

REGULAR MEETING ~ CITY COUNCIL
PRINCETON, MERCER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
January 18, 2022

A Regular Meeting of the Common Council for the City of Princeton, Mercer County, West Virginia was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, January 18, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. In attendance were Mayor David Graham; Vice Mayor Marshall Lytton; Council Members Dewey Russell, Jacqueline Rucker (by telephone), James Hill, Joseph Allen and James Hawkins; City Manager Michael Webb, City Attorney Paul Cassell and City Clerk Kenneth Clay. A quorum was constituted thereby.

I. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member James Hill prayed humbly for guidance and comfort in these trying times; invoked divine guidance in making decisions for our community, including long term solutions to problems; prayed for the healing of Jackie Rucker, Jackie Phillips and others with unspoken needs; for the healthcare workers and first responders; for the City's Public Works' employees as they work under inclement weather conditions; and for the homeless and less fortunate in our community.

Vice Mayor Marshall Lytton led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

II. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor David Graham called the meeting to order.

III. PROCLAMATIONS ~ PRESENTATIONS

A. RESOLUTION: Honoring the Memory of Staff Sergeant Will Thompson

In the presence of the family of Staff Sergeant Will Thompson, Mayor Graham read the following resolution of Princeton City Council:

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Retired United States Army Staff Sergeant William "Will" Thompson graduated from Princeton Senior High School in 1989, where he was an outstanding student and football player; and

WHEREAS, after high school Will Thompson enlisted in the West Virginia Army National Guard following in the tradition of his patriotic, military family; and

WHEREAS, SSG Thompson decided to join the active duty ranks of the U. S. Army as a combat medic and served a combined twenty-three years and three months before retiring with many commendations and awards; and

WHEREAS, after serving eight years of active duty, Will Thompson returned

home and resumed his military career as a combat medic with the 1/150 WV Army National Guard at the Brushfork Armory; and

WHEREAS, in 2003 and 2009, SSG Thompson was deployed twice to serve with his unit during Operation Iraqi Freedom where he contracted pulmonary fibrosis after inhaling toxins from open burn pits, eventually requiring that he undergo two double lung transplants; and

WHEREAS, during he last decade of his life Will Thompson dedicated himself unselfishly and heroically as an advocate in the halls of Congress to help other soldiers gain recognition of the illnesses derived from prolonged exposure to burn pits.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED:

That the Common Council of he City of Princeton, West Virginia honors this soldier of high principles as evidenced by a high civic duty to his country, state, and community; and expresses deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Staff Sergeant Will Thompson, together with regret at the passing of this soldier who dedicated himself to the unselfish service to others.

David E. Graham, Mayor

On behalf of the Princeton City Council, Mayor Graham presented the resolution to Suzanna Thompson, wife of Staff Sergeant Will Thompson, and his family.

B. PROCLAMATION: Stalking Awareness Month – Mayor Graham read a proclamation declaring the month of January, 2022, as “Stalking Awareness Month” in the City of Princeton and, in doing so, applauded the efforts of service providers for victims of stalking, police, prosecutors, community organizations, campuses and private sector supporters in promoting awareness of stalking; encouraged policymakers, criminal justice officials, victim service agencies to continue to support the availability of services for victims; and urged community organizations, businesses and the media to promote awareness of the crime of stalking.

Representatives of the Family Refuge Center could not be present to accept the proclamation due to inclement weather. However, upon request, a photo of the ceremony was conveyed by cell phone and the original proclamation forwarded by mail.

IV. PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. Stacey Hicks, 170 Deerwood Lane, Princeton – Mr. Stacey Hicks first clarified that he was not speaking tonight as the CEO of the Princeton Rescue Squad, but as a businessman who owns properties on Rogers Street in the City of Princeton.

Mr. Hicks continued by remarking that he was very frustrated because the flooding on Rogers Street was not fixed this summer as was promised. He further stated that the flooding problem on Rogers Street still needs fixed, but the City now has engineers working on it and the more they study the more they charge. Mr. Hicks also remarked that it required twenty years to finally succeed in solving the flooding on Stafford Drive and added that he expected the flooding on Rogers Street to be fixed and project not die.

