

The City Council of the City of Princeton, Iowa met for a regular meeting on Thursday, December 8, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. Mayor Kevin Kernan presided. Roll Call: Present: Phares, Stutting, McDonough and Wolfe. Absent: Woomert Motion to approve consent agenda made by Wolfe and seconded Phares. Roll Call: All Ayes. MC.

Council discussed upcoming numbers for the 2023/2024 annual budget. Council will have another budget hearing on January 12, 2023. With nothing further to discuss Mayor Kernan adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

**MAYORS COMMENTS:**

Mayor Kernan stated he has no update with the railroad merger, but he is keeping an eye on the matter. Mayor Kernan asked Park Board Liaison what the plan is going forward with park board as there were two resignations this month. Council Wolfe stated they have one possible individual and will work with the city clerk on advertising the open spots. Council discussed with the public and employees the possible pipeline and what that means for the future of Princeton.

Approved:

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Kevin Kernan, Mayor

Attest:

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Kisa Tweed, City Clerk/Treasurer

**Pending Business:**

The council discussed tax abatement and other incentives for the future buyers of the Anderson 400 property. Council agreed to have small work sessions with city attorneys to put together a plan of action so the city is prepared when entering meetings with the Quad City Chamber.

**New Business:**

Mayor Kernan asked council members to consider using LMI funds for the Elderly Housing in Princeton to repair the roof. The council agreed if they fit the application criteria by the state of Iowa, they would allow it.

A motion was made by McDonough to approve THE AGREEMENT FOR USE OF HIGHWAY RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR UTILITIES ACCOMMODATION and seconded by Wolfe. Roll Call: All Ayes. MC

Council McDonough shared the TASA fund agreement details with the public and other council members. Mayor Kernan asked McDonough if this needed to be voted on today. Council McDonough stated she didn't need it voted on tonight but hopes to have it voted on in January.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

A motion was made by McDonough to approve RESOLUTION 2022-23, A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE VOLUNTARY CLOSURE OF CITY OFFICES ON NEW YEARS EVE MORNING WITH THE EMPLOYEES USING PERSONAL TIME AS THE AFTERNOON IS A CITY HOLIDAY and seconded by Phares. Roll Call: All Ayes. MC

A motion was made by Wolfe to approve RESOLUTION 2022-24, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRE OF ADAM LEE AS PUBLIC WORKS LABORER and seconded by Phares. Roll Call: All Ayes. MC

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES:**

**Summerfest** – Council Phares stated Princeton Summerfest is being postponed unless they can get volunteers for the committee. Phares will work with the city clerk to advertise the openings on the committee.

**Park** – Council Wolfe stated they are continuing to work on the dog park and signage for the parks.

**Trails** – Council McDonough shared that the trails committee will be hosting a Bingo Night Friday January 13, 2022 at Olathea Winery starting promptly at 5:30 p.m. every winner will receive their choice of wine bottle. A silent auction will be held as well.

**PUBLIC CLOSING COMMENTS:**

A resident asked what the plans were for Lost Grove Rd where there have been some water main breaks. Public Works Foreman Rindler stated the ground needed to settle before patching the road to insure no greater problems occur.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL CLOSING COMMENTS:**

With nothing further to discuss Mayor Kernan adjourned the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

**BUDGET HEARING:**