

The City Council of the City of Princeton, Iowa met in regular session on Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Princeton City Hall. A partially electronic meeting was held due to concerns for the health and safety of council members, staff and the public presented by COVID-19.

Mayor Pro-Tem Jami Stutting presided. Roll Call: Present; Stutting, Woomert, Wolfe, Kline, and McDonough. Stutting asked if Council approves the Consent Agenda. Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by McDonough with corrections on 6/2/2020 and 6/11/2020 meeting minutes to be made and on file at Princeton City Hall. This was seconded by Woomert. Roll Call: All Ayes. MC Stutting stated that Mary Jo Anderson was going to give an update on Anderson 400 tonight, but she wanted to reschedule for the September 2020 meeting.

Repairs were discussed for the Community Center. Genz stated that he had a work order to replace just ceiling tiles. Stutting said the Community Center Board was meeting on 6/21/2020. Kline and Wolfe will meet with the board to discuss what repairs that could be done with funds from current budget.

Stutting went over Employee Handbook changes with Council. There was discussion over time clock locations and holiday overtime. Stutting stated that at this meeting they were just getting input from Council and will continue to work on the handbook.

Woomert made a motion to accept City Clerk's resignation letter and was seconded by Stutting. Roll Call: All Ayes: MC.

Stutting asked the Council if they approved the Trail Committee Board Members, as recommended by Mayor Kernan. McDonough said Mayor Kernan appointed her City Council Liaison in January 2020 and referenced committee assignments emails from Mayor Kernan and Princeton Recreation Trails, Inc. meeting minutes. Kline made a motion to table vote and was seconded by Woomert. Roll Call Ayes: MC.

McDonough made a motion to approve the Humane Society with a signature change from City Administer to Mayor and was seconded by Woomert. Roll Call: All Ayes: MC

Kline made a motion to approve the second amendment to the contract with Shive-Hattery and was seconded by Wolfe. Roll Call: All Ayes. MC

City Attorney Runnels stated that the City needs to set a public hearing date for well #3 project. A motion was made by Kline to set a date for the public hearing on August 6th, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at Princeton City Hall and was seconded by McDonough, Roll Call: All Ayes; MC

Keith Youngers, a Princeton resident, spoke to the Council regarding the culvert (bioswale) on the north side Chestnut St. and River Dr. He stated that the railroad has been dumping bags of concrete in the culvert. Dan Allison, a resident stated that he has spoke to employees of the railroad too. They are concerned that these will potentially plug the culvert and cause flooding issues. Allison will email pictures to Mayor. The City Attorney will follow up with pictures and letter to the railroad.

Stutting read aloud the recommendation from Planning and Zoning regarding a new public works building. They recommended that a new public works building be built at top of Chestnut St. if funds are available to do so. Kline stated that we must consider other projects that need attention, especially City streets.

Resolutions:

Kline motioned to approve RESOLUTION 2020-15, A RESOLUTION SETTING PUBLIC WORKS FOREMAN SALARY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 and was seconded by Wolfe. Roll Call: All Ayes: Woomert: Abstain. MC

Kline motioned to approve RESOLUTION 2020-16: A RESOLUTION SETTING DEPUTY CLERK'S SALARY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-20 and was seconded by Stutting. Roll Call: All Ayes: MC.

Woomert motioned to approve RESOLUTION 2020-17: A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR REDUCTION OF INTEREST RATE ON SEWER REVENUE BOND and was seconded by Stutting. Roll call: All Ayes: MC.

Wolfe thanked Stutting for adding a home button to the website and asked for a timeline on additional updates. Stutting said that at the City Code is updated on the Princeton website.

McDonough reminded residents that the Whiskey Run Creek cleanup is 7/25/2020 and volunteers of all ages and abilities are welcome to

participate. Registration information is on the City website and Facebook page.

McDonough reported that as of 7/8/2020 Princeton has a 72.7 percent response rate to the Census. McDonough encouraged residents to complete their Census and remind their neighbors. Woomert suggested volunteers knock on doors to increase Census participation. McDonough asked Morgan to contact the U.S. Census Bureau to find out who the local Census Supervisor is.

Woomert shared that Princeton received a letter from the Iowa DOT informing of a decrease in road use funds due to COVID-19.

Kline stated that the building inspector position has not been filled. He stated that the Mayor Kernan will speak with Public Works about absorbing until the position is filled.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Approved:

Jami Stutting, Mayor-Pro-Tem

Attest:

Patty Morgan, Deputy Clerk