

**CITY OF PRAIRIE CITY
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APRIL 12, 2017**

The City Council of the City of Prairie City, Jasper County, Iowa, met on April 12, 2017, at City Hall in regular session at 6:00 P.M. Mayor Chad D. Alleger called the meeting to order and asked everyone to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Alleger Proclaimed April 2017 Keep Iowa Beautiful Month.

Roll was called showing members present and absent as follows:

Present: Mayor Alleger; Councilors: Beiner, Burkett, Engle and Kuecker. Absent: Councilor Downey. Also in attendance: City Administrator Martin, City Clerk Kane, Police Chief Bartello, Library Director Ponder, Public Works Van Der Kamp and Samson.

Councilor Kuecker moved to approve the Agenda, striking the fire report and financial reports. Councilor Beiner seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment:

Mel McReynolds addressed the Council distressed regarding the sewer project damages to his son-in-law Randy and daughter, Marla Moore's bathroom. He presented the letter they had received from MPT denying their damage claim of \$2200. McReynolds stated they had been dealing with this issue since October 2016. Administrator Martin suggested the Moore's respond to denial letter and request the claim be filed with MPT insurance. Administrator Martin will follow up with V & K regarding the denial. McReynolds also questioned the March 2017 Street light approved for North Orchard Street and concerns on the weed control in Waveland Cemetery.

Steve Wilkie, owner of Wilkie's Garage, addressed the Council regarding the 18-inch extension of the sidewalk in front of his business. He reported the extension has sunk four inches, which can be a safety issue. Wilkie requested a review of the area.

Consent Agenda: Approval of Council, Boards and Commissions Minutes. March 8, 2017, Council Meeting Minutes; March 13, 2017, Board of Adjustment Minutes; March 22, 2017, Budget Workshop Minutes; Department Reports; Library minutes February 28 and March 16, 2017, Police April 2017; Ambulance Report & Minutes April 2017; Public Works April 2017; Building Permit Reports; Bills and Transfers; RESOLUTION 4-12-2017#1 APPROVING BILLS AND TRANSFERS. Councilor Beiner moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilor Burkett seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Petitions and Communications: None

Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances, Resolution, Public Hearings: Councilor Kuecker introduced and moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 4-12-2017#2 RESOLUTION SETTING THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 10TH, 2017, AT 6:00 P.M. AT CITY HALL." Councilor Beiner seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

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RESOLUTION 4-12-17#3 APPROVING 28-E AGREEMENT with Safety Coalition of Central Iowa Cities (SCCIC) (5-year Contract) Motion by Councilor Beiner, seconded by Councilor Kuecker. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 4-12-2017#4 APPROVING 1-YEAR CONTRACT WITH WASTE MANAGEMENT. Ammon Taylor, with Waste Management was present. He provided the Council with information on our current contract along with rates of other communities including Indianola, Newton, Mitchellville, Runnels, Altoona, and Pleasant Hill. Discussion followed on entertaining a 3 or 5 year contract with Waste Management, or seeking Request for Proposals from other haulers. Council asked Mr. Taylor to present both a 3-year and a 5-year renewal contract for consideration. Amanda Van Ekeren addressed the Council. She stated that she is very happy with Waste Management's service, especially the opportunity to set out 1 large bulk item weekly for pickup at no additional charge. (Note: pickup of a large item must be scheduled through City Hall) Councilor Kuecker moved to approve 1-year contract. Councilor Beiner seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE 344: AMENDING AND ADDING TO CHAPTER 63.04 SPECIAL SPEED ZONES (2nd READING). Motion by Councilor Beiner that this constitutes the second reading of Ordinance 344. Seconded by Councilor Kuecker. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE 345 REPEALING, AMENDING AND ADDING TO CHAPTER 52 GRASS AND WEED CONTROL (2nd READING). Approving Ordinance 345. Councilor Kuecker moved to that this constitutes the second reading of Ordinance 345. Councilor Beiner seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE 346: WATER RATE (1st Reading) 3% cost of living increase as discussed during budget process. Motion by Councilor Beiner that this constitutes the first reading of Ordinance 346. Seconded by Councilor Kuecker. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE 347: SEWER RATE (1st Reading) 3% cost of living increase as discussed during budget process. Motion by Councilor Kuecker, that this constitutes the first reading of Ordinance 347. Seconded by Councilor Beiner. On a roll call vote, Kuecker, Engle, Beiner ayes and Burkett nay.

