

Prairie City Hometown Pride Committee
Prairie City City Hall
Minutes
January 22, 2018

The meeting of the Prairie City Hometown Pride Committee was called to order by Chairman Tony Laddehoff at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Tony Laddehoff, Kirsten Wieland, Sue Ponder, Linda Frazier, Dianne Taylor, Mayor Chad Alleger, Joe Bartello and Jasper County Hometown Pride Community Coach Jeff Davidson.

Chad moved that the minutes of the November 27, 2017 meeting be approved. Second by Joe. Passed.

Red Rock Prairie Trail Development

Joe reported that Prairie City received the deed for rail corridor land purchase within the city limits. The REAP grant will be closed out.

Keri Van Zante, Jasper County Conservation worked with Rich Voelker, Snyder & Associates, to answer the questions from the Iowa Department of Transportation on the project. The DOT agreed with Voelker's advice regarding the terminus of the trail at the Monroe trailhead. If the TAP grant is not received, we could use a chip seal for the trail so that it is useable.

The design firm will design the entire trail. The Iowa DOT and Jasper County Conservation will sign the agreement.

Jeff and Keri attended a meeting about Central Iowa Regional Transportation Planning Association (CIRTPA) TAP grant. There were just four groups represented and there is \$1 million to be distributed (4 - \$250,000 grants.) The deadline for the grant is February 2. We should know by May if we will receive the grant.

Snyder & Associates has been hired to design a connection from our trail to the Chautauqua Valley Trail which is 2.25 miles. This will allow us to connect to the Des Moines metro trail system sooner than we thought.

The Central Iowa Trails map will be updated this year and there will be a dotted line on the map showing where the Red Rock Prairie Trail will be located.

Garden Square Park Bandstand

Sue has an estimates from \$18,700 - \$28,000 for the work needed on the Garden Square Park Bandstand. The individual who originally gave Sue a bid is now unable to do the work. The Park Board would like a door in the back of the Bandstand to access the storage under the bandstand. Darin Pendroy will be providing a bid in the next week.

No pictures of the Bandstand have been located. Sue will check with the Prairie City News.

There was discussion that we could apply for multiple grants to complete the project. Lynnville got a grant from the Jasper County Foundation and Prairie Meadows for one of their projects.

Old Business

Heartland Coop Mural

Linda Frazier shared an email from Michael Dennis about his thoughts on updating or redoing the mural on the Coop building. Depending on the scope of the project, we can expect bids from \$10-\$40 per square foot.

Michael estimated that the current mural is over 1700 square feet and he indicated that the project would be over \$20,000 if we start with a new design. There will need to be a new contract with the Coop for having the mural on their building.

Senior Housing

There is a Habitat for Humanity group meeting at DMACC in late January. Joe Bartello indicated that low-to-moderate income housing funds from the City can be used for a Habitat for Humanity house.

Prairie City Business Association

The Prairie City Business Association has a member drive in progress. New this year is a \$75 rate for in-home businesses. This is a 50% discount.

There is one bid in ranging from \$10,000 - \$15,000 from Iowa Sign for a entry way lighted sign. There is an EDC meeting on January 31. There was a question as to whether the EDC might help fund the light.

Prairie City Farmers' Market

The 2018 Prairie City Farmers' Market will run from May 31 – September 27 this year. The hours will be 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Library Expansion Plan

The Library Board has met with two architects and will be meeting with two more.

2018 Trees Please Grant

Joe has applied for another \$1000 grant.

Downtown WiFi

Joe talked with Verizon about downtown WIFI access. The estimate was around \$10,000 from Verizon. Joe will check with Medicom and CenturyLink.

Grant Status

- Joe is in the process of closing out the 2016 REAP grant.
- Prairie Meadows Police equipment has been received. Joe needs to send in receipts for the equipment to close it out.
- Paint Iowa Beautiful grant is open until February 16, 2018.
- 2018 Prairie Meadows grant closes on February 16, 2018.
- Knoxville received a \$50,000 Pella Rollscreen grant for their bike trail. We should also check into a grant from the Casey's Foundation

Jeff needs a letter from Mayor Alleger to send with the TAP grant application. Jeff will send Joe a template.

The next meeting is February 26 at 6 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Taylor, Recording Secretary