

The Paullina City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 15, 2024, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 127 South 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, Police Chief Nate Bremer, Library Director Matt Dengler, Fire Chief Ryan Harper. Guests present: Brenda Ebel Kruse, Cindy Richter. Press: Radtke
Motion by Werkmeister; second by Jacobs to approve Agenda. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Public Forum: No comments

Motion by Unrau; second by Honkomp to approve Consent Agenda with the following items:

- a. Approve minutes from 04/01/2024 regular meeting
- b. Approve minutes from 04/01/2024 Special Meeting
- c. Approve minutes from 04/12/2024 Special Meeting
- d. Approve Junior’s Bar and Grill Liquor License-LC0047161. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Brenda Ebel Kruse and Cindy Richter were present to represent Wonderland Theatre in their request for a utility billing variance. Council agreed to re-visit the requests and action will be taken during the special Council Meeting April 23, 2024.

Motion by Unrau; second by Honkomp to approve Junior Firefighter Addyson Harper. All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding a city representative for the Northwest Iowa Regional Housing Authority. More information was requested, City Clerk Wilson will follow up with Northwest Iowa Regional Housing Authority.

City Clerk Wilson provided a detailed print out of the FY 24/25 budget. Various items and concerns over the expenses verses revenues were discussed.

City Clerk Wilson provided the Council with the March 2024 financials.

Reports: Mayor Sjaarda reported for Superintendent Top in Top’s absence that the skid-loader street sweeper was delivered, more pot hole patch has been ordered, continuing work on the underground feeder project and school project. The filling of holes left by the removal of diseased trees will begin shortly. Council member Werkmeister informed Council of his discussion with local State Representative regarding the 8.10 levy. The Representative has agreed to meet and discuss concerns over the new legislation. Fire Chief Ryan Harper informed the Council of his attendance at Fire Chief Conference in March, looking into additional training to possibly lower the cost of workman’s comp insurance, and looked at a demo truck. Harper is continuing to look into funding options for a new truck and the new fire station building. Library Director Matt Gengler informed the Council that last week was National Library Week, Library Open House went well and that the Library has applied for a grant through O’Brien County Community Betterment.

Motion by Jacobs; second by Unrau to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 pm. All ayes. Motion carried.

Marlin Sjaarda, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michelle Wilson, City Clerk