

Regular Meeting September 11, 2017

The Primghar City Council met for Regular Council Meeting on September 11, 2017 at 7:00PM in the council chambers with Mayor Pro-Tem Glen Schueller presiding. Council present - Jack Black, Doug Harms, and Kevin Smith. Absent – Mayor Kurt Edwards and Brooke Scroggins. City staff- Denny Logan, and Wendy Ewoldt. Visitors – Dan Ginger, Nolan Harms, Bob McCauley, Mary Radke, and Heath Reichter.

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm. Motion made by Black, seconded by Harms, approving the consent agenda. All ayes, motion carried.

Bob McCauley was present to inquire on the City's plans for a stretch of empty lots in north central Primghar, south of the County shed property. He is aware of potential buying interest and suggested the City consider improving the drainage in the area. Discussion included zoning, covenants, and improvement costs that may require engineering and IA DNR assistance. Council consensus was to look into costs and selling prices.

Nolan Harms presented Council with an offer to buy a lot from the City, one located directly behind his property. Harms' plan is to simply secure the yard his children have been enjoying for years since the adjoining property was recently sold. Motion made by Smith, seconded by Harms, to proceed with disposing of city property. All ayes, motion carried. Dan Ginger was before Council concerned about the nuisance abatement process; seeming to make no progress in his neighborhood. Council assured him those cases are currently active and being prosecuted according to City and State law.

City Superintendent Logan updated Council on current projects: The City Park has a new swing, sidewalks poured where service repairs had been done in right-of-ways, other right-of-way clean-up and grass seeding, mowing and trimming since summer help has left for the season, electric department is working on IUB inspection findings (pole replacements, tree-trimming, etc.) and service installations, 5th Street SE will need more than just patching and for now improvements are on hold, the water tower filters are back online, hydrant flushing and cleaning the tower interior will be needed soon.

One bid was received for the 1951 Ford F5134 truck. \$47.50 from Bobby Knowlton. Motion by Smith, seconded by Harms, accepting the bid. All ayes, motion carried.

Primghar Advancement Corp. submitted a request for the City to back them on an economic development interest buy-down agreement with the new downtown business O'Brien County Abstract. Motion made by Smith, seconded by Black, approving the agreement. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Harms, second by Black, approving the Resolution Establishing the City of Primghar Electric Trust & Agency Fund and the Transfer of Cash from the Electric Operating Fund. All ayes, motion carried. This will establish a clear fund for service security deposits.

Clerk/Administrator Ewoldt shared financial information for the FY17 Street Finance Report. Motion made by Smith, seconded by Black, for the Resolution Approving the FY17 Iowa Dept. of Transportation Street Finance Report.

Finances discussed: Reconciliation of April-August was just completed late last week, with the assistance of software technical support on-site. Notations were provided for various funds referencing the positive or negative balances and history of transactions/recordkeeping.

Motion by Harms, second by Black, approving bills and bills paid in vacation. All ayes, motion carried.

Council was provided with names/addresses of nuisance abatement letters issued since the last meeting.

The garbage contractor was OK with a 2nd city-wide clean-up day and gave 10/31/17 as the day available. Council consensus-Yes; will look into options for appliance and white goods.

Ewoldt was asked by Kiana Johnson, O'Brien Co. Economic Development Director, about cost-sharing a smart T.V. for the Council chambers. Council agreed to the cost-share, with discretion over costs not to exceed \$500.00.

Council set Halloween Trick-or-Treating for Tuesday, October 31st.

Council concerns included Water and Garbage rates and liability insurance safety inspection.

Motion by Harms, second by Smith, to adjourn regular meeting at 8:39 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Glen Schueller, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

Wendy Ewoldt, City Clerk