

Regular Session September 8, 2021

The Primghar City Council met in regular session on September 8, 2021, at 5:00PM in the council chambers with Mayor Kurt Edwards presiding. Council present – Jack Black, Tim Honkomp, Ryan Jenness, Ken Miller, and Kevin Smith. Staff present –Carol Chicoine, Sarah Rohwer, and Jared Roos. Motion by Black, approving the consent agenda, approving September 8 agenda, council minutes from August 11; library minutes from August 11th, 2021; PGCC Golf Board Minutes from August 19, 2021; and approving Class C Liquor License Producers Cooperative Company. Second Jenness, all ayes, motion carried.

A written concern was received at city hall about the properties at 180 1st St NW and 180 2nd St SW with weed overgrown and mowing, Clerk Chicoine stated she has been in contact with both, and one has gone to court and working on both of those properties currently. Visitors included Brad Stevens with the O'Brien County Sheriff's Office, Kelsey Fiddelke, Austin Sweeney, Tracy Lenz, and Jeff Bechthold with Missouri River Energy Services (MRES). Stevens was able to provide updates on a case where items were illegally dumped at the city's tree dump. The individuals were given time to clean up the materials or they would be fined. Kelsey Fiddelke approached the council about purchasing 130 S Hayes to move her salon into the building. Motion was made by Honkomp to approve the process of selling the building for \$3,500 as well as for the purchaser to cover all legal fees associated with the sell, motion carried. Austin Sweeney at previous meeting requested to purchase the lot on 5th Street south of the county's maintenance shed to put up storage units. Motion was made by Honkomp to approve the process of selling the land for \$5,000 for the land and all fees associated with the sale, and the pending approval with PZ and rezoning of the land to Light Industrial, second Jenness, all ayes, motion carried.

Tracy Lenz came to address the council about a letter that she had received from Clerk Chicoine regarding a violation of a zoning ordinance stating that all signs that are being put up must have a permit completed prior to the sign being put up. Lenz agreed that she will fill out a sign permit for the sign that is currently in violation plus two other signs that she is planning on putting up. Jeff Bechthold with MRES presented to council the results from the May 25th inspection he did of the electrical system and transmission lines. There were areas of concern, but also areas that were in good shape, biggest concern was staffing and finding a suitable lineman to lead the city's electrical distribution system. Since his visit a few of the issues have been resolved and council has agreed to keep working with MRES and DGR to make sure concerns get addressed along with finding suitable candidates for the lineman position.

Jared Roos gave council an update on projects that the city has been working: tapping the main for new house out in Randolph 2; spraying of weeds; Logan has been continuing GIS locating water mains, shut offs, and hydrants; repaired water leak on 4th Street NE by the Lutheran Church; and Roos, Warnke, and Logan all attended a two day training in Okoboji for continuing education hours. City Attorney Bruce Green was advised council on city property purchases with Fiddelke and Sweeney and helped with discussion was made with farmland leases.

Clerk Chicoine asked the Council to start reviewing the city's Urban Revitalization plan and to see if there is any changes that they would like to make going into the new year.

Motion by Jenness, to approve the FY21 Street Finance Report, second Smith, all ayes, motion carried. Motion Honkomp to Consider Final Reading Ordinance 2021-03 Amending Appendix A of the Primghar Code of Ordinances Relating to Water, Storm Water, and Sewer Rates increasing due to upcoming and future water and sewer infrastructure projects, second Jenness, all ayes motion carried. Motion Smith to Adopt and Publish Ordinance 2021-3, second Honkomp, all ayes motion carried. Motion Jenness Resolution to Approve City's Funding Transfers, second Miller, all ayes, motion carried.

Clerk Chicoine informed the council that Tanner Hedberg has shown interest in running the skating rink. Hedberg has been meeting with Don Stephens and learning the process to run the skating rink. They will be looking into a day in October to open. There will be 3 seats up for election this year, papers can be picked up at City Hall and returned by September 16, 2021, by 5pm. City Clean up days will be October 2-8 with the Hazard Waste pick up at the EMS building.

Motion Black to approve the August finance report, second Smith, all ayes motion carried. Motion by Jenness to approve September Claims and bills paid in vacation, second Smith, all ayes, motion carried. No new updates on nuisance abatements and no council concerns.

Motion by Smith to adjourn, second by Jenness at 6:26 PM, all ayes, motion carried.

ATTEST: Sarah Rohwer, Deputy City Clerk

Kurt Edwards, Mayor