Therefore, Mr. Hicks expressed that he wanted assurances from City Council that the project will be completed this year.

Mayor Graham explained that the City did have a design ready this past summer, but had to have it redesigned.

Mr. Hicks countered that the problem was being studied too long. He added that he wants to build more on Rogers Street, but the water runs through the front door of his existing business when it rains heavily.

Council Member Hill noted that one unexpected problem, which was discovered late, is 34 acres of property outside the City which drains down from Rt. 460 onto Rogers Street.

City Manager Mike Webb assured Mr. Hicks that the ARPA funding is in place to do the work which will go out to bid this year.

Council Member Russell commented that E. L. Robinson is sincere about the project and wants it to succeed. They will address the problem and find a solution that will last well into the future and are working with the Division of Highways to do so.

Mr. Hill informed Mr. Hicks that E. L. Robinson already had obtained permission from the DOH for crossing its right of way. He further advised that the E. L. Robinson had used a line camera and discovered that the crossover drainage pipe must be laid deeper than originally believed in order to drain effectively.

City Manager Mike Webb advised that he would meet with Mr. Hicks following the Council Meeting and brief him on the plans for the Rogers Street Project as they currently stand.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

With a correction to page 6 duly noted by the Clerk, Mayor Graham declared the Consent Agenda approved, as corrected, and committed to the record, as follows:

- ❖ Minutes of the December 13, 2021, Regular City Council Meeting.

VI. POLICY AGENDA

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A. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. PUBLIC WORKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Member Dewey Russell reported that the Public Works and Recreation Committee of Princeton City Council met on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, with the following items to report out to Council and called on Assistant Public Works Director Eric Gatchell to present his departmental report.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Public Works' Tasks in December – Eric Gatchell reviewed the jobs completed by the Public Works Department in December, as follow:

- Responded to and completed 16 service requests from citizens;
- Erected Christmas decorations and lights;
- Installed fencing at the Westview/McKinley Park in conjunction with the Recreation Department;
- Worked on the lot and perimeter surrounding the future Dog Park;
- Excavated and installed a gravel pad for the Police storage building;
- Repaired and cleared several alleys
- Cleared trees from the alley between 2nd and Jefferson Streets that were endangering houses;
- Removed trees that fell on roadways and/or were in danger of falling on roadways;
- Repaired a street drain and edge of the sidewalk in the 1300 block of Mercer Street;
- Reworked the drainage ditch line between the Police parking area and the Recreation Center ball field; and
- Maintained the main drainage ditches and inlets in the City.

Council Member James Hill commented that Public Works needs to give its full attention to the storm water line on Park Avenue. Also, with regard to the Christmas lights, Mr. Hill remarked that all decorations should be up next year with the proper outlets. He then added that Mercer Street looked great and it's time to move on to other sections of town.

Mayor David Graham commended the Public Works Department for the good job clearing the City's streets during the snow storm over the previous weekend.

Mr. Hill concurred and remarked that he was proud of the work, too.

Mercer Street Rest Area – Dewey Russell reported the Public Works and Recreation Committee approved and recommended to City Council, authorization for the expenditure of \$125,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to develop a rest
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area on the vacant lot at 804 Mercer Street, next to the Salvation Army Thrift Store, for use during festivals and other community events downtown.

Marshall Lytton duly seconded the motion.

On the request of Mr. Hill, the City Manager explained that the vacant lot next to the Salvation Army store on Mercer Street would be cleaned up, a wall erected and restrooms installed to create a rest area for use during special events downtown.

On voting, the motion carried unanimously.

Coordination of Designs for the Rogers Street Storm Water Project – Dewey Russell reported the Public Works and Recreation Committee approved and recommended to City Council, authorization for Mayor David Graham and City Manager Mike Webb to coordinate with the engineering firm of E. L. Robinson on the approval of engineering designs for the Rogers Street Storm Water Project.

Joe Allen duly seconded the motion.

Council Member James Hill commented that after the Committee meetings last Wednesday, this motion out of Committee left a bad taste in his mouth. He then expressed his belief that the engineering reports should continue being presented before the full Council. Therefore, Mr. Hill stated that he could not support this action.

