

**CITY OF PRAIRIE CITY
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 11, 2016**

The City Council of the City of Prairie City, Jasper County, Iowa, met on October 11, 2016, at the City Hall beginning at 6:05 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was to receive feedback from the public on funds raised for the purchase of an ambulance.

Those present were: Mayor: Alleger; Councilors: Beiner, Burkett, and Kuecker

Absent: Councilors: Downey and Engle

Staff present: City Administrator Martin, EMS Director Wenthe and EMS volunteers

Also present: Area residents

Mayor Alleger turned the meeting over the EMS Director Wenthe. Wenthe went through a PowerPoint presentation that explained the three (3) options that are being considered. They include purchasing a new Type 1 Chassis with a refurbished box, priced between \$165,000-\$185,000; purchasing a new Type 3 Chassis with a refurbished box, priced between \$100,000-\$120,000; and purchasing a used 2014 Ford F450 (Type 1) with 27,000 miles for \$120,000 minus a trade-in of \$8,500 for an out-of-pocket cost of \$111,500. Lengthy and passionate discussion followed from donors who gave specifically for a new ambulance. It was pointed out that none of the options listed above are 100% new. Other topics of discussion included how much money was available from the City and from PC Rescue Association, and the fact that the Department had other needs such as training, equipment, and upgrading radios. The Mayor thanked everyone for their input.

The public meeting ended at 7:40 p.m.

Lori Martin
City Administrator