

**CITY OF PRAIRIE CITY
MINUTES
MAY 11, 2015**

The City Council of the City of Prairie City, Jasper County, Iowa, met on May 11, 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, Larry Wenthe
Absent: Terri Rosonke

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

Unless otherwise noted, all actions were affirmative and unanimous.

Wenthe moved to approve the Agenda amending the readings for Ordinances 329, 330 and 331 to the second reading. Downey seconded the motion.

Melvin McReynolds discussed the clean-up of properties and junk cars throughout the City and asked the procedures followed. He also expressed his concern for the lack of daytime ambulance personnel.

Wenthe moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Downey seconded the motion.
The motion carried with the following vote recorded: Ayes: Downey, Engle, Wenthe
Nays: Burkett.

5A Minutes Received: City Council Minutes: Regular minutes dated 4-6-15.
Board Minutes: Economic Development Commission dated 4-8-15; Library dated 4-21-15; Park Board dated 4-22-15; Safety Coalition of Central Iowa Cities dated 4-13-15; Jasper County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Hazard Analysis-Risk Assessment (HARA) Meeting dated 4-15-15.

5B-1 City Management Report: March Financial Reports, April Building Permits, Delinquency, Records Retention and Payroll. Correspondence: Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off; Residential Appliance/Scrap Metal Drop-Off; City Wide Garage Sale; Residential Curbside Clean-up; Iowa League of Cities 2015 Small City Workshops.

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

5C Resolution No. 5-11-2015#1, "RESOLUTION APPROVING BILLS AND TRUST TRANSFERS."

5D Resolution No. 5-11-2015#2, "RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CLOSURE OF THE FOLLOWING STREETS ON JULY 24-25-26, 2015 FOR THE 2015 PRAIRIE DAYS CELEBRATION:

- Jefferson – State Street to Main Street
- Main Street – Washington to W 6th Street.
- Washington – Marshall to Main
- Marshall – Washington to 5th Street

5E Motion to approve the Class E liquor license for Uptown Restaurant & Lounge.

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5F Resolution No. 5-11-2015#3, "RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PLAT OF SURVEY FOR BILLIE E. HARMISON."

Council reviewed the letter Forrest Aldrich, Engineer for Veenstra and Kimm, Inc., drafted to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources regarding the SRF Sponsored Projects eligibility.

Downey moved to authorize the Mayor to sign afore mentioned letter to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. Engle seconded the motion.

Engle introduced and moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 5-11-2015#4, "A RESOLUTION SETTING THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING ON JUNE 8, 2015 AT 6:00 P.M. AT CITY HALL." Downey seconded the resolution.

Burkett moved to cancel the Public Hearing for the 2014-2015 Budget Amendment. Wenthe seconded the motion.

At 6:37 p.m. Mayor Alleger declared that now is the time and place for the Public Hearing regarding the proposed water rate ordinance. No one addressed the Council and no written correspondence was received. Hearing adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Burkett moved to approve Ordinance No. 329 on the second reading. Downey seconded the motion.

At 6:39 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 correspondence was received. Hearing adjourned at 6.40 p.m.

Downey moved to approve Ordinance No. 330 on the second reading. Wenthe seconded the motion. Following discussion on current maintenance issues at the waste water treatment plant the following vote was recorded: Ayes: Downey, Engle, Wenthe Nays: Burkett.

At 6:54 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 correspondence was received. Hearing adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Engle moved to approve Ordinance No. 331 on the ~~first~~ second (amended 6-8-2015) reading. Downey seconded the motion.

Forrest Aldrich gave a timeline of the project and Marsha Cory of Simmering and Cory, discussed the next steps involved of the grant for the I&I rehabilitation project.

Burkett introduced and moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 5-11-2015#5, "A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE GRANT ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES WITH SIMMERING-CORY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000.00." Engle seconded the resolution.

Wenthe introduced and moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 5-11-2015#6, "A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ENGINEERING DESIGN AND INSPECTION SERVICES WITH VEENSTRA & KIMM, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,500.00." Downey seconded the resolution.

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Burkett introduced and moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 5-11-2015#7, "A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION FOR THE DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM 'COMMERCIAL INTERIOR GRANT' TO WILKIES GARAGE, LLC TO INCREASE THE GRANT FROM \$3,587.50 TO \$7,175.00 THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT ELIGIBLE FOR THE PROJECT." Downey seconded the resolution.

Downey moved to approve the 2014 Annual Report – A Report to Our Citizens and direct staff to make the report available for the public. Wenthe seconded the motion.

Chief Mortenson led the discussion on the request from Mary Van Dorn to allow her to post a Children at Play sign in the 600 block of North Park Street. Mortenson said he recommended the Council allow the sign to be posted but a determination on maintenance and placement would need to be made. Mel McReynolds addressed the Council regarding the sign. Council took no action.

Staff provided the following two quotes for the painting of the City Hall north steel siding, trim on the Fire Station and small garage behind the City Maintenance Building: Mark Smith \$2,300.00 and Jewel Painting \$1,700.00. Council took no action.

Librarian Sue Ponder presented the report from Library Planner George Lawson.

Council asked for additional quotes for street striping and sweeping.

Toribio advised Council of meeting and event dates.

With no further business to discuss, Downey moved to adjourn the meeting 7:40 p.m. Engle seconded the motion.

Chad D. Alleger
Mayor

ATTESTED TO:

Nancy Earles
City Clerk