

The Paullina City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, at 5:30 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: Utility Superintendent Kelly Top, City Clerk Michelle Wilson, Police Chief Nathan Bremer, Fire Chief Ryan Harper, Ambulance Directors Lauri Struve and Amber Ebel. Guests present: DJ Weber, Nelda Werkmeister, and Larry Schwebach.

Clerk Wilson indicated that agenda item #15-b needed to be changed from Resolution to discussion only, and Item 17.a. needed to be changed from second reading to third reading.

Motion by Jacobs, second by Honkomp to approve agenda with the change of item #15-b. and 17.a. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Unrau, second by Jacobs to approve minutes from 8/19/24 City Council Meeting with corrections (remove "and waive 3rd reading" from the sewer, electric and water rate ordinance amendment motions). All ayes. Motion carried.

City Announcements: The fire department will be using the old Iowa State Bank building for fire training September 23rd, 2024.

Motion by Unrau, second by Werkmeister to approve payment of claims and preauthorized claims. All ayes. Motion carried.

DJ Weber, TCA General Manager and members of the TCA Board presented the Council with information and updates.

Ambulance Directors Lauri Struve and Amber Ebel addressed the Council stressing the importance to continue paying for classes for individuals that want to join the ambulance crew. Ebel stated that to keep adequate numbers, 2-3 new EMT's per year would be ideal. Ebel explained that the money received from the county has increased, which will help fund the classes. Struve and Ebel also stated that new ambulance crew members will continue to be required to sign a 2-year commitment with the ambulance crew. Reimbursement will be required if the member fails to complete the 2-year commitment. Ebel spoke on behalf of all of the ambulance crew thanking Mayor Sjaarda for his donation of a portion of his mayor salary back to the ambulance.

The party interested in the 317 S Maple property was unable to attend. Clerk will reach out to individual to reschedule them for an upcoming Council meeting.

Mercy Medical Clinic requested early termination of their lease. Motion by Werkmeister, second by Heeren that upon Mercy Medical removing all their equipment and any other belongings, a 45-day notice will commence. Mercy will be required to continue paying for an additional 45 days. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Werkmeister, second by Honkomp to approve the CAPS program to utilize the Laue room for the fall semester. All ayes. Motion carried.

Unrau motioned to approve Resolution to set public hearing on proposal for an assignment of easement to Northwest Iowa Power Cooperative. That motion failed. Legal questions need clarification.

Motion by Werkmeister, second Jacobs to approve Resolution to close city streets for the Homecoming Parade from 1:30 to 3:30 pm on 9/13/24. (E Greene from S Willow to S Main then North to W Broadway and back to S Willow St) Roll call vote taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Unrau, second by Jacobs to approve seeking bids to demolish structure at 430 S Main St. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Jacobs, second by Unrau to approve Resolution to approve and authorize the proposed Change Order between the City of Paullina and King Contracting, LLC. for an additional \$41,815.24 for the installation of blowers and electrical connections bringing new contract total to \$475,591.74. Roll call vote taken. All ayes. Motion carried. Discussion was also held regarding the removal of sludge in cell 1 at the lagoon. King

contracting has quoted a price of \$154,000 for the removal. The removal is not an immediate need and more discussion will take place at a later time.

Motion by Honkomp, second by Unrau to approve Resolution to approve exclusive franchise agreement made and entered into as of August 1st, 204, by and between Waste Connections of Iowa, Inc. d/b/a, Town and Country Disposal and the City of Paullina for the contract term July 1, 2024, through June 30 2025. Roll call vote taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Jacobs, second by Unrau to approve third reading for garbage rate ordinance amendment. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Unrau, second by Honkomp to approve third reading for sewer rate ordinance amendment. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Honkomp, second by Jacobs to approve third reading for electric rate ordinance amendment. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Jacobs, second by Unrau to approve third reading for water rate ordinance amendment. All ayes. Motion carried.

The amendments to the garbage, sewer, electric and water rates will be published and will become effective October 15, 2024, the start of the new billing cycle.

Reports: Superintendent of Utilities Kelly Topp informed the Council that lines on Mayme and Groesbeck Streets are underground and the switchover is complete. City crew will be working on cleaning up wires, leveling, etc. Top informed Council that the sweeper attachment is now repaired, and more clean-up of gravel will take place this week and will soon begin work on some alley approaches. Mayor Sjaarda questioned the closing of S Willow Street by the school. The city office was not aware of the closing. Communication with the school will take place to avoid any miscommunication regarding street closures. Mayor Sjaarda informed the Council that Clerk Wilson and newly appointed Treasurer Thompson will be getting together to work on funding for current and upcoming projects. Councilman Heeren voiced his appreciation to the Council for voting for 3 readings for the utility rate increases. The 3 readings gave the public ample time to voice any concerns.

Police Chief Nathan Bremer informed the Council of area thefts. Bremer reminded citizens to keep vehicles and homes locked. Police Chief Ryan Harper requested to only allow parking on only 1 side of S Willow St during football games. Parking on both sides makes it very difficult for emergency personnel to fit through. Temporary signs will be placed on one side of the street during home football games. Harper also addressed the Council regarding the new EMS building. Harper requested a workshop with the Council to go over plans and financing for the new building. A workshop was scheduled for September 5th from 5:30 to 6:30 pm.

Motion by Heeren, second by Werkmeister to adjourn meeting at 7:57 pm. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor

Marlin Sjaarda

Attest

Michelle Wilson, City Clerk