On voting, Joe Allen, James Hawkins, Mayor Graham, Marshall Lytton, Dewey Russell and Jacqueline Rucker voted in favor of the motion. James Hill voted against the motion. Therefore, the motion carried on a vote of six in favor and one opposed.

Mayor Graham assured that this action was an attempt to streamline the process and that all of Council would be kept informed throughout.

Mr. Hill mentioned that all the rights of way need reviewed during the planning process.

Stacey Hicks commented there already is a City right-of-way where the sewer line runs and added that he was sure a way could be found to lay a storm drainage line.

Mayor Graham explained that the fall required a three foot redesign which resulted in the planned replacement of the existing 8” pipe with a 36” pipe.

PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Assistant Recreation Director Malinda Edwards presented the following Parks and Recreation report:

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City Pool Project – Renosys Corporation arrived on site the morning of January 11, 2022, to begin work on the removal of the existing pool liner and RecDeck. They estimated that it would take approximately one week, contingent upon the weather, to complete the removal work. Once removal is completed, we can explore what measures need to be taken with regard to concrete repairs, as well as repairing the baby pool water line located underneath the deck.

Playgrounds – With the help of the Public Works Department, construction of the new chain link fence at the McKinley Avenue Playground has been completed. The fence has been a great addition to the park. It not only improved the appearance of the playground, but also greatly enhanced the safety of the neighborhood children playing there. Secondly, the border pieces to enclose and enable the addition of safety surfacing for the swings at the Earl Muse Playground were delivered on January 11, 2022.

Program Report – The Boys Little League/Girls Cheerleading Program started practice right before the holidays. League play is scheduled to begin on January 18th. This winter program is the Department’s largest program of the year, with a total of 287 participants. There are a total of 19 basketball teams and 10 cheerleading squads competing in this program.

Spring League Registration – The Department also has just begun a registration period for the spring basketball leagues. The spring leagues include: Girls Little League for ages 8-9 and 10-12; Boys Middle School for ages 11-14; and Boys High School for ages 15-18.

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TEAM SPONSORS**

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Brandon M. Lingenfelter, D.O. Ph.D., PLLC
Coldwell Banker (Steve Yost)
Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home
Fink Engineering
Trophies & More
Kalee’s Lounge
Recycle WV
Reel Catch
ECCO

VARSITY

Four Seasons Pharmacy
West Virginia Pipeline
Hickman’s Pharmacy

Learning Tree House
Ramey Auto Group
Scenic Enterprise
Princeton Elks
ResCare

COVID-19 Policy – Ms. Edwards also reported that the Recreation Center had adopted a Covid-19 Policy for the staff and players that follows the policy of the Mercer County Board of Education.

Council Member Joe Allen reported that Mayor Graham had made an on site inspection of the work at the City Pool today.

Mayor Graham informed that when he visited the Pool about 40% of the work to remove the old decking had been completed, which revealed less structural damage than he had expected. The Mayor added that he would conduct another inspection later in the week.

RAILROAD MUSEUM

The City Clerk presented the Railroad Museum report for December on behalf of Director Pat Smith, as follows:

- 251 visitors
- \$482 in Gift Shop sales, and
- \$78 in donations received.

2. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Chairman James Hill reported the Public Safety Committee of Princeton City Council met on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, immediately following the Public Works and Recreation Committee with the following to report out to Council and called on Code Enforcement Director Ty Smith to present his report.

CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT

Monthly Report for December 2021 – Code Enforcement Director Ty Smith presented the following report for December:

COMPUTATION OF COMPLAINTS

Summary Property Maintenance

Initial Complaints	322
Cumulative Complaints to Date	42,739

AREA PATROL SUMMARY

Demolition/Renovation Programs Status

Condemnations/Unsafe in Process	10
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Demolitions in Appeals Process	4
Demolitions w/Notice to Proceed	3
Total Demolitions to Date	663

Animal Control Summary

Complaints this Month	117
Animal Control Cases	21
Impounded (dogs 2; cats 7)	9
Adopted	4
Euthanized	0
Reclaimed	0
Rescued	1
Property Maintenance Cases	96

Currently studying to take the B-1 Exam

Building Inspection (Zoning, PM, RC)

Building Permits (Res. 8; Com. 9)	17
Total Inspections	18
Total Project Costs	\$281,029
Permit Fees	\$1,443

Flood Plain Management & Property Maintenance

Flood Plain Determinations	20
Flood Plain Permits Issued	1
Property Maintenance Case Total	80

- New Flood Plain Mapping Date to be completed by FEMA in 2023.
- Currently preparing for the PM-64 Exam

Zoning Official

Certificate of Occupancy Applications	2
Certificate of Occupancy Inspections	0

Zoning Board Cases 1

- Zoning Official Ty Smith reported the application of Jonathan Brockman for a Special Use Permit to serve alcoholic beverages at 806 Thorn Street was denied by the Zoning Board.

Rental Compliance

Revenue in Dec.: \$2,099.45; Total to Date: \$17,147.95
Registered Units Dec.: Houses 12; Apts. 36; Duplexes 6; Total Units 54
Cumulative Total: Houses 344; Apts. 550; Other 73; Total 967

Vacant Buildings

Registered Vacant Buildings Dec.: 30 Notices Issued; Total 15.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Committee Chairman James Hill presented the Fire Department's report on behalf of Chief Matt Mould who had been called out on a structure fire:

Call Report – During the month of December the Fire Department responded to the following emergency calls:

- 3 fire calls (1 structure fire, 1 vehicle fire)
- 10 motor vehicle accidents/rescues, and
- 46 emergency medical calls

Council Member Joe Allen commented that Chief Mould's statistics on drug overdoses assisted Congresswoman Miller in preparing a bill, cosponsored by Congressman Griffith, which will make it more difficult to obtain controlled substances.

The Fire Department also conducted one fire inspection during the month.

Training – The Fire Department also completed 220 man hours of training during December.

Vehicle Accident Billing – The Fire Department received \$2,404 in December from insurance companies, bringing the total for insurance billing, based on responses to vehicle accidents, to \$7,960 since July 1, 2021.

Personnel Update – Firefighter Travis Weatherly submitted his resignation on December 20, 2021, with his last day being January 7, 2022. However, he requested to remain on the volunteer roster. This resignation leaves the Fire Department with two vacancies and necessitates interviews with the four remaining candidates for hiring on the Civil Service Register. Interviews have been scheduled for Friday, January 14th.

Status of Equipment – Engine 33 has been repaired and returned to service.

Training Center Project – The installation and repair of the propane plumbing and props at the Fire Training Center have been completed. Also, a quote of "costs not to exceed \$65,000 was received for salvaging the existing four-story training tower which will be hauled away by the Public Works Department. The City also is moving forward on the purchase of four shipping containers to replace the burn building and the SCBA maze.

Further, the City of Bluefield has authorized a contribution of \$25,000 toward the CC-01/18/22

completion of the project.

Additional Information

- FEMA's Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) deadline was extended to January 22, 2022, while the Fire Department will be working with Donner Consulting as the grant writer to prepare a grant application for the purchase of 28 new SCBA air packs, six of which will be one-hour rated to replace the 30 minute rated air packs on the regional hazmat trailer.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Tim Gray presented the following report for the Police Department:

Call Report – During the month of December Princeton Police Officers responded to 389 calls for assistance, made 35 arrests and issued 92 citations.

Recruitment Efforts – Chef Gray reported that recruiting qualified candidates for the Police Department is a primary concern since the department currently is two positions short. He added that he would be attending a Job Fair in Bluefield, but added that high school students are not ready to make a decision regarding future employment commitments.

Training – Chief Gray continued by reporting the Princeton Police Department had been informed by the State's Training Coordinator in Charleston that a number of Princeton Police Officers were not certified on record. The Chief added this prompted him to track down the PD's records of in-service training hours which determined that just one officer was short on hours. Chief Gray added that in-service training is an ongoing program that has been interrupted by Covid-19, but requires 16 hours of in-service training for each patrolman and 24 hours for the Department's supervisors.

