

The City Council of the City of Princeton, Iowa met in regular session on Thursday, May 21, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Princeton City Hall. A partially electronic meeting was held because “in person” is impossible or impractical due to concerns for the health and safety of council members, staff and the public presented by COVID-19, and to follow the governor’s proclamation directing social distancing and placing restrictions on gatherings. Mayor Pro-Tem Jami Stutting presided. Roll Call: Present; Stutting, Woomert, Wolfe, Kline, and McDonough. Mayor Pro-Tem Stutting asked if Council approves the Consent Agenda. Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Woomert seconded by Kline. Roll Call: All Ayes. MC

City Attorney Runnels talked about well #3 project. She also discussed that the engineering firm, Shive-Hattery wanted to amend the contract for work done on the project. The amount would be \$12,000.00 more. She was going to get in touch with parties involved and look further into the original contract and with Julie Ford from the USDA.

COVID-19 was discussed and when our park equipment could be utilized. McDonough clarified that Gov. Reynolds 5/13/2020 proclamation states that playground shall remain closed and requested that City parks continue to abide.

Attorney Runnels discussed the UTA/ATV ordinance. Chief Carsten stated that they would need to abide by our current ordinance, and it could be amended by adding UTVS if necessary. Runnels will review and make changes to current ordinance.

Resolutions:

Council member Woomert made a motion to approve RESOLUTION 2020-11 A RESOLUTION TO FIX A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSAL TO ENTER INTO A WATER REVENUE LOAN AGREEMENT AND TO BORROW MONEY THEREUNDER IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$638,000. And was seconded by McDonough. Roll call: All Ayes. MC

Council member Woomert made a motion to approve RESOLUTION 2020-12, A RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACTS 1 AND 2 FOR THE PRINCETON WELL #3 PROJECT AND REJECTING BIDS FOR CONTRACT #3 PROJECT and was seconded by McDonough. Roll Call: All Ayes. MC

McDonough shared that it is not too late for residents to complete the 2020 Census. She also announced that the Princeton Rec Trails, Inc. and steering committee will meet with the National Park Service on 5/27 to brainstorm for the Mississippi Riverfront Trail route and Community Recreation Plan. McDonough was also approached by Scott County Water Sheds regarding the samples they took at Whiskey Run Creek and offered help in doing a stream trash cleanup. Genz stated that the creek received a lot of farm run off and the City does its best to clean what it can, but some of the creek meets private property. McDonough will follow up with Scott County Water Shed regarding this matter.

Wolfe made a motion regarding the fire truck bids, but Mayor Pro-tem Stutting said it could not be brought up because it was not on the agenda and City Attorney agreed to this matter.

There were a few comments from the audience. Kim Hildebrand who lives on Bluff Blvd. is very concerned about the erosion on his street and when the Council has plans on repairing the street. Council person Woomert stated that she has grants written for street repairs but has not heard yet if the

City has been awarded them. There are plans of a bioswale for water runoff and doing some cold patching. Dan Allison asked a question regarding the ATV/UTV ordinance. Ann Geiger thought it was a good idea for City leaders to investigate the extra fees from engineers for the well #3 project.

McDonough made a motion to go into closed session under Iowa Code 21.5 “*To evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual request a closed session.*” And was seconded by Wolfe.

A motion was made by McDonough to go back into regular session and was seconded by Wolfe, Roll call, all ayes. MC Kline made a motion to approve the City paying Public Works Foreman an hourly rate of 30.33 beginning on the June 4th payroll and paying back pay of \$2.84 per hour from December 22, 2019 to May 30, 2020. and was seconded by McDonough. Roll call: All Ayes, Woomert: abstain.

Pro-Mayor Stutting opened back up the regular council meeting and with nothing further to discuss, the Princeton City Council meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Approved:

Jami Stutting, Mayor-Pro-Tem

Attest:

Patty Morgan, Deputy Clerk