

**CITY OF PRAIRIE CITY
MINUTES
OCTOBER 7, 2013**

The City Council of the City of Prairie City, Jasper County, Iowa, met on October 7, 2013 at the City Hall in regular session at 6:04 p.m. Mayor Pro Tempore Gary Johnson presided and the roll was called showing members present and absent as follows:

Present: Gary Johnson, Terri Rosonke, Larry Ross, Larry Wenthe
Absent: Dan Kuecker

Also in attendance: City Administrator Emmanuel Toribio, City Clerk Nancy Earles and Police Officer Will Mortenson.

Rosonke moved to approve the Agenda. Ross seconded the motion and on roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Don Sponheim asked the Council if he would be able to address the Council under the agenda item regarding 106 W. West Street. Council agreed that he would, so he declined speaking under Public Comment.

Rosonke moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Wenthe seconded the resolution and on roll call vote, the resolution carried unanimously.

5A Minutes Received: City Council Minutes regular minutes dated September 9, 2013. Board Minutes: Zoning Board of Adjustment dated 8-26-13, 9-9-13 and 10-2-13; Library Board dated 9-10-13; Ambulance Meeting dated 9-16-13; Park Board dated 9-18-13.

5b-1 City Management Report: August Financials, September Delinquency, Building Permits and Payroll Reports. Treasurer of Iowa Outstanding Obligations Disclosure Statement 2013 for the City of Prairie City; Professional Operations Management Report; Budget Workshops Information; Prairie City Business Association minutes dated 6-25-13 and 9-18-13; September Wastewater Treatment Plant Report.

5B-2 Acting Chief of Police's Report included October Schedule.

5C Resolution No. 10-7-2013#1, "RESOLUTION APPROVING BILLS AND TRUST TRANSFERS."

5D Resolution No. 10-7-13#2013, "A RESOLUTION APPROVING GEE WILLIE FOR 2014 PRAIRIE DAYS ENTERTAINMENT AT A COST OF \$4,500.00."

Rosonke introduced and moved for the adoption of Resolution 10-7-2013#3, "A RESOLUTION SETTING THE NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING FOR 6:00 P.M. ON NOVEMBER 7, 2013 AT CITY HALL." Ross seconded the resolution and on roll call vote, the resolution carried unanimously.

Kuecker arrived at 6:10 p.m.

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Rosonke moved that Ordinance No. 312 Amending the Provisions Pertaining to Lien Exemption having been considered by the council be considered for the second time, be voted on for passage prior to its final adoption. Wenthe seconded the motion and on roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Ross moved that the rule requiring that an ordinance be considered and voted on for passage at two council meetings prior to this meeting be suspended with respect to Ordinance No. 312. Rosonke seconded the motion and on roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Kuecker moved that Ordinance No. 312 be considered, placed upon its passage, and adopted. Rosonke seconded the motion and on roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tempore Johnson declared Ordinance No. 312 is to be enacted upon publication.

(ORDINANCE NO. 312)

Kuecker moved that Ordinance No. 315 – Compensation for Mayor and Council, setting compensation for the Mayor \$3,200.00 and \$750.00 for the Council with no additional funds for the Mayor Pro Tempore, having been considered by the council be considered for the second time, be voted on for passage prior to its final adoption. Rosonke seconded the motion and the motion carried on roll call vote with the following vote recorded:

Ayes: Johnson, Kuecker, Rosonke, Wenthe

Nays: Ross.

Ross moved that the rule requiring that an ordinance be considered and voted on for passage at two council meetings prior to this meeting be suspended with respect to Ordinance No. 315. Wenthe seconded the motion and on roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Kuecker moved that Ordinance No. 315 be considered, placed upon its passage, and adopted. Rosonke seconded the motion and on roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tempore Johnson declared Ordinance No. 315 is to be enacted upon publication.

(ORDINANCE NO. 315)

Kuecker moved to accept Police Officer Shawn Buckingham's letter of resignation as a full time police officer. Wenthe seconded the motion and on roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

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Rosonke introduced and moved for the adoption of Resolution 10-7-9-2013#4, "A RESOLUTION TO HIRE SHAWN BUCKINGHAM AS A PARTTIME POLICE OFFICER AT A RATE OF \$16.34 PER HOUR." Kuecker seconded the resolution and on roll call vote, the resolution carried unanimously.

Emily Smid from the American Lung Association presented the Council information regarding the Smoke Free Air Act and on which public properties smoking is prohibited. The program provides free signage and information for the news media.

Rosonke introduced and moved for the adoption of Resolution 10-7-2013#5, "A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A TOBACCO-FREE PARKS AND TRAILS POLICY FOR THE CITY OF PRAIRIE CITY." Kuecker seconded the resolution and on roll call vote, the resolution carried unanimously.

Rosonke introduced and moved for the adoption of Resolution 10-7-2013#6, "A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR THE COMMUNITY PARK IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$16,000.00." Kuecker seconded the resolution and on roll call vote, the resolution carried unanimously.

Kuecker moved to approve the FY2012-13 Annual Financial Report and direct the City Clerk to publish the report and file with the State Auditor's office. Rosonke seconded the motion and on roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Rosonke moved to approve Amanda Van Ekeren for the Prairie City Ambulance Crew. Ross seconded the motion and on roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Bolles arrived and took over presiding at the meeting.

No action was taken on the painting quote for the City's Maintenance Buildings.

Toribio updated the Council of the Police Chief hiring process. Twenty-two applications in the second request and five finalists have been chosen to attend the assessment center interview process on October 10th.

City revisited the storage for city equipment proposals, but no action was taken. Council directed staff to look into the background of the wagon that the City currently stores.

Ross moved directing staff to request proposals for the acquisition of the property located at 200 W. McMurray setting the requirement for the construction of a single family home with a minimum assessed value of \$120,000.00. Johnson seconded the motion and on roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

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Toribio reviewed with the Council the timeline and history of the property on 106 N. West Street that was damaged by fire on May 20, 2013. Toribio explained the insurance demolition reserve in which the City has interest to insure the house is either demolished or rebuilt to Building Code requirements.

Don and Karen Sponheim addressed the Council requesting that the Notice of Violation and Warning to abate the damaged home be rescinded reminding the Council that on August 5th, 2013 they had requested consideration to rebuild their home on the existing foundation. Toribio additionally explained that the notice was sent per the City Attorney's recommendation as the City has not received an application for building permit or notice as to whether the building will be demolished. Sponheims advised that the house is being rebuilt and again requested that the Notice of Violation and Warning to abate the damaged home be rescinded.

Council took no action on the issue, but left the Notice of Violation in place so it might be used, if necessary, at the end of the insurance interest time period as set by the Code of Iowa.

Toribio advised the Council that staff would be applying for a loan to study the inflow and infiltration of sewer lines throughout the City.

City Administrator Toribio updated the Council on the following:

- Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Street signs
- Water main break near the Colfax wells
- North entryway signage project
- Park Board updates
- North Street ditch work
- Rec Complex pond cleanup
- Upcoming meetings

Mel McReyolds asked to address with his concerns of variances that had been granted and not completed and dogs at running large.

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Mayor Bolles adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Paul Bolles
Mayor

ATTESTED TO:

Nancy Earles
City Clerk