

The Paullina City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 4, 2024, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 127 S Main St, Paullina, Iowa. Mayor Marlin Sjaarda called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Roll Call was taken. Council Members present: Steve Heeren, Carol Honkomp, Nichole Jacobs, Jean Unrau and Dennis Werkmeister. Staff present: City Clerk Michelle Wilson, Library Director Matt Dengler, and Superintendent of Utilities Kelly Top. Guests present: Brenda Ebel Kruse and Glenda Heithus. Mayor Marlin Sjaarda led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Unrau; second by Honkomp to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Forum: Glenda Heithus asked if people can cut wood from the removed Ash trees at the Maple and Broadway lot. Heithus also asked when the trees will be cleaned up. Varmits living in the trees are a concern. Kelly Top indicated that the public may go onto the lot and cut wood for personal use. Top also told Council and Heithus that he has tried reaching the company that is grinding the tree stumps, but has not heard back, and that they plan to start hauling trees [to the tree dump site].

Motion by Jacobs; second by Werkmeister to approve Consent Agenda with the following items:

- a) Approve minutes from 2/24/24 regular meeting
- b) Approve minutes from 2/26/24 special meeting
- c) Approve appointment of Lauri Struve and Amber Ebel as Paullina Ambulance Service Co-Directors
- d) Approve appointment of Nathan Bremer as Paullina Police Chief. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Unrau; second by Honkomp to approve payment of claims and pre-authorized claims. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Sjaarda opened Public Hearing at 5:37 pm for the 2024 City of Paullina Sanitary Sewer Lagoon Aeration Project. City Clerk Wilson received no input from residents and no one was present to speak on said project. Motion by Honkomp; second by Jacobs to close Public Meeting at 5:37 pm. Roll call vote was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Werkmeister; second by Unrau to approve Resolution No.2024-16 to approve the proposed bid on plans, specifications, form of contract and project cost for the 2024 City of Paullina Sanitary Sewer Lagoon Aeration Project with King Contracting LLC. for the base bid + alternate 2 totaling \$434,776.50. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Jacobs; second by Honkomp to designate Kelly Top as primary Authorized Representative from the City of Paullina for Missouri River Energy Services and Dennis Werkmeister as the secondary. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Jacobs; second by Werkmeister to approve the use of a grant writer as needed. All ayes. Motion carried.

A short discussion and update of the budget was held. Council was updated on the Proposed Property Tax Levy.

Reports: Mayor Sjaarda's comments included budget progress, timing and getting past the Public Levy Hearing. Sjaarda updated the Council on community beautification and positive comments he has heard on the alley work being completed by Brian Feltman. Sjaarda asked Top if a roller could be utilized to level out some areas to which Top confirmed. Mayor Sjaarda expressed appreciation to Ryan Carlson for volunteering to run the street sweeper and encouraged more volunteering. Superintendent Top updated the council on the meeting with South O'Brien School regarding the upcoming school project. Top updated council on alley progress, some alleys will need gravel yet. Top ordered 80 books, "If I Were a Lineworker", from MRES for kindergartners at South O'Brien and Zion Lutheran. Top will read the book to the students and will have a truck at the school for the students to view. Top informed Council that Tyler Wilbur gave his resignation. Wilbur's last day will be around the 1st of April. Library Director Matt Dengler updated Council on a budget change. The next Library meeting will be Thursday, March 14, at 1 pm.

Motion by Jacobs; second by Unrau to adjourn the meeting at 6:11pm. All ayes. Motion carried.

Marlin Sjaarda, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michelle Wilson, City Clerk