

The Prinsburg city council held its regular meeting on May 13, 2025 at 1:00 pm in the city council room. Mayor Mitch Swart called the meeting to order. Present were council members, Dan Negen, Mike Bredeck, Nate Marcus, and Greg Bonnema. Also present was City Public Works director Nolan Slagter as well as a representative from the Bollig Inc engineering firm, Josh Johnson; Adrian Starks and Caleb Anderson from Natural Systems Utilities (NSU), Wes Wieberdink from Prins Insurance Agency, and Scott Ferguson, reporter from the Clara City Herald.

Art 1 Adrian Starks from NSU reviewed their annual report on the City of Prinsburg's sewer system. Our sewer system is currently performing well; however, the system is 17 years old and NSU recommends some maintenance to the wetlands and other updates in approximately 5 years. They also recommend that the Prinsburg Farmers Co-op calibrate and check their storage tank water meter on a biannual basis as required by the MPCA permit. The report was received for information.

Art 2 Wes Wieberdink from Prins Insurance Agency reported on the possible liability relating to baseball games at the City's ball diamond, specifically baseballs hit over the backstop area and the possibility of damaging property or injuring people. Wes acknowledged that attendees take on an inherent liability risk by attending ball games, but he also suggested that a higher net over the backstop and portions of the infield area could mitigate the likelihood of damage or injury.

Wes also informed the Council that the hail damage claim relating to the Cardinal Care Center has been approved and the city could move ahead with those repairs. He is working with City staff on hail damage claims relating to other City buildings.

Wes also reported on a claim filed with North Star Mutual by a City resident relating to damages from sewage backup in their house after the City's main sewer lift pumps failed to properly engage due to an electrical control panel failure. Wes is currently in communication with both North Star Mutual and The League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust regarding that claim.

Art 3 Josh Johnson, from Bollig Inc, reviewed the watermain and sewer project relating to bringing those mains to the Van Dyken's property on the west edge of the City. Josh will need a detailed property site map in order to complete the engineering on that project. That detail will likely be forthcoming once the project gets underway.

A motion was made by Mike Bredeck and supported by Nate Marcus to approve Task Order No. 4 for \$15,700 approving engineering on bringing water and sewer lines to the Van Dyken property line. Ayes: Dan Negen, Mike Bredeck, Nate Marcus, and Greg Bonnema. Nays: None.

Josh Johnson also reviewed the permit application process for the water main extension. He will contact Nolan Slagter and Mitch Swart prior to submitting the application.

Art 4 Mike Bredeck made a motion to approve the minutes, as revised, from the April 10, 2025 regular council meeting. Mitch Swart supported the motion. Ayes: Dan Negen, Mike Bredeck, Nate Marcus, and Greg Bonnema. Nays: None.

Art 5 Mitch Swart made a motion to approve the minutes, as revised, from the April 28, 2025 Conditional Use Permit Public Hearing and meeting. Greg Bonnema supported the motion. Ayes: Dan Negen, Mike Bredeck, Nate Marcus, and Greg Bonnema. Nays: None.

Art 6 Dan Negen made a motion to approve payment of the claims totaling \$52,993.37 as presented. Nate Marcus supported the motion. Ayes: Dan Negen, Mike Bredeck, Nate Marcus, and Greg Bonnema. Nays: None.

Art 7 Greg Bonnema made a motion to approve a contract with Clarke Environmental Mosquito Management Inc for two city-wide mosquito spray treatments prior to July 4. Dan Negen supported the motion. Ayes: Dan Negen, Mike Bredeck, Nate Marcus, and Greg Bonnema. Nays: None.

Art 8 The council was presented with a request from Tom and Denise Bakker for a building permit for a 24' x 11' Pergola in front of their house. Mitch Swart made a motion to approve the permit as presented. Nate Marcus supported the motion. Ayes: Dan Negen, Mike Bredeck, Nate Marcus, and Greg Bonnema. Nays: None.

Art 9 The council was presented with a request from Adam and Jessica Roelofs for a building permit for a 10' x 12' Storage Shed in their backyard. The shed will be 8' from the property line in the southeast corner of the Roelof's lot. Mike Bredeck made a motion to approve the permit as presented. Dan Negen supported the motion. Ayes: Dan Negen, Mike Bredeck, Nate Marcus, and Greg Bonnema. Nays: None.

Art 10 The council was presented with a request from TJ and Tara Stoel for a building permit for a wood-framed mesh fence in their back yard. Nate Marcus made a motion to approve the permit as presented. Dan Negen supported the motion. Ayes: Dan Negen, Mike Bredeck, Nate Marcus, and Greg Bonnema. Nays: None.

Art 11 The Council discussed making a contribution towards the City's parade on July 4. Greg Bonnema made a motion to approve giving \$600 towards the City's parade float prizes. Dan Negen supported the motion. Ayes: Dan Negen, Mike Bredeck, Nate Marcus, and Greg Bonnema. Nays: None.

Public Works/Maintenance

Art 12 Nolan Slagter, Public Works director, recommends that we hire Angel Mendoza for the summer help again in 2025. Nate Marcus made a motion that we hire Angel Mendoza for the summer at \$18 @ hour pay. Mitch Swart supported the motion. Ayes: Dan Negen, Mike Bredeck, Nate Marcus, and Greg Bonnema. Nays: None.

Art 13 The Council reviewed quotes for new shop doors and openers, including installation, at the City Shop. Nate Marcus made a motion that we purchase two new shop doors and electric openers, including installation, from County Line Door at a total cost of \$9,212.62. Mike Bredeck supported the motion. Ayes: Dan Negen, Mike Bredeck, Nate Marcus, and Greg Bonnema. Nays: None. Nolan will contact Slagter Builders to complete the required door jamb repairs prior to the new door installations.

Art 14 Mayor Swart reported that he will contact Zach Brouwer regarding adding granite to the City Trail. He will also visit with Zach regarding required dirt work at the hockey rink site.

Art 15 Nolan Slagter, Public Works director, brought up concern over the increase in City water usage at lawn irrigation sites as well as City wide in general. No action was taken at this time.

Art 16 Nate Marcus made a motion to adjourn. Mike Bredeck supported the motion. Ayes: Dan Negen, Mike Bredeck, Nate Marcus, and Greg Bonnema. Nays: None.

Mayor

Clerk