

**CITY OF PRAIRIE CITY
MINUTES
AUGUST 5, 2015**

The City Council of the City of Prairie City, Jasper County, Iowa, met on August 5, 2015 at the City Hall in regular session at 6:01 p.m. Mayor Chad D. Alleger presided. 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, Police Chief Will Mortenson, City Clerk Nancy Earles, Library Director Sue Ponder, Public Works Employees Trent Kain and Carl Van Der Kamp.

Unless otherwise noted, all actions were affirmative and unanimous.

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

Cody Wenthe, 9387 W. 129TH St. S., Prairie City, requested a status report on the ambulance audit as he was unable to attend the workshop held last month.

Wenthe moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Rosonke seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following vote recorded on roll call: Ayes: Dan Downey, Andrea Engle, Terri Rosonke, Larry Wenthe; Nays: None; Abstaining: Lyle Burkett due to conflict of interest (payment for services).

5A Minutes Received: City Council Minutes: Regular minutes dated 7-7-15; Special Session minutes dated 7-1-15, Workshop minutes dated 7-27-15.

Board Minutes: Economic Development dated 7-8-15.

5B-1 City Management Report: June Financial Reports. June and July Payroll and Building Permits Reports. Correspondence Received: Carl Van Der Kamp – Ambulance times and runs.

5C Resolution No. 8-5-2015#1, “RESOLUTION APPROVING BILLS AND TRUST TRANSFERS.”

5D Motion to approve K and A, Inc. d/b/a Prairie City Foods Class E Liquor License.

5E Resolution No. 8-5-2015#2, “RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT WAVELAND CEMETERY FY 2014-15 ANNUAL PERPETUAL CARE REPORT.”

5F Motion to approve Chad A. Miller for the Prairie City Fire

Forrest Aldrich, Engineer for Veenstra and Kimm, Inc., presented the Council with 3 options regarding the State Revolving Fund Sponsored Project. The options presented were all using permeable pavers in parking areas. The options included the parking lot north of City Hall, the alley and parking behind City Hall, or the parking on Sherman Street by the Family Life Center. Discussion was held on the maintenance and costs that would be required for permeable pavers.

Aldrich then discussed the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds and the upcoming requirements. Aldrich clarified that the City will be using cash on hand rather than a State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan. Discussion continued with looking at various types of bids but

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advised the funds could not be used on private property only City sewer mains and connections. Aldrich talked on allowing citizens to privately contract for lining the sewer lines entering homes, but advised that it was often less costly to replace the whole line.

Council discussed the need to have a grass roots effort of the citizens to contact representatives to discuss with them the need to be able to use the State Revolving Fund Sponsored Project funds in a way that could be spent in the best interest and much more beneficial of the citizens.

Brad Jermeland the new PCM Superintendent gave a presentation on the PPEL (Physical Plant and Equipment Levy) that is set to expire on June 30, 2016.

Engle introduced and moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 8-5-2015#3, "A RESOLUTION SETTING THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2015 AT 6:00 P.M. AT CITY HALL." Downey seconded the resolution.

Toribio and Jeff Davidson the Hometown Pride Coordinator explained how the Resource Enhancement And Protection (REAP) Grant, if acquired, would be used to purchase the .75 mile of railroad corridor through the City which would be part of the trail linking Monroe to Mitchellville. The City would be responsible for the maintenance in the city limits. Council asked for an estimate of operating costs along with the possible economic benefits.

Rosonke introduced and moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 8-5-2015#4, "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE RESOURCE ENHANCEMENT AND PROTECTION (REAP) APPLICATION FOR THE PRAIRIE CITY RAILS-TO-TRAILS CORRIDOR ACQUISITION." Burkett seconded the resolution.

Burkett stated that he would like to inform the Council that the Sheriff's Department had contacted him to advise him that he was under investigation for the theft of City water. He explained why he was using the water and expressed his dismay at the charge. Following much discussion Burkett left the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Council continued with the discussion.

Engle introduced and moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 8-5-2015#5, "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PRAIRIE CITY AND EMMANUEL TORIBIO." Downey seconded the resolution.

Engle withdrew the motion and no vote was taken.

Burkett returned to the meeting at 7:55 p.m. and further discussion was held regarding Burkett's statement.

Rosonke suggested the Council table the item regarding Toribio's review and Downey agreed and suggested the Council table the last item (purchase of police vehicle) on the agenda also.

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Engle moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m. Downey seconded the motion.

Chad D. Alleger
Mayor

ATTESTED TO:

Nancy Earles
City Clerk