

Paullina City Council Minutes 05/06/2024

The Paullina City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 6, 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, Superintendent of Utilities Kelly Top, Police Chief Nate Bremer, Police Chief Ryan Harper, and Library Director Matt Dengler. Guests present: Brenda Ebel Kruse. Press: Radtke.

Motion by Werkmeister; second by Unrau 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 4/15/24 regular meeting
- b) Approve minutes from 4/23/24 special meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Unrau; second by Jacobs to approve of claims and preauthorized claims. All ayes. Motion carried.

Report on bids received for Switchgear project.

Motion by Jacobs; second by Unrau to approve Resolution No. 2024-28 amending the date of public hearing for Switchgear Substation Improvements for the City of Paullina, at City Hall 127 South Main Street, Paullina, Iowa from Monday, May 6, 2024, to Monday, May 20, 2024, at 5:30 pm. Roll call was taken. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding Wonderland Theatre and O'Brien Bell Times Courier's request for billing variance along with discussion of current commercial garbage rates. It was brought to the Council's attention that there are some discrepancies in the current commercial garbage charges. Additional discussion will take place regarding billing variances and commercial garbage rates. Mari Radtke spoke on behalf of the O'Brien Bell Times Courier, and also expressed her gratitude toward the City Council for keeping an open mind in regards to commercial garbage charges. Additional review of garbage rates will be done by Jacobs and Heeren for an upcoming meeting.

Motion by Honkomp; second by Unrau to approve Resolution No. 2024-29 on disclosure of City of Paullina utilities billing/account information. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Werkmeister; second by Jacobs to approve Swanson (Paullina Sports Complex) Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds Contract. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the current AgriVision equipment lease and AgriVision's equipment purchase proposal. A decision on the equipment proposal purchase will be on the May 20, 2024, council meeting agenda.

Discussion was held on current utility rates - garbage, sewer, water, and electric. A workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 5:30 pm. Utility rates along with project planning, review of current bonds and bonding needs will be discussed.

Reports: Superintendent Kelly Top reported that abundance of water is causing issues throughout the city. Employee Committee members Honkomp and Unrau and Police Chief Bremer reported interviewing a police applicant and will proceed with testing requirements. Nuisance Committee members Honkomp and Jacobs reported that many lawns are in need of mowing. Council member Dennis Werkmeister requested an update of nuisance engagements to be included in the meeting packet. Fire Chief Ryan Harper reported that the Fire Department is still waiting to hear from Agstate's lawyer, the goal is to have pictures of the planned fire department building released by Memorial Day, and would like to see groundwork started yet this year. Library Director Matt Dengler reported that the next board meeting will be May 13 at 7:00 pm.

Motion by Jacobs; second by Honkomp to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 pm. All ayes. Motion carried.

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Marlin Sjaarda, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Michelle Wilson, City Clerk

