

Paullina City Council Minutes 01/20/2025

The Paullina City Council met in regular session on Monday, January 20th, 2025, at 5:30 pm 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, Jean Unrau, Nichole Jacobs, Carol Honkomp and Dennis Werkmeister. Staff present: Utility Superintendent Kelly Top, City Clerk Michelle Wilson, Police Chief Nathan Bremer. Press: Radtke
Motion by Jacobs, second by Honkomp to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Unrau, second by Jacobs to approve the modified Consent Agenda removing Resolution to Approve Depositories and Limits and approving Mayor Appointments and add to the regular agenda. Consent Agenda now consists of approving the following: minutes from the 12/16/24 Regular City Council Meeting, payment of claims and preauthorized claims, 2025 mileage reimbursement rate of \$0.70 per mile, American Legion Liquor License, Hometown Bar and Grill, LLC Liquor License, Prairie Market tobacco permit, and adding Micah Davis to the Paullina Ambulance Squad as a driver and lift assistant. All ayes. Motion carried.

Logan Smidt from DGR was present to discuss Paullina's possible water treatment needs. Smidt stated that Paullina's manganese levels are on the high end of normal. Manganese is not a regulated contaminate. Smidt shared his opinion with the Council and went over some of the options available for Paullina. More discussion will take place at a later date.
Motion by Werkmeister, second by Honkomp to approve Resolution No. 2025-01 approving depositories and limits of Iowa State Bank, Paullina: \$2 million; Security State Bank, Paullina: \$7 million; and American State Bank, Granville: \$2 million for the City of Paullina. Roll call vote was taken. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Unrau, second by Jacobs to approve the Mayor appointments of Mayor Pro Tem Carol Honkomp and Chief of Police Nathan Bremer. Both parties accepted their appointments. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Unrau, second by Honkomp to approve Resolution No. 2025-02 amending the current Police Policy and Procedure Manual to include a K-9 Policy. Roll call vote was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Werkmeister, second by Honkomp to approve Bunker's 2025 Spring/Fall lawn application. With additional properties needing to be added, Werkmeister and Honkomp withdrew their motion and second, and no action was taken.

Motion by Jacobs, second by Unrau to approve A & B Business Solutions Managed IT Contract for 2025. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Jacobs, second by Unrau to approve the Northwest Iowa Review as the official newspaper for the calendar year 2025. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Jacobs, Honkomp and Unrau. Nays: Werkmeister and Heeren. Motion carried.
City Clerk Wilson updated the Council on department budgets she has received. A budget workshop was scheduled for Wednesday, January 29th, at 6:30 pm.

Reports: Superintendent of Utilities Top reported on the Utility Leadership Conference he attended. Mayor Sjaarda informed the Council that the old body shop has been purchased and the new owners are working hard cleaning and updating for a future opening. Sjaarda updated the Council on guidance received from a local realtor regarding vacant city properties, and let the Council know that Mercy plans on completely vacating the clinic building owned by the city by the end of January.

Committee Reports: Nuisance committee commended Deputy Clerk Alana Peavy on all the work she has put in on monitoring nuisance violations.

Motion by Heeren, second by Jacobs to adjourn at 7:20 pm. All ayes. Motion carried.

Marlin Sjaarda

Attest

Michelle Wilson, City Clerk