ORDINANCE 348: SOLID WASTE (1st Reading) 7% increase (3% cost of living plus 4% to cover capital expenditures) as discussed during budget process. Motion by Councilor Burkett that this constitutes the first reading of Ordinance 348. Seconded by Councilor Kuecker. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

Sanitary Sewer Lining Update: Administrator Martin provided the sewer lining update. Municipal Pipe and Tool has moved equipment in town for the grouting process. Originally, completion was set for April 28th deadline, which MPT will run double shifts to complete process. Park Street will

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be grouted and Public Works will be onsite during this process with notice to the homeowners to be provided.

Administrator Martin reported three claims have been filed with City Hall. One claim accepted, one claim no response and the third turned over to MPT insurance company.

Pay Request #5: Administrator Martin presented Pay Request #5 in the amount of \$175,218.47 installation for T-liners. Councilor Beiner moved to approve, Councilor Kuecker seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Budget hearing for FY17 Budget Amendment set for Wednesday, June 14, 2017 at 6:00 PM at City Hall. Motion by Councilor Engle, seconded by Councilor Burkett. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Waste Water System Review – Discussion on the state of ill functioning equipment (wiring, electronics and components) at Waste Water Plant. Mayor Alleger will set up a committee to review the issues. Engineering firms will be brought in to review the issues and provide solutions; V & K, ISG and one or two others. The committee, consists of Mayor Alleger, Councilor Engle and Councilor Burkett.

Parks and Rec Complex discussion – Councilor Beiner informed the Council concerning issues within the community at the sport complex regarding scheduling conflicts and equipment ownership. He requested that another Council member be placed on the Park Board in his place. Mayor Alleger will review and provide recommendation.

Old Business:

Pedal the Prairie: Ambulance Fundraiser: Mandy Pecinovsky addressed Council regarding the street closure request for the Ambulance fundraiser scheduled for May 20th. The Ambulance Committee requested Street Closure on Jefferson Street (between Marshall and Main) and Washington, along with parking around Garden Square starting at 4:00 PM for Prairie Pork Out/Motorcycle Bike Night. Rob Hoffmann owner of the Dodge Garage stated that the Garden Square Business Owners agreed to cover the cost for the Porta Potty rental and the Prairie City Ambulance will pay for the dumpster rental for the event. After discussion Wilkie's Garage owner Steve Wilkie, suggested 110-116 E. Jefferson Street close from 4:00-8:00 PM, then at 8:00 PM Jefferson Street close for the evening. Councilor Kuecker moved to approve, Councilor Beiner seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion carried Burkett, Beiner, Kuecker ayes and Engle nay.

Disposal of Property: Public Works identified two pieces of excess equipment for sale by sealed bid. Administrator Martin requested the Council to approve the sale of 1993 Ford F-350 to Chris Cole with the high bid of \$2200; and Eager Beaver Wood chipper to Bill Freeman with the high bid of \$4755. Councilor Engle moved to approve the sale. Following discussion Council Engle amended her motion to include that payment be made with guaranteed funds and that the proceeds of sales be placed in the equipment revolving fund for future equipment purchases. Councilor Burkett seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

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Building Inspection/Permit Review: Administrator Martin requested a Committee meeting be scheduled to review information prior to presenting to the council. Meeting to be scheduled via email communication.

City Administrator Update:

Climate Justice Unity March from Little Creek Camp near Millersburg, Iowa to the State Capitol in Des Moines. The 16-30 people will be arriving in Prairie City on Thursday, April 27th at approximately 2:00 PM to camp in the Community City Park and holding a potluck and evening forum for the Community.

Administrator Martin informed the Council she had attended the following conferences and meetings: IMMI Conference, Iowa Employment Conference, and the South Central Managers Spring Meeting. She noted that we hosted the GCMOA meeting which brought 25 Clerks and Finance Officers in to town for the lunch/meeting at the Stampede Restaurant. She will be attending the Iowa Municipal Finance Officers Spring Conference in Des Moines April 29-31. Administrator Martin, along with Mark Samson from Public Works will be reviewing street conditions for the annual seal coating.

With no further business to discuss, Councilor Beiner moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 PM Councilor Engle seconded the motion. On roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

Chad D. Alleger
Mayor

ATTESTED TO:

Cindy Kane
City Clerk