

CITY OF PRINCETON, MINNESOTA
RESOLUTION NO. 20-47

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN ELECTION ON THE QUESTION OF ABOLISHMENT
OF THE PRINCETON PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

WHEREAS, previously, by vote of the Princeton City Council, the Princeton Public Utility Commission (“Utility”) was established;

WHEREAS, in the past several years, the Princeton City Council has shown concern with issues within the operation of the Utility;

WHEREAS, these areas of concern include relations between the City and the Utility, and the Utility’s unilateral action to cease its payment in lieu of taxes to the City;

WHEREAS, the City has determined the actions of the Utility are contrary to the best interests of the City and the residents of the City.

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes Section 412.391, Subdivision 2, permits the City Council to cause to have placed on the ballot at the November 3, 2020 general election, the following question: “Shall the Princeton Public Utilities Commission be abolished?”;

WHEREAS; the City believes the residents of the City should be afforded the right to vote on the issue of the abolishment of the Princeton Public Utilities Commission;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Princeton, Minnesota, as follows:

1. The City Council hereby finds and determines that it is in the best interest of the City and its residents that the City place the following question on the ballot for voter determination, to wit “Shall the Princeton Public Utilities Commission be abolished?”
2. That the proposition for Commission abolishment will be submitted to the voters of the City at the general election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020. The election will be held and conducted in accordance with the laws of the State of Minnesota relating to regular municipal elections.
3. The City Clerk is directed to cause a sample ballot in substantially the form attached as Exhibit A and a notice of election in substantially the form attached as Exhibit B to be posted, published, and delivered as required by law as follows:
 - (a) The notice of election will be delivered to the County Auditor of Sherburne and Mille Lacs Counties, Minnesota, at least 74 days prior to the election, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 205.16, Subdivision 4, together with a written request to notify the Secretary of State of the election at least 74 days prior to the election pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 205.16, Subdivision 5;

(b) The notice of election will be published twice in successive weeks in the official newspaper of the City commencing at least two weeks prior to the election, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 205.16, Subdivision 1;

(c) The sample ballot will be published twice in successive weeks in the official newspaper of the City commencing at least two weeks prior to the election, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 205.16, Subdivision 2; and

(d) The sample ballot will be posted in the office of the City Clerk at least ten days prior to the election, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 205.16, Subdivision 3.

4. The polling places, hours of election, and the respective judges for the election will be those established by the City for the general election scheduled for November 3, 2020. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

5. The City Clerk is authorized and directed to prepare the ballot in substantially the form attached as Exhibit A, subject to the requirements of Minnesota Statutes, Section 205.17.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Princeton, Minnesota this 21st day of August 2020.

Date: _____

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Administrator

EXHIBIT A
FORM OF BALLOT
CITY QUESTION BALLOT
CITY OF PRINCETON
GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Tuesday, November 3, 2020

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: To vote for a question, completely fill in the oval next to the word "YES" for that question. To vote against a question, completely fill in the oval next to the word "NO" for that question.

CITY QUESTION NO. 1:
ABOLISHMENT OF THE PRINCETON PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION Shall the
Princeton Public Utilities Commission be abolished?

_____ Yes

_____ No

EXHIBIT B
NOTICE OF ELECTION
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CITY OF PRINCETON
SHERBURNE AND MILLE LACS COUNTY, MINNESOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held in and for the City of Princeton, Sherburne and Mile Lacs Counties, Minnesota, on Tuesday, the 3rd day of November, 2020, at which the following proposition will be submitted to the voters of the City for their approval or rejection:

CITY QUESTION NO. 1:
ABOLISHMENT OF THE PRINCETON PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION Shall the Princeton Public Utilities Commission be abolished?

The polling place for said election is as follows:

INSERT LOCATION

The polling place for said election will be open at 7:00 a.m. and will remain open until closing at 8:00 p.m. This election will be held in conjunction with the State of Minnesota general election. Any qualified registered voter of the City is entitled to vote at said election, and any resident of the City not previously registered as a voter may register on election day.