

**CITY OF PRAIRIE CITY
MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 18, 2016**

The City Council of the City of Prairie City, Jasper County, Iowa, met on October 18, 2016, at the City Hall in special session at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the special meeting is to discuss the purchase of an ambulance. Mayor Chad D. Alleger called the meeting to order and asked everyone to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll was called showing members present and absent as follows:

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

Also in attendance: City Administrator Martin, City Attorney Judisch, Billing Clerk Voeller, Public Works Employee Samson, Chief Bartello, EMS Director Wenthe, and Building Inspector Jason Van Ausdall

Mayor Alleger introduced Nancy Earles. Ms. Earles read a prepared statement responding to comments made by Councilor Burkett, at the October 11 public meeting, regarding spending of funds from the equipment revolving fund for the north entry way project. Brief discussion followed.

Ambulance Purchase: Mayor Alleger recognized EMS Director Cody Wenthe. He informed the Council that the Ambulance Department recommended purchasing the 2014 used ambulance from Buffalo Center. The breakdown of the votes was 1 vote to buy a new Type 3 with a refurbished box, 5 votes to buy a new Type 1 with refurbished box, and 12 votes to buy the 2014 used ambulance from Buffalo Center. The price of the used ambulance is \$120,000 less \$8,500 for the trade for a balance of \$111,500. Wenthe noted that there would be additional costs to change out the graphics, to purchase the extended warranty, and to upgrade the radio. Brief discussion followed on Prairie City Rescue Association's (PCRA) donation to the purchase. Eric Van Der Kamp, President of the PCRA, stated that their meeting is scheduled for November 8. Councilor Engle moved to accept the recommendation of the EMS Department to purchase the used 2014 Ambulance from the City of Buffalo Center and directed our Attorney to draft a Letter of Intent to be sent to the City of Buffalo Center. Councilor Downey seconded the motion and on roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Downey moved to recess the meeting and move into the workshop at 6:14 p.m. Councilor Kuecker seconded the motion, and on roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Returned to the special meeting at 8:00 p.m.

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. Councilor Kuecker seconded the motion and on roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. Moved into closed session at 8:05 p.m.

Returned to open session at 8:17 p.m.

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

Also in attendance: City Administrator Martin and City Attorney Judisch

Councilor Downey moved to payout the unpaid vacation. Councilor Beiner seconded the motion and on roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

With no further business to discuss, Councilor Downey moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Councilor Burkett seconded the motion and on roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Chad D. Alleger
Mayor

ATTESTED TO:

Lori L. Martin
City Administrator