

The Paullina City Council met in regular session on May 1, 2023 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 127 S Main St, Paullina, Iowa. Mayor Brenda Ebel Kruse called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call. Council Members present: Steve Heeren, Jay Jones, Jean Unrau, Carol Honkomp, Lexy Murphy. Mayor Ebel Kruse declared a quorum.

Also present: Deputy Clerk Michelle Wilson. Guests: Denise Phillips & Amy Schmidt from South O'Brien, Paullina residents Glenda Heithus, Candy Hahn, Charlie Harper, Jim & Wendy Dengler. Press: Radtke.

Motion by Unrau; second by Jones to approve agenda without item #13 regarding a requested nuisance hearing by the Myers who wish to attend the May 15 meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Murphy; second by Honkomp to approve minutes from 4/24/23 special meeting & workshop. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Honkomp; second by Unrau to approve payment of claims. All ayes. Motion carried.

Presentation by Amy Schmidt & Denise Phillips about the South O'Brien CAPS Program launching this fall. They are requesting use of the Laue Room for their weekday afternoon work sessions. They have funds for adding technology such as a smart TV that could stay as part of the Laue Room.

Motion by Honkomp; second by Unrau to approve sprinkler system booster pump for Swanson complex. Ayes: Honkomp, Unrau, Jones. Nays: Heeren & Murphy.

After hearing of the Denglers regular sewer problems, Murphy made the motion; second by Unrau to allow the City to hire a camera inspection of the sewer lines in several locations that are still having issues to determine the cause so it can be repaired as needed. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Jones; second by Unrau to accept the FY21-22 Annual Urban Renewal report. Ayes: Honkomp, Jones, Unrau, Murphy. Nay: Heeren. Motion carried.

Motion by Unrau; second by Honkomp for resolution to set FY24 Budget Public Hearing for Monday, May 15, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. Roll call vote: Ayes: Heeren, Honkomp, Jones, Unrau, Murphy. Nays: None.

Mayor Ebel Kruse reported that the new electric rates took effect as of 5/1 & that all customers received a bill adjustment for seasonal rate correction, which required an involved manual process. She shared an update from the Chamber that the first Food Truck Monday had been a success earlier that day with Tacos Torres here. Businesses on East Broadway are asked to allow for the temporary blocking of about 5 spaces in front of the City's pocket park. Further discussion whether Chamber should be considered exempt from the mobile food truck vendor permit process.

She said the morning's Household Hazardous Material trailer drop-off had gone well & that many residents are getting virtual flags for Curbside Clean-up on May 9. Mayor Ebel Kruse explained that some nuisance violations have been addressed & that more enforcement will follow the clean-up day for properties that continue to disregard ordinances. Discussion from Heeren & Murphy on their roles as nuisance committee; they should report violations to City Hall to have it handled by the office staff or Mayor.

All building permits must also follow ordinances to ensure approval. Candy Hahn explained that a new construction company will start this week to further work on the extra garage combination at 111 N Willow. Their previous permit expired in October 2022. A new permit was just submitted for the remainder of the work to be completed.

Council set May 9, 2023 at 5:30pm for next workshop with Primghar that will be here.

Council comments: Honkomp shared that the Fire Chief will be adding a dedicated mobile phone line, which is in his budget. She offered a suggestion to consider adding Dinner Date lunch service for senior citizens to have a noon meal at the Laue Room, which had been done before. Would need someone to lead organizing it.

Open opportunity to address the Council: Glenda Heithus asked about the process of nuisance abatement enforcement. Charlie Harper expressed concern over upkeep of properties in town. He asked that nuisance abatement be done to take corrective legal action, especially for residences that have been abandoned or don't clean up their junk. In many cases, several years have passed with no action or follow-up.

Motion by Murphy; second by Heeren to adjourn at 7:14pm. All ayes. Motion carried.

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Brenda Ebel Kruse, Mayor

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Michelle Wilson, Deputy City Clerk