U. S. Marshal's Task Force – Chief Gray informed that the Princeton Police Department has two officers serving on the U. S. Marshal's Task Force and reported that during 2021, the Task Force made 178 arrests on 251 warrants in the region. These responsibilities require the two Princeton officers to devote time away from the Department, sometimes to work in North Carolina and Virginia.

Army National Guard – Chief Gray further reported that two Princeton Police officers also serve in the Army National Guard: Captain Woodard, who is scheduled to attend a Leadership Academy and, upon completion, will be promoted to Sergeant First Class; and Patrolman Carroll who is scheduled to attend the Advanced NCO Course, which is required for promotion.

Comparative Annual Call Numbers – Chief Gray reported the following call numbers for the years 2020 and 2021, as follow:

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Total Calls
2020 – 5,643
2021 – 6,008

Arrests
2020 – 425
2021 – 451

Citations
2020 – 1,724
2021 – 2,167

Councilman James Hill commended Chief Gray and the Princeton Police Department for having two police officers on the Marshal’s Task Force.

Chief Gray responded by expressing appreciation for Mr. Hill’s remarks and added that both officers work hard and are called on often to serve in the Task Force.

3. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Chairman Marshall Lytton reported the Finance and Administration Committee of Princeton City Council met on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, immediately following the Public Safety Committee, with the following to report out to Council and called on Finance Director Brian Conner to present his report:

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

December 2021, Financial Report – Finance Director Brian Conner reported that as of the end of December, the sixth month of FY2022, the actual revenues collected stood at 52.23% of the budgeted amount, while actual appropriations were expended at a rate of 53.70%, as compared to the budget projections of 50.00% forecast for the end of December. Total funds for City operations at the end of December were **\$2,708,282**.

Noteworthy expenditures for month of December were the following:

Travelers Insurance\$120,753
AAA Paving & Sealing\$ 68,980
PEIA Insurance\$ 58,833
SignArc of Beckley\$ 16,906

MOTION: Mr. Lytton continued by reporting the Finance and Administration Committee approved and recommended the December 2021, Financial Report to City Council, **and he so moved.**

Dewey Russell duly seconded the motion.
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The motion carried unanimously.

Appointments to the Princeton Land Reuse Agency – Chairman Lytton reported the Finance and Administration Committee approved and recommended to City Council, **and he so moved**, the appointment of the following persons to the City’s Land Reuse Agency:

John Hickman, Princeton Planning Commission
Tyler Myers, Member of the Public and City resident
Will Stafford, Princeton Economic Development Authority
Michael Webb, Princeton City Manager
Dewey Russell, City Council Member

James Hawkins duly seconded the motion.

On the request of Council Member James Hill, City Attorney Paul Cassell explained that the Land Reuse Agency permits the City to acquire neglected, vacant and tax delinquent property in the City and repurpose it for economic development.

On voting, the motion carried unanimously.

Resolution Clarifying the Roles of the Economic Development Specialist – Chairman Lytton reported the Finance and Administration Committee approved and recommended to City Council, **and he so moved**, the following resolution clarifying the role of City employee Samuel Lusk regarding his responsibilities to the City of Princeton and the Princeton Economic Development Authority as its Director:

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Princeton desires to clarify the role of City employee Sam Lusk as related to his responsibilities to the City of Princeton and the Princeton Economic Development Authority.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED as follows:

1. Sam Lusk is employed by the City of Princeton as its “Economic Development Specialist” and receives salary and wages, employer provided insurance, retirement and other fringe benefits from the City of Princeton through its general

fund.

2. Sam Lusk also serves as the Director of the Princeton Economic Development Authority.
3. Sam Lusk's compensation as Director of the Princeton Economic Development Authority is included within the salary and wages, employer provided insurance, retirement, and other fringe benefits from the City of Princeton through its general fund.
4. Sam Lusk is authorized to utilize City Property, City Resources, and City Equipment in his role as Director of the Princeton Economic Development Authority.
5. Sam Lusk, with regard to both his roles as the City of Princeton's "Economic Development Specialist" and Director of the Princeton Economic Development Authority is subject to the "City of Princeton's Personnel Guidelines and Procedures" and is subject to supervision, including termination, by the City Manager. With regards to his role as Director of the Princeton Economic Development Authority, the Princeton Economic Development Authority may make recommendations to the City Manager as to his supervision, including termination by the City Manager, but is not directly responsible for or charged with supervision of Sam Lusk.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED this 18th day of January, 2022.

