

## PRINSBURG CITY COUNCIL OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES

The Prinsburg City Council held its Regular Meeting on February 14, 2023 at 1:00 pm in the city council room. Mayor Roger Ahrenholz called the meeting to order. Present were council members, Greg Bonnema, Mitch Swart, Dan Negen, and Dalen Folkerts. Also, present City employee Sarah Van Dyken, Nolan Slagter and Brian Bollig and Josh Johnson from Bollig Eng.

Nolan Slagter out sick.

**Roger Ahrenholz called the meeting to order.**

- Art 1 Brian Bollig and Josh Johnson from Bollig Engineer shared with council some Funding news that we could apply for our street projects. They will get some stronger numbers put together for Pleasant Ave and let us know how to apply for the funding. They will attend the March meeting with more information.
- Art 2 Greg Bonnema made a motion to approve the January 14, 2023 meeting minutes as written. Dalen Folkerts supported this motion. AYES: Roger Ahrenholz, Greg Bonnema, Mitch Swart, Dalen Folkerts, Dan Negen. NAYS: None
- Art 3 Mitch Swart made a motion to approve the claims to be paid. Dan Negen supported this motion. AYES: Roger Ahrenholz, Greg Bonnema, Mitch Swart, Dan Negen, and Dalen Folkerts. NAYS: none
- Art 4 Mayor Roger Ahrenholz shared with council that there is an individual that would like to purchase a Lot in the new development with a \$5000 down payment now and the balance in February of 2024. Council tabled until next meeting.
- Art 5 Greg Bonnema made a motion to contribute \$5000 to the Raymond Ambulance Fund to help with the purchase of a new rig. Dan Negen supported this motion. AYES: Roger Ahrenholz, Greg Bonnema, Mitch Swart, Dan Negen, and Dalen Folkerts. NAYS: none
- Art 6 Mayor Roger Ahrenholz wanted the council to be aware of potential money available through the Greater Minnesota Housing Shortage. *Just for Information*
- Art 7 Mitch Swart, Chairman of Jt Powers reported to council on the meeting of January 18, 2023. Fire Chief Ryan Marcus gave reports on the Fire Department and Roy Duininck, President of First Responders gave his report. Both departments are doing good. A major project with FD is the SOP/SOG manuals. First Responders have four members training to become EMTs. Mitch also discussed the invoice of Kyle Sportel. He would like to the city to pay half. Dalen Folkerts and Dan Negen each stated to pay 100%. The Jt. Powers has recommended the City and the Township each contribute \$2500 to the 1<sup>st</sup> Responder Pension Fund on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March each year for 5 years. Dan Negen made a motion for the city to pay 100% of Kyle Sportel bill this time. Going forward the Jt Powers need to come up with a

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policy addressing this issue. Dalen Folkerts supports this motion. AYES: Roger Ahrenholz, Greg Bonnema, Mitch Swart, Dan Negen, and Dalen Folkerts. NAYS: none

Art 8 Mayor Roger Ahrenholz discuss wage increase for City employees. He visited with a few other towns in the area and they were between 5%-6%. Roger made a motion to increase wages for 2023, beginning February 1, by 6%. Greg Bonnema supported this motion. AYES: Roger Ahrenholz, Greg Bonnema, Mitch Swart, Dan Negen, and Dalen Folkerts. NAYS: none

Art 9 Summer help applications are available now in the city office.

Art 10 The Hockey Rink needs to have a better base. How is snow removal being managed. Who can help Nolan flood the hockey rink?

Art 11 Mitch Swart has numbers for the new concession stand and the batting cages. This topic has been tabled until March meeting.

Art 12 Mitch Swart makes a motion to pay 75% of Clerks home internet. Greg Bonnema supports this motion. AYES: Roger Ahrenholz, Greg Bonnema, Mitch Swart and Dalen Folkerts. NAYS: Dan Negen

Roger Ahrenholz made a motion to adjourn. Dan Negen supported this motion. AYES: Roger Ahrenholz, Greg Bonnema, Mitch Swart, Dalen Folkerts, Dan Negen. NAYS: None

*Sarah Van Dyken*, Clerk