

**CITY OF PRAIRIE CITY  
MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 7, 2016**

The City Council of the City of Prairie City, Jasper County, Iowa, met on September 7, 2016, at the City Hall in regular session at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Chad D. Alleger presided. Roll was called showing members present and absent as follows:

Present: Mayor Alleger; Councilors: Beiner, Burkett, Downey, Engle, and Kuecker  
Also in attendance: Police Chief Bartello, City Administrator Martin, and Public Works Employees Samson, Van Der Kamp, and Kain

Agenda: Councilor Downey moved to approve the Agenda. Councilor Kuecker seconded the motion and on roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comment:**

Councilor Burkett noted that it was his wife's intention to be present to address the Council in regard to building permit at 106 N West Street. He asked that this be put on the agenda for the next Council meeting.

**Consent Agenda**

**5A** Minutes Received: City Council minutes: Regular minutes dated 8/2/16; Library Board 8/2/16; PC Ambulance (EMS) Report; and PC Fire Dept. Report

**5B** City Management Reports: Building Permit Reports; Chief of Police's Report including update on: Radio upgrades, City Hall security camera, Vehicle update, Youth Academy, July Activity Report and recommendation of approval of 6-month review for Officer Baldus; and Public Works Report.

**5C** Bills and Transfers Resolution 09-07-2016#1 – REMOVED AND TABLED TO NEXT MEETING

**5D** Licenses & Permits: Class C Beer Permit for K and A, Inc. dba. Prairie City Foods

Councilor Engle moved to approve the Consent Agenda after removing Bills and Transfers. Councilor Beiner seconded the motion and on roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Petitions and Communications: None

**Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances, Resolution, Public Hearings:**

Councilor Downey introduced and moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 9-7-2016#1, "A RESOLUTION SETTING THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2016, AT 6:00 P.M. AT CITY HALL." Councilor Kuecker seconded the motion and on roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 339 "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE PERTAINING TO THE WATER RATE STRUCTURE" Councilor Kuecker introduced and moved that this constitutes the third reading and further moved to approve adoption of same. Councilor Downey seconded the motion and on roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

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Ordinance No. 340 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE PERTAINING TO THE WASTEWATER RATE STRUCTURE” Councilor Burkett introduced and moved that this constitutes the third reading and further moved to approve adoption of same. Councilor Kuecker seconded the motion and on roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 341 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUILDING CODE” Councilor Burkett noted that he feels there is a need for further discussion before approving the building code language specifically related to 155.02(3). Following brief discussion Councilor Downey introduced and moved that this constitutes the second reading. Councilor Kuecker seconded the motion and on roll call vote, the motion carried 4 ayes, 1 nay (Burkett).

Ordinance 342 “AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND AMENDING CHAPTER 69 PERTAINING TO PARKING REGULATIONS” This ordinance would repeal the angle parking on the north side of Jefferson between Main and Monroe streets. Councilor Downey introduced and moved that this constitutes the first reading. Councilor Beiner seconded the motion and on roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 09-07-2016#2 SETTING PUBLIC HEARING ON AMENDED AND RESTATED SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND PCM COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING. Administrator Martin noted that she had not published the notice in a timely fashion and therefore the public hearing scheduled for tonight cannot take place. She then asked the council to consider a special meeting in which to hold the public hearing. Councilor Kuecker introduced and moved to schedule a public hearing for September 22 at 6:00 p.m. Councilor Downey seconded the motion and on roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 09-07-2016#3 SETTING PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE RELATED TO ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS FRANCHISES WITH MIDAMERICAN ENERGY AND ESTABLISHING FRANCHISE FEES. Councilor Downey introduced and moved to schedule a public hearing for September 22 at 6:00 p.m. Councilor Kuecker seconded the motion and on roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**Old Business:**

Quality Striping: Administrator Martin noted that changing the parking from angle to parallel on the North side of Jefferson between Main and Monroe would not affect the proposed contract price. She further stated that the only additional charge would be the cost of marking the curbs on the corners. The prices for this would be .40/linear foot. PW Employee Kain noted that he felt this would be minimal, probably less than \$100. Councilor Downey moved to approve the contract with the additional painting. Councilor Beiner seconded the motion and on roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**New Business:**

Beggars Night: Following brief discussion Councilor Downey moved to set Beggars Night for Monday, October 31, from 6-8 p.m. Councilor Engle seconded the motion and on roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

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Demolition Application: Administrator Martin presented the recommendation from the PC Economic Development Corporation to approve the Demolition Application for 206 E Jefferson in the amount of \$3,000. Councilor Downey moved to approve. Councilor Kuecker seconded the motion and on roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Personnel:

6-month Review-Chief Bartello: Mayor Alleger stated that Chief Bartello successfully completed his 6-month review. Following a brief discussion over monetary increase relevant to successful review, Councilor Beiner moved to give Bartello an 8% increase effective as of the first pay period in July. Councilor Downey seconded the motion and on roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Resignation-Trent Kain: Councilor Beiner moved to accept Trent Kain's resignation. Councilor Downey seconded the motion and on roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. Mayor and Council thanked Kain for his service.

Hiring Public Works Employee and Hiring City Clerk: Councilor Downey moved to advertise for both positions. Councilor Engle seconded the motion and on roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Vacation Pay: Councilor Downey moved to go into closed session under Iowa Code Chapter 21.5(c) "to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation". Council Engle seconded the motion and on roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Moved into closed session at 6:39 p.m.

Returned to open session at 7:12 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Mayor Alleger; Councilors: Beiner, Burkett, Downey, Engle, and Kuecker

Also in attendance: City Administrator Martin

Councilor Beiner moved to have Administrator Martin move forward as directed. Councilor Kuecker seconded the motion and on roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Property Disposal: Councilor Engle moved to go into closed session under Iowa Code Chapter 21.5(j) "to discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property or reduce the price the governmental body would receive for that property. The minutes and the recording of a session closed under this paragraph shall be available for public examination when the transaction discussed is complete". Councilor Downey seconded the motion and on roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Moved into closed session at 7:15 p.m.

Returned to open session at 7:26 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Mayor Alleger; Councilors: Beiner, Burkett, Downey, Engle, and Kuecker

Also in attendance: City Administrator Martin, Chief of Police Bartello, and Public Works

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Employees Samson, Van Der Kamp, and Kain

Councilor Downey moved that Administrator Martin seek an appraisal on Parcel #1602221011.

Councilor Engle seconded the motion and on roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Discussion:

City Administrator Update: Martin informed the Council that she switched our cellular service from US Cellular to Verizon. Verizon offers a government program with no contract, which provides us with new phones, cases, and chargers at no charge, no activation fees, equipment upgrades every 10-months and a monthly savings of approximately \$40. The issues that we have found are that coverage within the building at the sewer plant is weak and we are having a problem connecting the alarm dialer at the sewer plant. We will continue to work to solve these issues. If a solution is not found, we will switch these specific lines back to US Cellular.

With no further business to discuss, Councilor Downey moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Councilor Engle seconded the motion and on roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

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**Chad D. Alleger**  
**Mayor**

**ATTESTED TO:**

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**Lori Martin**  
**City Administrator**