

**MINUTES OF THE STUDY SESSION OF THE PRINCETON CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON DECEMBER 1, 2022, 4:30 P.M.**

1. Call To Order / Roll Call

Mayor Thom Walker called the meeting to order. Council members present were Jenny Gerold, Jeff Reynolds (arrived at 5:07pm), and Jules Zimmer. Staff present, Administrator Michele McPherson, Community Developer – Planner Stacy Marquardt, Clerk Shawna Jenkins, Public Works Director Bob Gerold, Police Chief Todd Frederick, Wastewater Plant Manager Chris Klinghagen, Fire Chief Ron Lawrence, Liquor Store Manager Dylan Donner, and Engineer Jen Edison. Absent was Attorney Damien Toven.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Infrastructure Discussion

Edison went over the draft Transportation Plan and identified the MN State Aid Street segments to be approved. The street sections she is requesting to be added to the State Aid system are as follows:

- Addition of 14th Avenue S, 12th Street, 19th Avenue, and 21st Avenue from CR 45 to CR 31.
 - o Segment Length: 1.65 miles
 - Reasoning: this roadway is a collector road moving heavy traffic through the industrial area from and providing a connection between two county roads.

- Addition of Northland Drive, Old County Road 18 S, and 11th Avenue S from CR 29 to CR 31.
 - o Segment Length: 1.40 miles
 - Reasoning: This roadway is collector road moving heavy traffic and connecting two county roadways. The route includes a hospital, high school, and residential neighborhoods.

- Addition of S 3rd Street from 11th Avenue to 4th Avenue N.
 - o Segment Length: 0.50 miles
 - Reasoning: 3 rd. Street is a collector roadway moving traffic through the downtown area.

- Addition of 4th Avenue N and N 2nd Street from 3rd Street to CR 29.
 - o Segment Length: 0.34 miles
 - Reasoning: 4th Avenue is the only north/south streets that is located east of CR 29 and is a collector roadway for vehicles destined for CR 29.

- Addition of N 3rd Street from 13th Avenue N to CR 29.
 - o Segment Length: 0.56 miles
 - Reasoning: 3rd Street is a collector road carrying traffic from the Mille Lacs County Fairgrounds to CR 29.

- Addition of W Branch Street and 7th Avenue from 13th Avenue N to W 3rd Street.
 - o Segment Length: 0.52 miles
 - Reasoning: W Branch Street is a collector roadway used to access TH 95.

- Addition of 13th Avenue N from CR 31 to W Branch Street.
 - o Segment Length: 0.46 miles
 - Reasoning: 13th Avenue is a collector road ultimately planned for connection to TH 95.

- Addition of non-existing 13th Avenue N from W Branch Street to TH 95.
 - o Segment Length: 0.04 miles
 - Reasoning: This roadway segment is planned for a connection to TH 95 in the future.

- Addition of 12th Street N from CR 29 to CR 4.

- o Segment Length: 0.37 miles

- Reasoning: 12th Street N is a collector roadway carrying traffic between two county roadways.

After making these modifications, 0.24 miles of undesignated Municipal State Aid Streets will remain.

At the next meeting, there will be a Resolution to approve the Transportation Plan.

4. 2023 Budget Review

4.1. Public Safety

4.2. Enterprise Funds

4.3. Updated Levy Status

McPherson reported that she was able to get the proposed levy down to 8.64%. However, staff recently found out we must add \$17,000+ for health insurance for a former employee. This will bring the levy to 9.14%, which is still better than the preliminary levy. McPherson said she will continue to work on cutting the numbers.

ZIMMER MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 6:10 PM. J GEROLD SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully Submitted,

ATTEST:

Shawna Jenkins Tadych
City Clerk

Thom Walker,
Mayor