

Common Council

December 20, 2021

6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting

I. Pledge of Allegiance

- a) The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

II. Roll Call

Mayor Wright called to order the regular meeting of the Princeton Common Council at 6:00 p.m. on December 20th at Princeton City Hall.

III. Roll call

Clerk Treasurer Brines conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Mayor Wright, Jim McDonald, Jan Ballard, Sheri Greene, Jim Maglis, Bill Tuley and Nick Burns. Others in attendance were Andrea Howe of the Princeton Daily Clarion, Derek McGraw, Phyllis Ernst, Janelle Wood, Aaron Rohner and Brad Bingham (via phone).

IV. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Bill Tuley made the motion to approve the minutes as prepared. Nick Burns 2nd the motion, all ayes, motion carried.

V. Old Business

- a) The Council approved to pledge \$1,000.00 / year for 3 years to the Gibson County Indiana CEO Program with NGSC. Bill Tuley made the motion to approve the pledge. Jan Ballard 2nd the motion, all ayes, motion carried.

VI. New business

- a) Clerk Treasurer Brines discussed a new program for timekeeping with Keystone. The program will allow for a biometric time clock, and the information will roll into the Keystone payroll system already in place. Sheri Greene made the motion to approve the new system. Bill Tuley 2nd the motion, all ayes, motion carried.
- b) Aaron Rohner of Commonwealth Engineering presented Pay Application #15 in the amount of \$227,480.67 to the Council for consideration. Nick Burns made the motion to approve Pay App #15. Jan Ballard 2nd the motion, all ayes, motion carried.

- c) Brad Bingham of Barnes & Thornburg spoke to the Council explaining the PILOT program for low-income housing.
- d) Resolution 2021-18 was presented to the Council for approval. The resolution is for \$15,000.00 additional appropriation for the fire territory personal services. Sheri Greene made the motion to approve the resolution. Bill Tuley 2nd the motion, all ayes, motion carried.

VII. Pay Claims

Nick Burns made the motion to pay the claims. Jan Ballard 2nd the motion, all ayes, motion carried.

VIII. Public Comment

- a) None

IX. Other Business

- a) Phyllis Ernst, the Patoka Township trustee, asked if the Council would allow for money to be moved from the fire's natural gas appropriation to the fire attorney appropriation to pay for a bill due to attorney Dan Moon. Sheri Greene made the motion to authorize the payment if there is money left after all negatives are fixed at the end of the month's balance. Jan Ballard 2nd the motion, all ayes, motion carried.
- b) Mayor Wright stated that the City employee lunch would be December 21st from 11:00 – 1:00.
- c) A gentleman spoke to the Board regarding an outstanding water bill he has from a renter. The customer had an agreement with the City from the covid moratorium. After the moratorium was up, the customer left the landlord with the outstanding water bill. Attorney McDonald explained that since we are governed by the guidelines of the IURC, we cannot reduce water bills.

X. Adjournment

Sheri Greene made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Nick Burns 2nd the motion, all ayes, motion carried. Mayor Wright adjourned the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

Sheri L Greene

Sheri Greene, Council President

ATTEST:

Mindy Brines

Mindy Brines, Clerk Treasurer