

The City Council of the City of Princeton, Iowa met in regular session on Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. via an electronic meeting. The Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Kevin Kernan presided. Roll Call: Present: Stutting, McDonough, Woomert, Wolfe, Kline. Mayor Kernan asked if Council approves the Consent Agenda. Motion to approve consent agenda was made by Stutting, seconded by Wolfe. Roll Call: All Ayes. MC

Mayor's Comments:

Mayor Kernan stated it was not prudent for a city wide party hosted by the fire department or a parade, but trick or treat was fine, and they encourage residents to follow CDC guidelines by only traveling with their household and to please use Halloween night as the night for trick or treating. Mayor Kernan asked if there were any updates on the MRT Committee. McDonough stated that she felt the request to have Stutting replace her as the liaison lacked integrity and if the votes stayed as such that all documentation please be updated. Stutting assured council she is fully capable of being the liaison for this committee. Mayor Kernan stated it will be discussed after the third reading.

Pending Business:

Mayor Kernan asked if there were any updates on the building inspector interviews. Wolfe stated two candidate interviews had just been completed and that she and McDonough would put together a summary and discuss the candidates at the work session. Mayor Kernan stated that he is working on an audit update with Fire Chief Woomert.

New Business:

The Fowl application was looked over by council members. McDonough made a motion to approve the application and was seconded by Woomert. Roll Call: All Ayes. MC

Resolutions:

Council member Woomert made a motion to approve RESOLUTION 2020-24, A RESOLUTION REMOVING PATTY MORGAN AS ACTING CITY CLERK AND CITY TREASURER and was seconded by Stutting. Roll Call: All Ayes. MC

Council member Wolfe made a motion to approve RESOLUTION 2020-25, A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE URBAN HENS FEE and was seconded by McDonough. Roll Call: All Ayes. MC

Council member Wolfe made a motion to approve RESOLUTION 2020-26, A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND APPROVING 2020 CITY STREET FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2020 and was seconded by Woomert. Roll Call: All Ayes. MC

Ordinances:

Council member McDonough made a motion to approve the third and final reading of ORDINANCE 01-2020, AN ORDINANCE CREATING A RECREATIONAL TRAIL BOARD and was seconded by Stutting. Roll Call: All Ayes. MC

Council member McDonough made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE 01-2020, AN ORDINANCE CREATING A RECREATIONAL TRAIL BOARD and was seconded by Stutting. Roll Call: All Ayes. MC

Report of Appointed Committees:

Building and Inspector (Community Center). Stutting stated that the tiles are in at the Community Center and thanked Wolfe for getting the ball rolling on the ceiling tile project. Stutting also stated that when they purchased the digital sign free letters were included and she is working on getting those free letters, she also asked that the funds that were for the sign be traced back. Wolfe stated that Josh Luckritz got scaffolding to start putting up the tiles.

Trail Committee. McDonough reminded residents that the Princeton 5K is scheduled for 10/2/2020 at 6:00 p.m. and that the committee is encouraging face coverings during sign up.

Streets. Mayor stated there was discussion about purchasing a new truck for the streets department. Woomert stated she understands the truck needs a lot of work not worth fixing and she has asked Josh Genz to please get some bids. Genz stated he is looking into the place where Princeton purchased the squad car because it is considerably cheaper for government vehicles. Mayor Kernan stated that this would most likely be a loan situation with a down payment because all the funds will not be available in the reserve fund. McDonough expressed she would like to see multiple options before a decision is made. Kline mentioned looking into a leasing option that would leave us with a fixed maintenance cost. Genz stated that if we could find a company willing to do that with a city maintenance truck, he would be happy to.

Community Protection. Woomert stated there is an update with the fire truck, it is listed in newspapers in 5 different states. Woomert also discussed the previous weekends happenings for the fire department, large boats were towed due to being beached Sunday morning because of the high winds from the storm. Woomert also discussed that the fire department will be training this coming week at the nuclear plant. Woomert also reminded everyone that there will be a silent lighted truck parade around town on 9/11 at dusk in remembrance of those who lost their lives 9/11/01.

Water and Sewer. Mayor Kernan asked Josh Genz if there was anywhere for storage for the well project because he received a call from the company putting in the radio tower about when they could start working. Genz mentioned they could maybe store on Lost Grove Rd or at Woomert Park.

Closing Direction from City Attorney:

City Attorney Runnels questioned if we were getting direction from Julie Ford at the USDA on the billing for the well project. Mayor Kernan said we have not got very much direction.

Closing Comments from Council/Mayor:

McDonough reported a 74.6% Census response rate as of 9/8/2020. McDonough created flyers for the City to promote the near approaching deadline of 9/30/2020. Kline commented that he would like to welcome the new City Clerk one more time on her first two weeks with Princeton.

With nothing further to discuss, the Princeton City Council meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Approved:

Kevin Kernan, Mayor

Attest:

Kisa Tweed, City Clerk