David E. Graham, Mayor

responsibilities of Mr. Lusk regarding his positions with the City of Princeton.

On voting, the motion carried unanimously.

Special Meeting for Public Hearing – Council Member Marshall Lytton reported the Princeton City Council would hold a public hearing on Monday, January 24, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. as a part of a special, recessed Council meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to obtain public input, comments, or opinions relative to activities the City should include in an application for PY2021 State/HUD Community Development Block Grant demolition funding.

PRINCETON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Committee Chairman Marshall Lytton presented the following Library report on behalf of Interim Library Director Laura Buchanan:

The **Friends of the Library Used Book Sale** for the month of January will occur on January 10th and 11th from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Our upcoming programs are as follow:

Let it Snow! – Join Yuko in her first children’s craft program as she shows you how to make a snowy scene using a Q-tip and paint that can be displayed in a “snow globe.” This program takes place on Friday, January 14th at 3:45 p.m.

Welcome to the Hundred Acre Wood – We are celebrating National Winnie the Pooh Day by taking a trip to the Hundred Acre Wood where you can make your own honey pot and enjoy some tasty treats. The program begins at 11 am on January 18th.

Vision Board – Using clippings from magazines and other materials, we will help you create a visual blueprint to act as a motivational reminder of the goals you wish to accomplish. The program takes place on January 25th at 5 pm.

WVU Extension Services: Create a Better Health – We are partnering up with WVU Extension Services once again, this time to create and taste smoothies, wraps and sandwiches. This is a great way to get some ideas for a healthy start to the New Year. Program is requiring registration and begins at 5 pm on January 27th.

Weekly storytimes are held in person on Fridays at 11:00 a.m. and are followed by a craft.

Don’t forget other monthly Library programs such as Life Lessons Book Club, Banned Book Club, Drop in Tech Time, Writer’s Workshop, Cinema Society, D. & D. 5th Edition, Chess Club, Drop in Tech Time, Lego Club and Life Lessons Book Club. All
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information may be found under events on the Library web page.

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION

Chairman Lytton presented the following Community Improvement Commission report on behalf of Chairman Sam Lusk:

- CIC reports there were close to fifty businesses that participated in the “Make It Sparkle, Princeton,” decoration contest. The winners, as announced on December 17th were as follow: First Place, Bucha Brewhouse Bistro; Second Place, Blue Ridge Bee Company; and Third Place, Hicks & Co. With the success of this inaugural year, CIC looks forward to continuing and expanding this competition in the years to come.
- CIC reports they are working with both Mike Webb and Eric Gatchell to create a revised Christmas decoration plan for 2022. This is ongoing and includes mapping of decorations along the City’s main routes, a viable electric pole count and the potential inclusion of new decorations.
- CIC reports the approval of a Beautification Grant for Carl Pennington Insurance, located at 508 Lazenby Avenue, in the amount of \$2,000.

B. CITY ATTORNEY

The City Attorney had nothing further to report to Council.

C. CITY MANAGER

City Manager Mike Webb first thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting, followed by a “thank you” to all the City’s department heads and employees for their efforts on behalf of the citizens of Princeton. Lastly, the City Manager commended the Public Works Department on a job “well done” in clearing snow and ice during the weekend snowstorm.

D. CITY CLERK

The City Clerk had nothing to report to City Council.

E. HUMAN RESOURCES

Human Resources Director Brian Blankenship had nothing to report to Council.

VII. COUNCIL ROUNDTABLE

Due to the inclement weather, Mayor Graham dispensed with the Council Roundtable.

VIII. MEETING RECESSED

At 7:30 p.m. Mayor Graham declared the January 18, 2022, City Council meeting recessed until January 24, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.