

The City Council of the City of Princeton, Iowa met for a Regular meeting on Thursday, December 9, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Kernan presided. Roll Call: Present: Stutting, Woomert, Phares, McDonough, Wolfe. Motion to approve consent agenda was made by Stutting and seconded by Woomert. Roll Call: All Ayes. MC.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Owner of Go Fish Kris Kay brought to Council’s attention that she is looking to partner with the Government and do a Work Visa program for college students from Jamaica and The Dominican Republic, but she has to prove safe housing for the individuals before the next steps can be taken and asked council if they knew anyone that would be willing to rent out a room and/or if council had any other ideas on housing. The program would reimburse the homeowners around \$650 a month per student. Kay asked if anyone was interested to please contact her at Go Fish Marina Bar and Grill.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Kernan stated he had a meeting with the railroad company, and they were very nice and stated they wanted things to be civil. The railroad company stated that the number of trains that would be coming through town would be around 21.5 trains a day and this is set to begin in roughly 3 years.

PENDING BUSINESS:

Mayor Kernan asked council what they were thinking about the previously tabled rental ordinance and council stated they believe it is too in-depth and they would like to discuss with Planning and Zoning board before the next Council Meeting.

RESOLUTION:

A motion was made by Woomert to approve RESOLUTION 2021-23, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO WRITE A CHECK TO THE PRINCETON RECREATIONAL TRAILS NON-PROFIT and was seconded by McDonough. Roll Call: All Ayes. MC

ORDINANCES:

A motion was made by Woomert to approve the first reading of ORDINANCE 06-2021, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 92 (WATER RATES) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PRINCETON, IOWA and was seconded by McDonough. Roll Call: All Ayes. MC

A motion was made by Woomert to approve the first reading of ORDINANCE 07-2021, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 99 (SEWER RATES) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PRINCETON, IOWA and was seconded by Wolfe. Roll Call: All Ayes. MC

A motion was made by Woomert to wave all readings of ORDINANCE 08-2021, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 106 (COLLECTION OF SOLID WASTE) OF THE CITY OF PRINCETON, IOWA and was seconded by Wolfe. Roll Call: All Ayes. MC

A motion was made by Woomert to adopt ORDINANCE 08-2021, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 106 (COLLECTION OF SOLID WASTE) OF THE CITY OF PRINCETON, IOWA and was seconded by McDonough. Roll Call: All Ayes. MC

A motion was made by McDonough to wave all readings of ORDINANCE 09-2021, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 70 (TRAFFIC CODE ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES) OF THE CITY OF PRINCETON, IOWA and was seconded by Wolfe. Roll Call: All Ayes. MC

A motion was made by Woomert to adopt ORDINANCE 09-2021, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 70 (TRAFFIC CODE ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES) OF THE CITY OF PRINCETON, IOWA and was seconded by Wolfe. Roll Call: All Ayes. MC

A motion was made by McDonough to wave all readings of ORDINANCE 10-2021, AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 155 OF THE CITY OF PRINCETON, IOWA and was seconded by Wolfe. Roll Call: All Ayes. MC

A motion was made by McDonough to adopt ORDINANCE 10-2021, AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 155 OF THE CITY OF PRINCETON, IOWA and was seconded by Phares. Roll Call: All Ayes. MC

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Public Safety – Wolfe stated she met with Chief Carsten on Monday to discuss the upcoming budget and the possible hiring of two part-time officers when current part-time officer Carter retires. Woomert stated she had a current Camanche Firefighter reach out to her and ask about joining Princeton’s Fire Department because he recently bought a house here.

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 did not have a December meeting because they wanted to enjoy the holiday season, but they are looking forward to meeting in 2022. Discussion was had among the council about what Princeton group would be hosting the “Princeton Garden Walk” this year and Council agreed to keep the Community Center Board in charge of the garden walk until they express, they no longer wish to be in charge.

Policy and Admin – Mayor Kernan and Council Phares requested the City Clerk hand out self-evaluation forms to all employees and once they receive the completed forms, they will schedule employee evaluations with departments.

Trails – Council McDonough shared they did not have a meeting and they were waiting to hear back on the TASA funding.

Water & Sewer – Council McDonough shared Governor Reynolds announced a \$75 million water infrastructure investment and that more information will be shared about the grant program on December 15, 2021.

CLOSING COMMENTS:

With nothing further to discuss the meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

FOLLOWING THE REGULAR SESSION WAS A BUDGET HEARING TO DISCUSS PRINCETON’S FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 BUDGET:

Mayor Kernan presided. Roll Call: Present: Stutting, Woomert, Phares, McDonough, Wolfe.

Budget Discussion – Mayor Kernan and Council discussed preliminary budget numbers. Clerk Tweed shared she has met individually with the Water & Sewer, Parks, and Streets departments to get preliminary numbers and Wolfe stated she met with Police Chief Carsten to get Preliminary numbers for the Police Department. Clerk Tweed was asked to investigate the most recent payments for property insurance because it was higher than usual. During the budget discussion council discussed raising the rate for the Community Center for celebrations of life from \$0 to \$50 a day. Stutting was vocal about her disagreement on the topic but would take it back to the community center board to discuss. Mayor Kernan stated it is ultimately a council decision, but he will take the Community Center Boards thoughts and concerns into consideration.

With nothing further to discuss the meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Approved:

Kevin Kernan, Mayor

Attest:

Kisa Tweed, City Clerk/Treasurer