

**CITY OF PRAIRIE CITY
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 8, 2016**

The City Council of the City of Prairie City, Jasper County, Iowa, met on February 8, 2016 at the City Hall in regular session at 6:02 p.m. Mayor Chad D. Alleger presided. Roll was called showing members present and absent as follows:

Present: Bob Beiner, Lyle Burkett, Dan Downey, Andrea Engle, Troy Kuecker
Absent: None

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

Engle moved to approve the Agenda as presented. Downey seconded the motion and on roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Sarah Dudley the FFA Creed Speaker, did a presentation of her FFA speech to the Council and audience.

Chief Joe Bartello administered the Oath of Office to new Police Officer Amy Baldus.

Downey moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Burkett seconded the motion and on roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

5A Minutes Received: City Council Minutes: Regular minutes dated 1-11-16; Special Session minutes dated 1-27-16.

Board Minutes: Park Board dated 1-20-16; Library Board dated 1-26-16; Rescue Association dated 1-12-16; Safety Coalition of Central Iowa Cities dated 1-11-16.

5B-1 City Management Report: December Financial Reports. January Payroll and Building Permit Reports. Correspondence Received: Howard and Lola Vanderhart donation pledge; Fire Department Valentines Dinner Fund Raiser, IAMU Safety Group Annual Report and dividend.

5B-2 Chief of Police's Report included update on: Staffing Update, Equipment donation; Required Radio Upgrade. January Activity Report.

5C Resolution No. 2-8-2016#1, "RESOLUTION APPROVING BILLS AND TRUST TRANSFERS."

5D Motion to approve Casey's General Store #2237 Class E Liquor License

Kuecker introduced and moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2-8-2016#2, "A RESOLUTION SETTING THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING ON MARCH 7, 2016 AT 6:00 P.M. AT CITY HALL." Downey seconded the resolution and on roll call vote, the resolution carried unanimously.

Burkett moved to approve Ordinance No. 334, Parking Regulations on the second reading. Downey seconded the motion and on roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

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Beiner introduced and moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2-8-2016#3, “A RESOLUTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR MARCH 7, 2016 AT 6:00 P.M. TO CONSIDER THE FY 2016-2017 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF PRAIRIE CITY.”

Kuecker seconded the resolution and on roll call vote, the resolution carried unanimously.

Burkett advised he felt the City should implement a 1% franchise fee on electric and gas utilities. He felt this should go to a general election.

Downey introduced and moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2-8-2016#4, “A RESOLUTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR MARCH 7, 2016 AT 6:00 P.M. TO CONSIDER THE ORDINANCE NO. 336 – SOLID WASTE RATES.” Beiner seconded the resolution and on roll call vote, the resolution carried unanimously.

Introduce and move for the adoption of Resolution No. 2-8-2016#5, “A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF HNEIL BUON-YA, 500 E. SIXTH ST. FOR TAX ABATEMENT UNDER CHAPTER 8 OF THE CITY CODE OF PRAIRIE CITY, IOWA.”

Kuecker seconded the resolution and on roll call vote, the resolution carried unanimously.

Discussion was held on Ordinance 335 – Animal Protection and Control. This ordinance would allow for chickens within the corporate limits. Items discussed were the cleaning of the coops and who would define a nuisance. Melvin McReynolds advised he did not want to see chickens allowed in the City. Staff will make changes to the proposed ordinance and place the item on the March agenda.

Discussion was held on the 2016 – 2018 Action Plan. Council asked staff to update the prior report and they would review.

Toribio advised he would be completing the 2015 Annual Report – A Report to Our Citizens and bring to the Council for approval.

Lengthy discussion was held on establishing an EMS Oversight Committee. The idea is to improve communication between citizens, medical director, council and department.

Downey moved to establish an EMS oversight committee. Engle seconded the motion and the motion passed with the following vote was recorded:

Ayes: Beiner, Burkett, Downey, Engle

Nays: Kuecker.

Downey moved to accept the resignation of Nancy Earles as City Clerk for the City of Prairie City but to contract with her for no more than 10 (ten) hours per week at a rate of \$25.00 to continue training staff. Engle seconded the motion and on roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

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Toribio updated Council on future meetings.

With no further business to discuss, Downey moved to adjourn the meeting 7:10 p.m. Engle seconded the motion and on roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

Chad D. Alleger
Mayor

ATTESTED TO:

Nancy Earles
City Clerk