

**CITY OF PRAIRIE CITY
MINUTES
JULY 13, 2017**

The City Council of the City of Prairie City, Jasper County, Iowa, met on July 13, 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 requested the following changes to the Agenda. Business Owner, Steve Wilkie requested that he be allowed to address Council first, due to Bike Night at his Business. Mayor Alleger also informed Council Christy Lindsay, Prairie Day's Chairperson, would be stopping by to provide an update on the celebration.

Roll was called showing members present and absent as follows: Present: Mayor Alleger; Councilors: Beiner, Kuecker, Engle, Downey and Burkett. Absent: Also in attendance: City Attorney John Judisch, City Clerk Kane, Police Chief Bartello, Utility Clerk Voeller, Public Works Clark, Van Der Kamp and Samson.

Steve Wilkie provided an update on Prairie Days organization for Wilkie's Garage and Stampede for outdoor service. Alcohol will be served in the same manner as last year.

Public Comment:

John Lee addressed Council regarding a security light request at the Rec Park. He also asked Council for input on a new business venture at his property located on West Street. Lee stated he was reviewing the possibility of an RV Park and mini golf business.

Consent Agenda:

Approval of June 10, 2017, Council Meeting Minutes, Department Reports; Police July 2017; Fire Report June 2017; Ambulance Report & Minutes June 2017; Public Works July 2017; Building Permit Report June 2017; Financial Reports (March, April, and May 2017); RESOLUTION 7-13-2017#1 APPROVING BILLS AND TRANSFERS. Councilor Burkett abstained from voting. Councilor Beiner moved to approve. Councilor Engle seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances, Resolution, Public Hearings:

Councilor Downey introduced and moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 7-13-2017#2 RESOLUTION SETTING the next regular Council meeting for WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2017, AT 6:00 P.M. AT CITY HALL." Councilor Engle seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Petitions and Communications:

Mayor Alleger informed Council and Citizens that he requested the presence of City Attorney John Judisch at this and future Council meetings for legal advice with City Staff. Councilor Downey voiced his objection to Mr. Judisch's presence. Both Councilor Burkett and Councilor Engle spoke on their concerns with Mayor Alleger's decision. After a lengthy discussion, Mayor Alleger agreed Mr. Judisch would attend future Council meetings on an as needed basis.

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ORDINANCE 349: AMENDING CHAPTER 25.05 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (3RD Reading) Modifying Section 25.05 Meetings to the Commission shall meet at least once each quarter. Councilor Kuecker moved to approve. Councilor Engle seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously

RESOLUTION 7-13-2017#3 to pay MUNICIPAL PIPE & TOOL PAYMENT #8 in the amount of \$11,350.12. No action taken.

Christy Lindsay updated the Council on the events of Prairie Days. She highlighted the schedule, budget and expenses planned.

RESOLUTION 7-13-2017#4 FIRE DEPARTMENT – DONATION OF OLD CASCADE MACHINE TO MINGO FIRE DEPARTMENT Councilor Kuecker moved to approve. Councilor Downey seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously

RESOLUTION 7-13-2017#5 ORDINANCE 351 AMENDING FIREARM REGULATIONS, First Reading. Councilor Downey moved to approve. Councilor Burkett seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 7-13-2017#5B ORDINANCE 351 AMENDING FIREARM REGULATIONS, waiving the second and third readings. Councilor Beiner moved to approve. Councilor Downey seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 7-13-17#6 RESALE OF REAL ESTATE 406 W SECOND. Council tabled the resolution for additional discussion.

Old Business:

Sara Kappos with Veenstra & Kimm addressed the Council regarding Municipal Pipe and Tool. On July 12, 2017, MPT representatives were in town and damaged a line on Jefferson Street. Kappos suggested the City withhold Payment #9 until contact with MPT can be made and damage estimates on the line repairs can be verified.

City Staff Reorganization/Financial Restructuring: Councilor Engle provided her findings of her research on Prairie City Staff compared to other Cities of the same population. Mayor Alleger suggested for City Staff to provide additional information to the Admin Team for review.

Public Works Van Der Kamp updated the Council on the continued issues at the waste water treatment plant. He reported that the 16 ballast cards blew when being tested. Forrest, V & K Engineer, will bring an additional Tech member to the plant to investigate the problems.

City Clerk Kane informed Council that Faller, Kincheloe & Company moved the date for the audit and will now begin on Monday, August 28, 2017

Chief Bartello presented a map showing the City streets designated for Seal Coating beginning in August. The contract was awarded to Black Top Services at \$54,185. Bartello stated that this does not include the section of Jefferson Street that was dug up for water main repairs on July 12th. These new repair charges will be billed to Municipal Pipe and Tool separately.

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Building Permit Discussion: Chief Bartello gave an overview on the June 28, 2017, decision Council made to eliminate remodeling Building Permits. Chief Bartello provided highlights of the information he researched from Iowa League of Cities and Jason Van Ausdell with Veenstra & Kimm. After a lengthy discussion, Councilor Engle said her original motion to remove all remodeling building permits, both residential and commercial stood. Councilor Burkett stated that the City is not required to have building permits and inspections. City Attorney, John Judisch relayed that the building code currently in place should be reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Committee.

New Business:

Discussion ensued between Council members on the possible sale of property at 406 W. Second Street. Councilor Beiner suggested the City look at options with a Commercial Relator. The discussion was tabled until the August meeting.

With no further business to discuss, Councilor Downey moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 PM. Councilor Beiner seconded the motion. On roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

Chad D. Alleger
Mayor

ATTESTED TO:

Cindy Kane
City Clerk