

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRINCETON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
SEPTEMBER 27TH, 7:00 P.M.**

1. Call to Order - Roll Call

Mayor Thom Walker called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Council members present were Jenny Gerold, Vicki Hallin, Jules Zimmer and Jeff Reynolds. Others present: Administrator Michele McPherson, Clerk Shawna Jenkins, Public Works Director Bob Gerold, Police Chief Todd Frederick, Fire Chief Ron Lawrence, Wastewater Plant Manager Chris Klinghagen, Technology Services Manager Ed Yost, City Attorney Damien Toven, and Liquor Store Manager Dylan Donner.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Review of 2023 Budget

4. Resolution 22-54 – Setting the 2023 Preliminary Levy

McPherson stated that she used the following assumptions when putting together the preliminary Budget:

- 2.5% wage increases
- 15% health insurance increase
- Additional full-time person in PW (streets)
- Fire Chief to 3/4 time (30 hours per week)

McPherson added that there will be some noticeable increases and decreases as some items have been moved to different funds. Costs under salaries and benefits are split up by using approximate time spent by various employees in different departments. As an example, the Public Works Supervisor's pay and benefits are split 3 ways, with 1/3 going to Public Works Administration, 1/3 to Parks and 1/3 to Streets.

There was a fair amount of discussion regarding the Canoe and Kayak program. The Council felt that the cost to run the program is not fiscally responsible and it was determined that the program would be discontinued. Staff will look into selling the equipment.

The City's Liability and Workers Compensation Insurance and Employee Medical Insurance estimated increases are a big factor in the proposed levy increase. McPherson said the City's insurance runs from July to June, so we will not have an estimate of what next year's insurance costs will be. Staff will try to find out if we can get some preliminary numbers for employee health insurance for 2023.

5. Adjournment

ZIMMER MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 6:27PM. HALLIN SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully Submitted,

ATTEST:

Shawna Jenkins Tadych
City Clerk

Thom Walker
Mayor