

Paullina City Council Minutes 05/20/2024

The Paullina City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 20, 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: Dennis Werkmeister, Jean Unrau, Nichole Jacobs, Carol Honkomp, and Steve Heeren. Staff present: City Clerk Michelle Wilson, Police Chief Nathan Bremer. Guests present: none. Press: Radtke.

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

Public Forum: No comments

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

- a) Approve minutes from 5/06/24 regular meeting
- b) Approve Casey’s Cigarette/Tobacco/Nicotine/vape Permit.

All ayes. Motion carried.

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

City Clerk Wilson presented financials for April 2024.

Motion by Heeren; second by Unrau to approve Resolution No. 2024-30 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 20, 2024, to Wednesday, May 29, 2024, at 5:30 pm. Roll call was taken. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Sjaarda opened Public Hearing for FY24 Budget Amendment at 5:42 pm. No public comments or questions. Motion by Honkomp; second by Jacobs to close Public Hearing for FY24 Budget Amendment at 5:43 pm. Roll call vote taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Jacobs; second by Werkmeister to approve Resolution No. 2024-31 adopting FY24 Budget Amendment. Roll call vote taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Unrau; second by Werkmeister to approve AgriVision Equipment Purchase Contract. 4 ayes. Werkmeister opposed. Motion carried.

Motion by Werkmeister; second by Jacobs to approve School Contract for Underground Feeder Project. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Unrau; second by Honkomp to approve payment to update City of Paullina Code of Ordinances. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Jacobs; second by Unrau to approve utility billing variance requests from Wonderland Theatre and O’Brien County’s Bell Times Courier. All opposed. Variance not granted.

Discussion was held regarding Ordinance amendment regarding mailboxes as requested by USPS. Action will be taken at the next City Council meeting on June 3, 2024.

City Clerk Wilson recapped Junk Day pick-up. Wilson informed Council that costs to dispose of appliances and electronics has increased. Wilson also addressed neighboring cities providing junk pick-up for free. Those cities providing free pickup, have much higher garbage rates. Junk pick-up is figured into their monthly charge.

Reports: City Clerk Wilson reported to Council that the City’s annual financial exam will begin shortly. Williams and Associates will be at City Hall on June 19th. Wilson also provided an update on the status of clearing trees/branches and options to finish were discussed. Mayor Sjaarda instructed Council and the Clerk’s office to keep moving forward with bonding needs. Sjaarda reported that the outside employees have been spending much time on the school/underground feeder system along with issues caused by the recent heavy rains, lawn mowing discharge, etc.. Sjaarda added that Gemboree will be here soon and the town needs spiffed up. Review of utility rates was also discussed.

Motion by Heeren; second by Werkmeister to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 pm. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Marlin Sjaarda,

ATTEST:

Michelle Wilson, City Clerk