The Paullina City Council met in regular session on Monday, October 21, 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, Dennis Werkmeister, Jean Unrau, Nichole Jacobs and Carol Honkomp. Staff present: Utility Superintendent Kelly Top, City Clerk Michelle Wilson, and Police Chief Nathan Bremer. Guests: Brenda Ebel Kruse, Brett Nelson, Krayton Struve, Marcus Faust and Andrew Bebee. Press: Radtke.

Hometown Christmas Presentation was removed from the agenda as well as the 111 E Broadway St was removed from Resolution proposing to dispose of real property and set Public Hearing. Motion by Werkmeister, second by Heeren to Approve modified agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

City Clerk Wilson reminded residents that new utility rates go into effect 10/15/2024 and that winter street parking ordinance starts on November 1.

Motion by Unrau, second by Honkomp to approve Consent Agenda. Consent Agenda: Approve minutes from 9/24/24 Special City Council Meeting and 10/07/24 Regular City Council Meeting. Approve payment of claims and preauthorized claims. Receive September Treasurer’s Report and September Expense and Revenue Reports. Approve liquor license for J & D Tavern, Prairie Market and JW’s. All ayes. Motion carried.

Brett Nelson and Krayton Struve provided the Council with an in-depth presentation of a community splash pad they have named Little Critter’s Splash Pad. Andrew Bebee, a representative from the company, was also present to answer questions. Nelson and Struve explained to the Council that this project will be funded by fund raising, grants and donors. The City will only be asked to provide minimal upkeep.

Motion by Werkmeister, second by Unrau to approve Resolution to approve WAPA Contract as it pertains to the newly constructed control building and switchgear within Paullina’s substation. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Honkomp, second by Jacobs to approve Resolution for Change Order from King Construction for sludge removal of sewer lagoon cell 1. Motion by Heeren, second by Honkomp to table the resolution. Roll call vote was taken. Heeren, Unrau, Jacobs and Honkomp all ayes. Werkmeister, nay. Motion carried.

Discussion on snow removal assistance request from South O’Brien School ended with the Council instructing Superintendent Top to advise the school to reach out to a snow removal company.

Motion by Werkmeister, second by Unrau to approve City paid cell phone for Superintendent of Utilities. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Unrau, second by Jacobs to approve Resolution proposing to dispose of real property and set public hearing for Monday, November 4, 2024, at 5:30 pm. Roll call vote taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

Reports: Superintendent of Utilities reported that the City crew has been trimming trees, sweeping streets, installing switchgear distribution elbows, working on street lights, and repaired the concession stand bathroom locks at the city park that were vandalized. Clerk Wilson reported her experience at the IMFOA Conference. Mayor Sjaarda reported that an interested tenant looked at the old Mercy Medical Clinic. Sjaarda also asked Council to re-look at city priorities for 2025. Committee Reports: Honkomp reported to Council that the employee committee along with Chief of Police Bremer will be interviewing a new police candidate. Motion by Heeren, second by Honkomp to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 pm. All Ayes. Motion carried.

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Michelle Wilson, City Clerk