

**CITY OF PRAIRIE CITY
MINUTES
APRIL 6, 2015**

The City Council of the City of Prairie City, Jasper County, Iowa, met on April 6, 2015 at the City Hall in regular session at 6:01 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, Larry Wenthe
Absent: None

Also in attendance: Administrator Emmanuel Toribio, Librarian Sue Ponder, Police Officer Dave Funk and Public Works Mark Samson.

Unless otherwise noted, all actions were affirmative and unanimous.

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

Brenda Downey discussed the review of grant requirements and whether the City should talk to the Environment Protection Commission.

Melvin McReynolds discussed the current ambulance service, requested the City repaint yellow lines and have the police give more tickets, fixing the decorative chains at Waveland Cemetery, clean up properties throughout the City, remove Children at Play sign, and issue speeding tickets on North Street.

Jeff Burkett presented a petition that requesting that the Bio-Swale project be put on hold and not initiated for the 2015 calendar year.

Rosonke moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended by removing item 5F City Personnel Policy. Burkett seconded the motion.

5A Minutes Received: City Council Minutes: Regular minutes dated 3-9-15, Workshop dated 3-25-15.

5B-1 City Management Report: February Financial Reports, March Building Permits, Delinquency, Records Retention and Payroll. Correspondence: Mayoral Proclamation declaring April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month; 3 Citizen Concern forms.

5B-2 Chief of Police's Reports: April schedule, EMT training schedule and March Activity Report.

5C Resolution No. 4-6-2015#1, "RESOLUTION APPROVING BILLS AND TRUST TRANSFERS."

5D-E Resolution 4-6-2015#2, "RESOLUTION TO HIRE JENNIFER TURNER AS THE SUMMER REC PROGRAM DIRECTOR WITH A SALARY OF \$1400.00 AND LARRY ROSS FOR AN ON-CALL POSITION FOR MOWING AT A RATE OF \$11.50 PER HOUR."

Following discussion on the proposed changes to the City Personnel Policy, Downey moved to amend the policy section regarding the repayment of certifications and licensures. Burkett seconded the motion.

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Downey introduced and moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 4-6-2015#3, "A RESOLUTION SETTING THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING ON MAY 11, 2015 AT 6:00 P.M. AT CITY HALL." Rosonke seconded the resolution.

Forrest Aldrich, Engineer from Veenstra & Kimm, Inc. reviewed the draft design of the Bio-Swale project.

Council took no action on the SRF Sponsored Project.

At 7:15 p.m. Mayor Alleger declared that now is the time and place for the Public Hearing regarding the proposed FY 2014-2015 Budget Amendment. No one addressed the Council and no written was any written correspondence received. Hearing adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Rosonke introduced and moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 4-6-2015#4, "A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE PROPOSED FY 2013-2014 BUDGET AMENDMENT AND INSTRUCT THE CLERK TO FILE THE AMENDMENT WITH THE COUNTY AUDITOR AS REQUIRED BY LAW." Engle seconded the resolution.

Much discussion was held regarding the State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan requirements and what the City would need to do meet those requirements.

At 7:40 p.m. Mayor Alleger declared that now is the time and place for the Public Hearing regarding the proposed water rate ordinance. Brenda Downey acknowledged the tough decisions the Council needs to make. No written was any written correspondence received. Hearing adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Downey moved to approve Ordinance No. 329 using a 1.5% rate increase subject to Public Financial Management updating the cash flows and rates, on the first reading. Wenthe seconded the motion.

At 7:44 p.m. Mayor Alleger declared that now is the time and place for the Public Hearing regarding the proposed waste water rate ordinance. No one addressed the Council and no written was any written correspondence received. Hearing adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Rosonke moved to approve Ordinance No. 330 on the first reading. Burkett seconded the motion.

Discussion was held on the rate increases from Waste Management for the solid waste contract.

At 7:56 p.m. Mayor Alleger declared that now is the time and place for the Public Hearing regarding the proposed solid waste rate ordinance. No one addressed the Council and no written was any written correspondence received. Hearing adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Rosonke moved to approve Ordinance No. 331 on the first reading. Downey seconded the motion.

Wenthe introduced and moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 4-6-2014#5, "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INTERNAL ADVANCE FOR DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION INCENTIVE FUNDING." Downey seconded the resolution.

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Rosonke introduced and moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 4-6-2015#6, “ A RESOLUTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PRESENTATION OF AN AMENDMENT FOR THE 2014-2015 BUDGET ON MAY 11, 2015 AT 6:00 P.M.” Downey seconded the resolution.

Council reviewed the 2014 Annual Report – A Report to Our Citizens and requested revisions.

Downey introduced and moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 4-6-2015#7, “A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SKAG MOWER ANNUAL TRADE-IN WITH PRAIRIE AG SUPPLY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,614.00.” Rosonke seconded the resolution. The resolution carried with the following vote recorded: Ayes: Burkett, Downey, Rosonke Nays: Engle, Wenthe.

No action was taken on the Grasshopper mower purchase request.

Burkett introduced and moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 4-6-2015#8, “A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM FALLER, KINCHELOE & CO, PLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,825.00 FOR THE CITY EXAMINATIONS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2014-15, 2015-16 AND 2016-17.” Rosonke seconded the resolution.

Toribio advised Council of meeting and event dates.

With no further business to discuss, Downey moved to adjourn the meeting 8:25 p.m. Engle seconded the motion.

Chad D. Alleger
Mayor

ATTESTED TO:

Emmanuel Toribio
City Administrator