

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
HELD AT CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2025 6:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Raymond Mabry. Mayor Mabry welcomed Boy Scout Troop #6368.

Upon roll call, the following answered present, constituting a quorum: Council Members Jerry Neumann, Mike McCall, Martin Makransky and Hector Gomez. All present at the meeting offered the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Boy Scouts Bryson Love and Fox Sanders.

**LIFE SAVING RECOGNITION:** Police Chief Tom Kammerer along with Kevin Cox, presented Kelsey Kowalski and Alejandro Jaramillo with Life Saving Awards, in recognition of their actions during an incident that occurred on December 18, 2024.

**PLANNING & ZONING:** Michael Zearing spoke on behalf of the Planning & Zoning Commission to discuss long-term plans for signage. He also extended an invitation to Council Members to attend the upcoming Planning Commission meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Victoria Yepsen, Tourism Director, provided an update on the upcoming Princeton Restaurant Weekend and informed attendees that all tourism events are now updated on the website. She offered a brief overview of all March events scheduled in Princeton. Additionally, she shared details about the 2025 Street Concerts, including the new location and the dates for each concert. Victoria also reported on the status of the Hotel/Motel remittance and highlighted the ongoing partnership with Azavar and LocalGov to update the current Ordinance in April, aiming for 100% compliance by year end. Lastly, she announced that Princeton will host the upcoming Amtrak Corridor Coalition Quarterly Meeting.

**MOTION # 1:** Neumann made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup> Gomez) that the printed copy of the minutes for the Regular Meeting of February 18, 2025 be approved.

**VOTE # 1**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Council Members Neumann, McCall, Gomez, Makransky, and Mayor Mabry voted Aye. Motion declared carried.

**MOTION # 2:** Neumann made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup> Gomez) that the bills and payrolls of the Department of Public Affairs and Department of Accounts and Finance, the Department of Public Property and Utilities, Streets and Public Improvements, and the Department of Public Health and Safety, all totaling \$938,372.11 be allowed and paid.

**VOTE # 2**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Council Members Neumann, McCall, Gomez, Makransky, and Mayor Mabry voted Aye. Motion declared carried.

**MOTION #3:** Neumann made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup> Gomez) that Resolution R-25-008 Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into Contracts and Joint Participation Agreements with the State of Illinois on Behalf of the City of Princeton be approved.

**VOTE #3**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Council Members Neumann, McCall, Gomez, Makransky, and Mayor Mabry voted Aye. Motion declared carried

**MOTION #4:** Neumann made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup> Gomez) that Ordinance O-25-007 Ordinance Vacating Alley move to second reading.

**VOTE #4**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Council Members Neumann, McCall, Gomez, Makransky, and Mayor Mabry voted Aye. Motion declared carried.

**MOTION #5:** Neumann made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup> Gomez) that Ordinance O-25-008 Authorizing the Sale of Personal Property, No Longer Necessary or Useful to the City of Princeton move to second reading.

**VOTE #5**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Council Members Neumann, McCall, Gomez, Makransky, and Mayor Mabry voted Aye. Motion declared carried.

**CITY MANAGER REPORT:** City Manager Theresa Wittenauer provided an explanation of Resolution R-25-008, which involves a joint contract with the State of Illinois for salt procurement. She announced that, following March 15<sup>th</sup>, city crews will begin removing any remaining winter decorations from the City's Cemeteries. Lastly, she informed attendees of a City Council Budget and Planning Meeting for March 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM.

**MAYOR REPORT:** Mayor Mabry expressed gratitude to the Boy Scouts for attending the meeting and encouraged residents to participate in early voting for the upcoming election. Mayor Mabry shared his visit to the Marion Street Sewer Project site to observe its progress and encouraged other Council Members to visit as well. Mabry also asked the public for patience as road improvement projects continue. Additionally, he commended the Street Department for their expertise on ability to complete some projects internally.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Council Member Makransky encouraged the City fully fund the fireworks for the Chamber of Commerce. Council Member McCall agreed, emphasizing the importance of ensuring these funds are available to the Chamber. Council Member Gomez also expressed support for the idea. Mayor Mabry thanked the Council for sharing their perspectives. Lastly, City Manager Wittenauer announced and congratulated Nick Dykstra, who was sworn in as Lieutenant in the Fire Department at a Ceremonial Swearing in prior to the Council Meeting.

**MOTION # 7:** Neumann made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup> Gomez) that the Regular Meeting be adjourned. The next Regular Meeting of the City Council will be on Monday, March 17, 2025 at 6:00 p.m., at City Hall.

**VOTE # 7**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Council Members Neumann, McCall, Gomez, Makransky, and Mayor Mabry voted Aye. Motion declared carried. Adjournment at 6:28 p.m.

Submitted by:



Janet Henning, City Clerk