

**CITY OF PRAIRIE CITY
MINUTES
MAY 10, 2017**

The City Council of the City of Prairie City, Jasper County, Iowa, met on May 10, 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 May 15th Peace Officers Memorial Day and May 14 - 20 National Police Week.

Roll was called showing members present and absent as follows: Present: Mayor Alleger; Councilors: Beiner, Burkett and Engle. Absent: Councilor Downey and Kuecker. Also in attendance: City Administrator Martin, City Clerk Kane, Police Chief Bartello, Public Works Van Der Kamp.

Councilor Engle moved to approve the Agenda. Councilor Beiner seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment:

John Lee addressed the Council regarding the Rec Complex lighting. Mr. Lee stated the area is dark. He stated individuals are entering his property at night causing issues. Mr. Lee requested a new light be placed on the concession building; which would also light his backyard. Mr. Lee also mentioned the problems of weeds at the Rec Complex.

Rob Hoffman addressed the Council regarding Garden Square. With Pedal the Prairie on May 20, dandelions and Creeping Charlie weeds need to be treated. He requested weeds be treated now and again in the fall.

Steve Wilkie addressed the Council asking if the sidewalk extension in front of his business has been reviewed. This issue was brought up at the April meeting to repair.

Mel McReynolds addressed the Council regarding Creeping Charlie and other weeds in Garden Square, the area specifically around the Veterans Memorial and all other City properties. Mr. McReynolds also stated that there was street light burnt out and has not been repaired.

Consent Agenda: Approval of Council, Boards and Commissions Minutes April 12, 2017, Department Reports; Police May 2017; Ambulance Report & Minutes April 2017; Public Works May 2017; Building Permit Reports; Fire Report April 2017; Park Board February and March 2017; Financial Reports (August, September, October and November 2017); RESOLUTION 5-10-2017#1 APPROVING BILLS AND TRANSFERS. Councilor Beiner moved to approve. Councilor Burkett seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Communications. Small Business Workshop. Newton Police Dept. Memorial Service. Honoring Rusty Hewitt, Prairie City Officer, fallen in the line of duty in 1977. Memorial services will be held at the Jasper County Courthouse in Newton on Thursday, May 18, 2017.

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Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances, Resolution, Public Hearings: Councilor Beiner introduced and moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 4-10-2017#2 RESOLUTION SETTING THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2017, AT 6:00 P.M. AT CITY HALL.” Councilor Engle seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE 344: AMENDING AND ADDING TO CHAPTER 63.04 SPECIAL SPEED ZONES (3RD Reading). Councilor Beiner moved to approve. Councilor Burkett seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. 3 ayes and 0 nays.

ORDINANCE 345: REPEALING, AMENDING AND ADDING TO CHAPTER 52 GRASS AND WEED CONTROL (3RD Reading). Councilor Engle moved to approve. Councilor Beiner seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. 3 ayes and 0 nays.

ORDINANCE 346: WATER RATE (2ND Reading). Councilor Burkett moved to approve. Councilor Beiner seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. 3 ayes and 0 nays.

ORDINANCE 347: SEWER RATE (2ND Reading). Councilor Beiner moved to approve. Councilor Engle seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. 3 ayes and 0 nays.

ORDINANCE 348: SOLID WASTE (2ND Reading). Councilor Engle moved to approve. Councilor Burkett seconded the motion. 3 ayes and 0 nays.

ORDINANCE 349: AMENDING CHAPTER 25.05 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (1ST Reading). Councilor Burkett moved to approve. Councilor Beiner seconded the motion. 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Old Business:

Prairie City Rails-to-Trails Corridor Acquisition – Offer to buy. Purchase Rails-to-Trails right-of-way within City limits for \$63,000. Councilor Engle requested a presentation to Council regarding the Rails to Trails. Reap Grant has been approved by the Jasper Co. Conservation Commission to assist with the purchase. Councilor Burkett moved to approve. Councilor Beiner seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Building Permit Committee Workshop scheduled presentation for Thursday, June 1 at 6:00 PM.

Chief Bartello gave an update on the Pedal the Prairie event, scheduled for Saturday, May 20th. The Neal Smith Pedal the Prairie will start at the Bison sculpture at Entry Park located on the west side of Second Street. In Garden Square Park, Art in the Park is scheduled to begin at 9:00 AM followed by the EMS Fundraiser starting at 4:00 PM

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Administrator Martin updated the Council on the issues at the waste water treatment plant. She has contacted four engineering firms for a proposal to review the waste water treatment plant. Council members on the committee Bob Beiner, Lyle Burkett and Mayor Alleger will meet with each of the firms to discuss. Administrator Martin will set up meetings with each engineering firm.

Steve Wilke, owner of Wilkie's Garage, spoke to Council regarding bike night/street night on the square 6:00-9:30 PM. The first Bike Night will be on May 18th, which will consist of Wilkie's and Stampede using the five parking spaces in front of these businesses. This event will be every week through the fall season.

New Business:

Sanitary Sewer Lining Update: Sara Kappos, Veenstra & Kimm. Ms. Kappos gave an update on the cap and lining project. Municipal Pipe and Tool has a half a day work left, with the rain delay they were unable to finish, which Council will take under advisement for final payment. She noted several old properties where services are unused and have been capped off. The 6th payment of \$18,608.84 to Veenstra & Kimm. Administrator Martin noted this was not the final payment to Councilor Burkett moved to approve. Councilor Beiner seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

28E Law Enforcement Agreement: Chief Bartello presented the Council with the 28E Law Enforcement Agreement with the Iowa Speedway. Councilor Engle moved to approve. Councilor Beiner seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Ambulance Bylaws: Cody Wenthe presented the Ambulance Bylaws. After discussion, Council requested our City Attorney review before posting. Councilor Engle moved to approve. Councilor Beiner seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

2017 Audit Proposal: City Administrator Martin presented the information on scheduling a full audit. Council requested full audit since the last one was completed in 2013. Council will continue with the State of Iowa and plan to schedule the full audit in July. Councilor Burkett moved to approve. Councilor Engle seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Hiring: Larry Ross resigned from his seasonal mowing position effective immediately. Administrator Martin recommended the hiring of Paul Pendroy to fill the position (seasonal-mowing) at \$12.00 per hour. Councilor Engle moved to approve. Councilor Beiner seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Slipstream Contract – 2017 Prairie Days performance on Friday, July 21st for the amount of \$1200. Councilor Engle moved to approve. Councilor Beiner seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

2017 Fee Schedule: City Administrator Martin presented the 2017 Fee Schedule with a proposed effective date of June 1, 2017. One change was made, removing \$200 ambulance non-transport fee.

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Councilor Burkett moved to approve the 2017 Fee Schedule as changed. Councilor Engle seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Disposition of Property: Set Public Hearing for Wednesday, June 14, 2017 6:00PM at City Hall. Possible sale of property. Councilor Burkett moved to approve. Councilor Beiner seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Report: no report.

With no further business to discuss, Councilor Burkett moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM. Councilor Engle seconded the motion. On roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

Chad D. Alleger
Mayor

ATTESTED TO:

Cindy Kane
City Clerk