

**CITY OF PRAIRIE CITY
MINUTES
JANUARY 7, 2015**

The City Council of the City of Prairie City, Jasper County, Iowa, met on January 7, 2015 at the City Hall in regular session at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Chad D. Alleger presided. And the roll was called showing members present and absent as follows:

Present: Lyle Burkett, Dan Downey, Andrea Engle, Terri Rosonke
Absent: Larry Wenthe

Also in attendance: City Administrator Emmanuel Toribio, Police Chief Will Mortenson, Librarian Sue Ponder, Public Works Employees Mark Samson and Carl Van Der Kamp.

Unless otherwise noted, all actions were affirmative and unanimous.

Rosonke moved to approve the Agenda. Engle seconded the motion.

No one appeared for Public Comment.

Rosonke moved to amend the Consent Agenda by removing item F-2015 The Honorable Mayor and City Council's rules and procedures and amending 5I by replacing Molly Keitges with Melissa Mindham on the Economic Development Commission. Engle seconded the motion with Burkett abstaining due to conflict of interest.

5A Minutes Received: City Council Minutes regular minutes dated 12-8-14. Board Minutes: Jasper County Library Board dated 12-9-14.

5B-1 City Management Report: November Financial Reports, December Delinquency and Payroll. Correspondence: Letter from Iowa Heartland Resource, Conservation & Development Inc. regarding grants for trail planning; SimplexGrinnell Fire Alarm Inspection Report.

5B-2 Chief of Police's Reports: January Schedule and December Activity Report.

5C Resolution No. 1-7-2015#1, "RESOLUTION APPROVING BILLS AND TRUST TRANSFERS."

5D Resolution No. 1-7-2015#2, "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVED MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT FOR CITY OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES USING THEIR PERSONAL VEHICLE FOR CITY PURPOSES, TO \$0.575 PER MILE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2014 TO CORRESPOND TO THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE RATE AS ESTABLISHED BY THE IRS."

5E Resolution No. 1-7-2015#3 "RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE FOLLOWING ENTITIES AS DEPOSITORIES OF THE CITY OF PRAIRIE CITY, JASPER COUNTY IOWA. THE CITY CLERK/TREASURER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO DEPOSIT THE CITY FUNDS IN AMOUNTS NOT TO EXCEED THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT NAMED FOR SAID ENTITY."

GREAT WESTERN BANK, PRAIRIE CITY, IOWA \$2,000,000

IPAIT, WELLS FARGO, DES MOINES, IOWA \$2,000,000

FIRST STATE BANK OF COLFAX, COLFAX, IOWA \$2,000,000

5G Resolution 1-7-2015#4 "RESOLUTION APPROVING THE HONORABLE MAYOR'S 2014 COUNCIL, DEPARTMENT AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

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5H Resolution 1-7-2015#5 “RESOLUTION APPROVING THE HONORABLE MAYOR’S 2014 BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS AS AMENDED.
5I Resolution 1-7-2015#6, “A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2014 CITY OF PRAIRIE CITY FEE SCHEDULE.”

Forrest Aldrich of Veenstra & Kimm, Inc. updated the Council on the State Revolving Fund Sponsored Project/School Infrastructure Improvements and presented a plan for the project. Aldrich advised he will be attending the February meeting with more extension plans.

Burkett introduced and moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 1-7-2015#7, “A RESOLUTION SETTING THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING ON FEBRUARY 9, 2015 AT 6:00 P.M. AT CITY HALL.” Downey seconded the resolution.

Randy Caldwell thanks the City for 18 years for service and gave a brief history of years and stated that he felt the cost difference between his firm and the others responding to the RFP that the City will not be a significant cost savings.

Council took no action on the contract for City legal services.

Discussion was held on the contract for a building inspector services, but no action was taken.

Council set a workshop for January 27, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss both the contracts for legal and building inspector services.

Under the Council protocol item listed on the agenda, Councilmember Burkett led a lengthy discussion regarding the veto section of the Municipal Leaders Handbook. He would like the Council to adopt the handbook effective as of January 1, 2014 thus making the veto for the continuance of the burning ban void. No action was taken. Councilmember Burkett stated he would draft language regarding adopting the handbook for a future meeting.

Downey introduced and moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 1-7-2015#18, “A RESOLUTION TO HIRE TERRY AND SONS, INC. FOR THE PAINTING OF VESSELS AND PIPING IN THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT AT A COST OF \$10,687.00 TO BE PAID FROM THE WATER FUND.” Rosonke seconded the Resolution.

Council discussed the Iowa Department of Natural Resources non-compliance information.

At 8:20 p.m. Engle moved to go into closed session per Iowa Code Section 21.5 (1)(i). Downey seconded the motion.

Council returned to open session at 10:01 p.m.

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Toribio discussed the following;

Robert Slings had been hired as a part-time snow plow operator.

Hiring process for a Public Works employee

Yard waste roll-off location

Metro Waste Authority scrap metal and tire pickup dates have been set for spring 2015

With no further business to discuss, Downey moved to adjourn the meeting 10:12 p.m. Engle seconded the motion.

Chad D. Alleger
Mayor

ATTESTED TO:

Emmanuel Toribio
City Administrator