The Paullina City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 7th, 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. Roll Call was taken. Council Members present: Dennis Werkmeister, Jean Unrau, Nichole Jacobs and Carol Honkomp. Steve Heeren’s council seat is currently vacant. Staff present: Superintendent of Utilities Kelly Top and Police Chief Nathan Bremer. Visitors: Steve Heeren, Matt Dengler, Nicole Palmer and Ryan Harper. Press: Radtke and Twelmeyer.

Motion by Jacobs, second by Unrau to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried. Public Forum: None

City Announcements: Mayor Sjaarda announced that new Deputy Clerk Steve Heeren will be starting Tuesday, July 8, 2025

Motion by Jacobs, second by Honkomp to approve the consent agenda. Werkmeister requested that the Dollar General Tobacco Permit item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent agenda addressed the following items: approve minutes from the 06/16/2025 regular and 06/25/2025 special City Council Meetings, approve claims and receive May Financials. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Unrau, second by Honkomp to approve the Dollar General Tobacco Permit. Three ayes, one nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Unrau, second by Honkomp to approve Resolution approving Waste Connections of Iowa, Inc. d/b/a, Town and Country Disposal Contract. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes – Jacobs, Unrau, Honkomp; Nay – Werkmeister. Motion carried

Motion by Werkmeister, second by Jacobs to accept resignation of Councilmember Steve Heeren. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Honkomp, second by Unrau to fill Council vacancy by appointment. Three ayes, one nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Unrau, second by Jacobs to approve posting of open Chief of Police position. All ayes. Motion carried.

New Bylaws approved by the Fire Department were received for review and consideration for approval by the Council at a future meeting – anticipated to be at the 8/4/2025 meeting. Former Fire Chief Harper shared background for the new Bylaws.

Library Director Matt Dengler introduced new Library Director Nicole Palmer. Motion by Jacobs, second by Carol to approve Resolution approving the hiring of Nicole Palmer as Library Director. Roll call vote was taken. All ayes. Motion carried

Reports: Superintendent of Utilities Top informed the Council that the city workers have been working on branch clean-up after the storm, outage of July 2nd-3rd from 11pm to 3am went a little longer than planned but went well, and two staff members will be attending wastewater class. Mayor Sjaarda shared that the City will be working on the upcoming opening for the police officer position and thanked Council member Heeren for his service. Library Director Dengler provided an update on library window and HVAC replacement and thanked Clerk Wilson for all the help provided to the library.

Motion by Werkmeister, second by Unrau, to adjourn at 6:06pm. All ayes. Motion carried.

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Marlin Sjaarda, Mayor

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Carol Honkomp, Mayor Pro-Tem