The Paullina City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 17th, 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, Dennis Werkmeister, Jean Unrau, Nichole Jacobs and Carol Honkomp. Staff present: Utility Superintendent Kelly Top, City Clerk Michelle Wilson, Police Chief Nathan Bremer, and Library Director Matt Dengler. Guests: Krayton Struve, Marcus Faust, Kent Faust, Katie Lange, Matthew Zwart and Merlin Zwart. Press: Radtke

Motion by Jacobs, second by Honkomp to approve agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Unrau, second by Heeren to approve the consent agenda with the following items: Approve minutes from 3/3/25 regular City Council meeting. Approve payment of claims and pre-approved claims. Approve Mill Creek Liquor. All ayes. Motion carried.

Kent and Marcus Faust presented the Council with the liability and property insurance renewal. Faust will put together a break-down of costs showing the premium changes with higher deductibles. Motion by Heeren, second by Werkmeister to approve the insurance renewal. All ayes. Motion carried.

Katie Lange, representing the Chamber of Commerce, presented the Council with information on Food Truck Monday. This will start on May 5th and go through September and will be located at the City Park.

Motion by Unrau, second by Honkomp to approve Food Truck Mondays. All ayes. Motion carried.

FFA will be having a Tractor Parade in celebration of National Ag Week and the Chapter’s 75th anniversary. The parade will start at 8:00 am at the Paullina American Legion. It will travel across HWY 10 to Wood St, south to Commerce St, west to Main, south on Main St to Bertha where it will make a loop in Zion St John’s Church parking lot. They will then head north on Main St to Groesbeck, west to S Willow St and travel the square around the school building. The parade will obey all traffic signs and traffic laws. Motion by Werkmeister, second by Unrau to approve the Tractor Parade route. All ayes. Motion carried.

Purchase and installation of downtown streetlights was discussed. The City will look into possible grants to help cover the cost before making a decision to move forward.

Matthew Zwart from Joiner and Zwart Dentistry and Merlin Zwart representing JZD Properties, LLC were present to submit an offer on the property located at 108 E Groesbeck St. Matthew Zwart explained to the Council how excited Joiner and Zwart Dentistry is to have Krayton Struve as part of their practice. Dr. Struve plans to make Paullina her permanent home and is ambitious to grow her dental practice. The current location does not allow for the growth that Dr. Struve anticipates. Dr. Struve, along with JZD Properties LLC, plan to make modifications to the property at 108 E Groesbeck, which are needed to help facilitate the growth of the practice.

Motion by Unrau, second by Honkomp to approve Resolution No.2025-09 to authorize the City of Paullina to enter into contract and convey real estate owned by the City of Paullina, and setting a public hearing to be held in the Council Chambers in the City Hall at 6:00 pm on the 7th day of April, 2025, at which time the Council will hear any objections to the proposed resolution and the proposed sale from any interested party. The Clerk is directed to publish notice of the hearing in conformance with State Law. Roll call vote was taken. All ayes, Motion carried.

Clerk Wilson informed the Council of a program offered by People for Pets from Spencer. This program would offer assistance in handling the stray/feral cat issue. This program will help trap, alter and re-home feral cats located in Paullina. This program is of no cost to the City. A representative from the program plans to attend the April 7th City Council meeting to supply more information and answer any questions. Motion by Honkomp, second by Jacobs to approve utilizing the services offered by People for Pets at no cost to the City. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Werkmeister, second by Heeren to approve Pay Estimate No.1-Electrical Distribution Improvements in the amount of $156,782.64. All ayes. Motion carried.

Superintendent of Utilities Top informed the Council of the meeting with the Swanson Commission. More meetings will take place to continue the discussion of the City’s future involvement. Clerk Wilson advised the Council that she has been working on the budget and preparing for the annual exam. Mayor Sjaarda voiced his excitement in moving forward with the sale of the property at 108 E Groesbeck St. Library Director Matt Dengler updated the Council on the new quote to replace the HVAC at the Library. The new quote is just under $25,000, and they are looking at possible funding options.

Motion by Heeren second by Unrau to adjourn at 6:25 pm. All ayes. Motion carried.

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Marlin Sjaarda, Mayor

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Michelle Wilson, City Clerk