Policy and Administration Chair and CO-Chair are working hard at going through the applications. Council agreed on a starting salary of \$15.00 an hour.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Kernan introduced Larry Hand from ICAP. Hand shared the annual premium comparison increase and shared details about why there was an increase. Hand also shared there is an annual ICAP grant for cities to help minimize the potential for claims or loss. Frank Grage from Iowa American Water was in attendance to share the "soft-proposal" with the city. Grage shared with Iowa American's findings the City's water and sewer services were worth \$2 million with a current City water and sewer debt of \$1.5 million. Grage stated the current City water bill is roughly \$70/month and with a sale to Iowa American Water the bill would increase to roughly \$90/month, but they would be completing a lot of Capital Improvements.

ORDINANCES:

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Trails Steering Committee – Council Stutting asked other council members what their thoughts were going forward with the "Trails steering committee" and the "trails nonprofit" as far as invoices being paid and donations. Council agreed that the original 20,000 of the City monies that is in the account shall be used for "brick and mortar" purchases and the remainder of donations in the account should be removed and given to the nonprofit account to handle all of their own invoices associated with fundraising events.

Policy and Admin – Stutting shared herself and Council Phares received 8 applications for the Deputy Clerk position, and they had met to discuss each candidate and narrowed it down to four candidates. Council discussed setting up interview times for all 4 candidates on the night of October 25, 2021.

Community Visioning – Wolfe shared there was a presentation of final concept designs on October 1st at 5 p.m. in the Boll's Community Center Parking lot and next week they will be meeting to decide which grants to apply for and what exact project the community wants to start with.

Public Safety – Woomert shared there was a post card sent out From ALERT IOWA that helps residents register the people in their house in case of an emergency and will send Scott County residents text messages when there is an emergency in the area. Woomert also

stated last week the Princeton Fire Department volunteers stopped at the Pumpkin Dunkin and the School's fire safety week and both were a great turn out.

Water & Sewer – McDonough shared the Bioswale project was waiting on a rain measurement and mother nature really helped us out with that the last week and there will be more to update at the November meeting.

Park Board – Council Phares shared that Halloween festivities are all set, and they have doubled the prize money for the costume contest this year in hopes more residents will join in for the fun.

Trails – Council McDonough shared they had 55 runners/walkers register for the Princeton 5k this year and they had a lot of interest in their shirts so they will be doing an apparel fundraiser once there is a bigger variety in stock at Keith & Co. McDonough also shared that out of the 3 grants submitted she has heard back on 2: The state grant was not awarded, the TASA Bi-State grant was recommended for special consideration to move forward. The Federal grant has no information yet.

Community Center – Val Rasche Community Center Board Member shared they will be having an Open House at the Community Center on October 23 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. with free coffee, donuts, and other bakery items. During the open house there will also be a Princeton Apparel sale. Rasche also stated they have decided to move the monthly board meetings to the 4th Thursday at 6 p.m. at Boll's. Clerk Tweed shared Summerfest Chair Demi Phares has decided to put together a fundraising event the first Friday of the colder months apart from October and that date will be October 29, 2021. The event will be a family movie night at Boll's.

CLOSING COMMENTS:

With nothing further to discuss the meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Approved:

Kevin Kernan, Mayor

Attest:

Kisa Tweed, City Clerk/Treasurer