The Paullina City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 5th , 2025, at 5:32 pm in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 127 South Main St, Paullina, Iowa. Mayor Marlin Sjaarda called the meeting to order. 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: Vanessa Rohwer. Press: Radtke

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

Public Forum: Vanessa Rohwer was present to address the Council regarding her nuisance violation of housing ducks inside of city limits. Rohwer explained that the ducks are a 4H project for her sons, and stated that she has a petition with over 50 signatures supporting the change of ordinance to allow ducks within city limits.

City Announcements: Clerk Wilson Reminded residents of branch pick up May 9th, Junk Days May 12th, reminded residents that junk can’t be placed at the curb until May 9th and reminded residents to please not blow grass into the streets while mowing.

Motion by Werkmeister, second by Jacobs to approve the consent agenda, removing approval of claims which will be addressed following the consent agenda: approve minutes from the 4/23/25 regular City Council Meeting and approve March financials. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Unrau, second by Jacobs to rescind the previous vote to not allow the hanging of senior banners. All ayes. Werkmeister abstained. Motion carried. Motion by Jacobs, second by Unrau to approve the hanging of senior banners on light poles. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Honkomp, second by Werkmeister to approve the 28E Agreements with the Townships. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Werkmeister, second by Jacobs to approve the stump grinding bid from Ryan Carlson. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Jacobs, second by Heeren to approve hanging flower baskets on the 4 corners of Main St and Broadway St. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Honkomp, second by Unrau to approve the removal of the brick wall in front of City Hall and landscape the area. All ayes. Motion carried.

Airport discussion was deferred to a future Council meeting.

A discussion was held regarding the nuisance violation at 308 S Maple St. The City Clerk’s office will send a new nuisance letter and the nuisance abatement process will begin.

Reports: Superintendent of Utilities Top informed the Council that a new sewer line is needed along S Mickley and will be discussed at a future meeting, sonar was completed on the lagoon to gage the sludge levels, he is looking into water and sewer classes for 2 of the City workers, fire hydrants will be flushed soon, line painting will begin soon, and additional switchgear work will take place during the NIPCO power outage. Top did get in touch with the DOT regarding the bike path and was informed that the DOT will have a better idea of timeline for repairs after the meeting scheduled for 5-6-25. Top was instructed by the DOT to not touch the compromised portion of the bike path as it is a liability issue, and he reminded residents to stay off the path until repaired. Clerk Wilson informed the Council that she and Top will be attending the MRES Annual Meeting in Sioux Falls May 7th and 8th. Council Member Werkmeister asked about an update on additional properties currently in a nuisance abatement process and Clerk Wilson provided an update.

Motion by Heeren, second by Nichole to adjourn at 6:27 pm. All ayes. Motion carried.

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Marlin Sjaarda, Mayor

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Michelle Wilson, City Clerk