

# PRINSBURG CITY COUNCIL OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES

The Prinsburg City Council held its Public Hearing and Regular Meeting on December 12, 2023, beginning at 6:00 pm in the city council room. Present were Mayor Roger Ahrenholz, Council members, Greg Bonnema, Dan Negen, Mitch Swart. Also, present City employee Sarah Van Dyken. Public Works Manager Nolan Slagter and Council Member Dalen Folkerts were not in attendance.

## Public Hearing:

Jim Huizinga in attendance to ask about Rural Service Rate

Mayor Roger Ahrenholz opened the Public Hearing at 6:00. Topics to discuss are the 2024 Tax Levy and Budget

Art 1 Jim Huizinga asked the council how the city came up with the Rural Service Rate. How do we calculate this. He pays around \$100 per acre. Council told Jim they would investigate this.

Art 2 Dan Negen made a motion to increase the 2024 Tax Levy by 6% instead of the proposed amount of 7.5%. This would set the Levy at \$475,256.00 total.

General: \$172,371.00

Fire: \$ 82,030.00

Street: \$205,079.00

Parks: \$ 15,776.00

Greg Bonnema supported this motion. AYES: Roger Ahrenholz, Greg Bonnema, Mitch Swart, Dan Negen. NAYS: none

Art 3 Greg Bonnema made a motion to approve the 2024 General Budget:

\$651,430 Revenue

\$615,300 Expenses

Mitch Swart supported this motion. AYES: Roger Ahrenholz, Greg Bonnema, Mitch Swart, Dan Negen. NAYS: none

Art 4 Other Areas approved:

a. Senior Housing Fund:

\$30,000 Revenue

\$21,000 expense

Dan Negen made a motion to approve and Mitch Swart supported this motion.

b. Water Fund:

\$70,000 Revenue

\$78,000 Expenses

Dan Negen made a motion to approve, and Greg Bonnema supported this motion.

c. Sewer Fund:

\$200,000 Revenue

\$160,000 Expense

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Mitch Swart made a motion to approve, and Dan Negen supported this motion.

AYES: Roger Ahrenholz, Greg Bonnema, Mitch Swart, Dan Negen. NAYS: none

Mitch Swart made a motion to adjourn public hearing. Dan Negen supported this motion. AYES: Roger Ahrenholz, Greg Bonnema, Mitch Swart, Dan Negen. NAYS: none

**Roger Ahrenholz called the Regular council meeting to order.** (6:40pm)

Art 1 Mitch Swart made a motion to approve the November 28, 2023, regular meeting minutes. Greg Bonnema supported this motion. AYES: Roger Ahrenholz, Greg Bonnema, Mitch Swart, Dan Negen. NAYS: none

Art 2 Dan Negen made a motion to approve claims to be paid as presented. Mitch Swart supported this motion. AYES: Roger Ahrenholz, Greg Bonnema, Mitch Swart, Dan Negen. NAYS: none

Art 3 Mitch Swart made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-10 Cannabis Public Use Ordinance. Dan Negen supported this motion. AYES: Roger Ahrenholz, Greg Bonnema, Mitch Swart, Dan Negen. NAYS: none

Art 4 A Reminder to the council to set up Employee Reviews in January.

Art 5 Mitch Swart made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-09, the Adoption of Essential Safe and Sick Time Policy. Greg Bonnema supported this motion. AYES: Roger Ahrenholz, Greg Bonnema, Mitch Swart, Dan Negen. NAYS: none

Art 6 Water Tower Inspection Report for Information

Art 7 Duane Bonnema completed his work inspecting the Storm Sewer.

Art 8 Mitch Swart presented to the council an idea for a new Hockey Rink. It would be a portable rink through Nice Rink. The council was encouraged by the report. Mitch gave the council a website to look at for more information. Mitch will continue to put some plans together for the rink.

Art 9 Greg Bonnema made a motion to adjourn. Dan Negen supported this motion. AYES: Roger Ahrenholz, Greg Bonnema, Mitch Swart, Dan Negen. NAYS: none

*Sarah Van Dyken*, Clerk