The Paullina City Council met in regular session on Monday, September 15th, 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, John Funkhouser, Jean Unrau, Nichole Jacobs, and Carol Honkomp. Staff present: City Clerk Michelle Wilson. Press: O’Brien County Bell-Times-Courier and Iowa Information.

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

Public Forum: None

City Announcements: Clerk Wilson reminded residents that the first day to file papers for the November 4th election was August 25th with the deadline being September 18th by 5:00 pm. The City has two Council positions open for re-election along with the Mayor’s position. Wilson announced that fall clean-up will be October 6th. Items may be placed on the curb starting Friday, October 3rd. Per our new contract with Town and Country, household piles are limited to approximately a 4x4 pile or the equivalent of one pick-up truck bed.

Motion by Unrau, second by Funkhouser to approve the Consent Agenda: approve minutes from the 09-02-2025 Regular City Council meeting. Financials: Approve claims and July Financials. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Jacobs, second my Unrau to approve Resolution to close city streets for the South O’Brien School’s Homecoming Parade. Street closures: E Greene from S Willow to S Main St then north to W Broadway St and back to S Willow St. Roll call vote was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

Clerk Wilson informed the Council of potential dates for the upcoming FY-27 Budget Workshops. Council members will let Wilson know what days work for each member.

Clerk Wilson informed the Council that there will be a power outage on September 28th from 2pm to 7pm. This outage is to allow contractor HKS to complete substation upgrades. Motion by Jacobs, second by Honkomp to approve the outage Four ayes. Werkmeister nay. Motion carried.

Reports: Clerk Wilson informed Council that Treasurer Maureen Thompson has been in the office working on financials. Mayor Sjaarda informed Council of his presence at the Sutherland City Council meeting at which discussion was held regarding combined policing. A committee representing Sutherland, Calumet and Paullina will be formed. Werkmeister and Unrau will be the Paullina Committee joining 2 individuals from Sutherland and 1 from Calumet along with Sutherland’s Chief of Police Brent Koppie.

Departments: Superintendent of Utilities Top provided an Electrical System Review completed by DGR Engineering to council members for review and discussion at a future meeting. Fire Department: Mayor Sjaarda asked the Council to please review the Fire Department by-laws presented at a previous Council meeting. Approval of by-laws will take place at a future Council meeting. Library: John Funkhouser updated the Council on updates taking place at the Library and also stated that the Library is preparing for Fall programming.

Motion by Honkomp, second by Unrau to adjourn at 5:49pm. All ayes. Motion carried.

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 Marlin Sjaarda, Mayor

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Michelle Wilson, City Clerk