

Regular Session January 13, 2021

The Primghar City Council met in regular session on January 13, 2021, at 5:00PM in the council chambers with Mayor Kurt Edwards presiding. Council present – Jack Black, Tim Honkomp, Ryan Jenness, Ken Miller (5:02), and Kevin Smith. Staff present –Carol Chicoine, Sarah Rohwer, and Mike Warnke. Motion by Black, approving the consent agenda, approving January 13 agenda, council minutes from December 9, Appoint City Attorney Bruce Green, Set Federal Mileage Rate to \$.56, Library Minutes from December 2, and Planning and Zoning Minutes from December 15, and January 6, second Honkomp, all ayes, motion carried.

Visitors present included Thor Klinker and Kelsey Fiddelke to discuss the formation of a committee to see if there is any public interest in some form of water attraction. Klinker shared that one way that the committee could canvas individuals would be sending a survey out to Primghar residents. Motion Jenness to allow the formation of a committee and to canvas the city, second Black, all ayes motion carried. Mike Warnke gave project updates for the city: cutting trees has been a continuing project, there has been a delay in getting a grapple bucket for both the payloader and the skid loader, minor repairs to the plow truck, taking down Christmas decorations, and replacing streetlights on the highway. City Attorney Bruce Green completed the new year land contracts were ready to be sent out The city did file a claim on Jay Wittrock's estate for \$11,705 for old municipal infractions, this will be paid back from the proceeds of the property when it is sold.

Motion by Black approving Resolution 2021-01 Appointing O'Brien County Bell as the official city newspaper. Second by Jenness, all ayes, motion carried. Motion by Smith approving Resolution 2021-02 Official Bank Depository and Establishing Investment Limits of Public Funds. Second by Honkomp, all ayes motion carried.

Motion by Honkomp approving Resolution 2021-03 Resolution Setting time and place for Public Hearing for the Purpose of Considering the Maximum Tax Dollars from Certain Levies for the City's FY 22 Budget. Public hearing is currently set for February 10, 2021 at 5:00 at Primghar City Hall. Second by Jenness, all ayes, motion carried. Motion was made by Smith to approve Resolution 2021-04 To approve Utility Accounts to Bad Debt. Second by Miller, all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Jenness approving Resolution 2021-05 to approve Primghar's section of Regional Hazard Mitigation. Second by Honkomp, all ayes, motion carried. Motion by Smith approving Resolution 2021-06 to approve Brad and Jori Stevens tax abatement. Second by Jenness, all ayes motion carried.

Mayor Pro Tem Black stepped in and introduced Resolution 2021-07 approving Nicolson and Edwards Grain's Grain Bin tax abatement, Motion by Jenness approving Resolution 2021-07. Second by Honkomp, all ayes motion carried. Motion by Smith approving Resolution 2021-08 to approve application to Paint Iowa Beautiful. Second by Miller, all ayes motion carried.

Motion by Black approving Resolution 2021-09 to establish fee for NSF Checks and ACH and Creating a Cash Payment Only for Individuals who have passed two returned checks and/or ACH to the City of Primghar. Second by Miller, all ayes motion carried. Motion by Honkomp approving Surplus Property Disposal Policy. Second by Jenness, all ayes motion carried.

Motion was made by Honkomp to approve a request from homeowner at 315 5th St NE to remove a tree that is in the right of way at the owner's expense. Second by Smith, all ayes motion carried. COVID-19 leave for city staff was extended to 3/31/2021 by a motion from Black. Second by Miller, all ayes motion carried.

Motion by Smith to approve final report FY20 Agreed upon Procedures and extend RFP for 2 more years with TP Anderson before going out to bid. TP Anderson agreed to keep fee the same for next 2 year at current rate. Mayor Edwards thanked clerk Chicoine on the good job and noted that this was the least areas of concern that he has seen since he has been on city council. Second by Jenness, all ayes motion carried. Motion by Honkomp to approve resignation of Brandon Hauf. Second by Smith, all ayes motion carried.

Discussion was held about the newly available land at 280 N Welch Ave. The hospital has approached the city with interest in acquiring the land. Discussion was also held about potential efficiency improvements that can be made to the skating rink. Blowing insulation, lights, and door replacement was discussed and agreed to proceed with.

The Planning and Designing Loan application for the Lagoon project was submitted to the DNR and was approved if the city would like to use it. The process will begin for securing debt with the next meeting. Motion by Smith to approve the finance report for December. Second by Honkomp, all ayes motion carried.

Motion by Smith to approve January Claims and bills paid in vacation. Second by Jenness, all ayes motion carried. Thor Klinker was able to provide an update on nuisance abatements. Court with Tracy Lenz was on January 5th and is currently waiting on a decision on the case. Mark Wagner's time to finish repairs is coming closer. A tour of improvements is upcoming but not currently scheduled.

Motion by Black, to adjourn second by Honkomp at 6:19 PM. All ayes, motion carried.

Kurt Edwards, Mayor

ATTEST: Sarah Rohwer, Deputy City Clerk