

Regular Session
February 8, 2023

The Primghar City Council met in regular session on February 8, 2023, at 5:00 PM in the council chambers with Mayor Kurt Edwards presiding. Council present – Steve Wittrock, Tim Honkomp, Ryan Jenness, Ken Miller, and Kevin Smith. Staff present – Carol Chicoine, Sarah Rohwer, and Mike Warnke. Motion Jenness, approving the consent agenda, approving February 8th agenda, council minutes from January 11, 2023; library minutes from January 11, 2023; golf board minutes from January 19, 2023; Class E Retail Alcohol License Bob and Scott's; and Chris Eddy Application Primghar Fire Department. Second Honkomp, all ayes, motion carried.

Justin Christensen, engineer with DGR, joined the meeting via telephone to explain to the council the Flint method of figuring street assessments with the different percentages of landowner benefit versus city's benefit and the implications of what corner lots would look like. Joseph Staneart was also present to hear what the decision for changing the city ordinance pertaining to Farm Animals and Fowl. Mayor Edward called for a motion for a New City Ordinance Under Chapter 2 Nuisances Article 8 Chapter 8.01 pertaining to Farm Animal & Fowl. No motion was made; therefore, the agenda item dies due to the lack of motion. City Attorney Bruce Green had no comments for the council.

Mike Warnke gave council an update on projects that city employees have been working on including snow removal, servicing vehicles, scraping streets to remove ice buildup, one grave last month, outage downtown due to a blow fuse in trans closure, inventory at the light plant, the sander truck is back from being repaired at Hydraulic Solutions in Sheldon, and taking down Christmas decorations.

Motion Honkomp open Public Hearing for FY24 Max Levy. Second Miller, all ayes, motion carried. Public hearing opened at 5:45 pm. No comments were received written or oral. Motion Jenness to close Public Hearing. Second Wittrock, all ayes, motion carried. Public Hearing closed at 5:47 pm. Motion Honkomp Resolution Approving Primghar FY24 Max Levy. Second Jenness, all ayes, motion carried. Motion Wittrock Resolution Setting time and place for Public Hearing for City's FY 24 Budget for March 8, 2023. Second Miller, all ayes, motion carried. Motion Smith Resolution Setting time and place for Public Hearing for FY 24 Max Levy republish if needed due to current proposed State legislation for March 8, 2023. Second Honkomp, all ayes, motion carried.

Motion Honkomp Resolution Setting time and place for Public Hearing for City's 2nd Amendment FY23 Budget for March 8, 2023. Second Wittrock, all ayes, motion carried. Motion Jenness Resolution Tax Abatement Alan Kreber 255 N Pumphreys. Second Smith, all ayes, motion carried. Motion Honkomp Resolution Approving Engagement Letter Ahlers & Cooney Urban Revitalization Amendment. Second Smith, all ayes, motion carried. Motion Miller proceed with the graduated plan and current thresholds for both commercial and residential tax abatement. Second Smith, all ayes, motion carried.

Clerk Chicoine gave updates on the Street, Electric, and Lagoon projects that the city has been working on. For the lagoon project, the City of Primghar was awarded the \$500,000 Iowa Finance Wastewater and Drinking Water Grant and is currently waiting to hear on other grants that were written. The transmission line replacement project is currently waiting for insulators, which has pushed the project possibly to April. DGR is working with Ziegler Cat on specs for the generator so plans can be finalized for the building bid, possibly in late March. While discussing upcoming street projects, council had discussion on the percentage of benefit to the landowner versus city. Motion Smith to assess 60% of the cost of the prep work, curb and gutter, and pavement surface to the homeowner of any street project. Second Wittrock, all ayes, motion carried.

Motion Smith approving the January Finance Report. Second Miller, all ayes, motion carried. Motion Smith approving the February Claims and bills paid in vacation. Second Honkomp, all ayes, motion carried. No new updates were given for ongoing nuisance abatement cases. Motion Honkomp to adjourn. Second Jenness, all ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:21 pm.

ATTEST: Sarah Rohwer, Deputy City Clerk

Kurt Edwards, Mayor