

**CITY OF PRAIRIE CITY  
MINUTES  
MARCH 7, 2018**

The City Council of the City of Prairie City, Jasper County, Iowa, met on March 7, 2018, at City Hall in regular session at 6:30 P.M. 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, Kuecker, Lindsay and Taylor. Absent: Councilor Lee. Also in attendance: City Manager/Police Chief Bartello and City Clerk Kane.

Agenda Approval: Councilor Beiner moved to approve the agenda as stated, and Councilor Kuecker seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments:

Mason Nichols addressed Council regarding the current firework ordinance. Mr. Nichols stated he would like to see the timeframe shortened in July.

Consent Agenda:

Approval of February 14, 2018, Council Meeting Minutes; February 23, 2018, Special Council Meeting Minutes; February 13, 2018, Library Board Meeting Minutes; January 22, 2018, Hometown Pride Minutes; January 17, 2018; Park Board Minutes; February 2018 Police Department Report; February 2018 Fire Report; February 2018 EMS Report; February 2018 Public Works Report; Building Permit Reports; Resolution 3-07-18 #1 Bills and Transfers. Mayor Board appointment update. Councilor Kuecker moved to approve, and Councilor Lindsay seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Petitions and Communications:

Mayor Alleger provided Council with a presentation from the PCE Kindergarten class with a list of services they would like Prairie City to have. The list included: a castle, sledding hill, beach, swimming pool, car wash, several chain restaurants, bounce house, bowling alley, and water park.

Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances, Resolution, Public Hearings:

Resolution 03-07-2018 #2 Mayor Alleger addressed Council setting the date for the next Council meeting on April 11, 2018, at 6:30 P.M. Councilor Beiner moved to approve, and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 03-07-2018 #3 Mayor Alleger addressed Council setting the date for a Special Council meeting on March 21, 2018, at 12:00 P.M. Councilor Lindsay moved to approve, and Councilor Kuecker seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 03-07-2018 #4 Mayor Alleger addressed Council setting the date for the Public Goal Setting meeting on April 25, 2018, at 6:30 P.M. at the Community Building. Councilor Kuecker moved to approve, and Councilor Beiner seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

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City Manager/Chief of Police Bartello stated the Real-Estate located at 106, 108, 110 W. Jefferson Street had one bid. Councilor Kuecker moved to approve the bid. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

Prairie City Fee Schedule: City Manager/Chief of Police Bartello presented an updated EMS fee schedule for discussion. No increases were made, only updates to unused services. Councilor Taylor moved to approve the fee schedule changes. Councilor Kuecker seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Interim City Manager City Staff Position: Councilor Taylor moved to approve a 90-day extension to run to the June 2018 Council Meeting with Joe Bartello as the Interim City Manager position. Councilor Kuecker seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

Discussion and Possible Action Jasper County Mental Health Grant Update: Julie Gibson, Coordinator for the grant led effort, provided Council with an update on mental health care available in Jasper County. Catholic Health Initiatives helped provide grant funding to give crisis line availability, additional training and resources to law enforcement and local communities. The programs are helping spread awareness at the local level. Ms. Gibson provided the City with resource brochures and contact information for Citizens.

Library Board Council Update: Linda Frazier, President of the Prairie City Library Board, presented Council with an overview of the Library Planning for Results meeting. The outcome of the meeting was the need for a library expansion to accommodate the additional library programming. Library Board are asking the Vermillion Design Group for a design for the expansion.

Possible Action for EMC City Insurance Renewal: Melanie Umble presented Council with an overview of the 2018 EMC Insurance Renewal in the amount of \$29,530 a \$401 increase over last year, primarily due to increased property values. Councilor Beiner moved to approve the insurance renewal. Councilor Kuecker seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Rental Property Inspections/Fire Department Annual Commercial Property Walk Through: Lindsay requested that the Walnut Creek Fire Department hold an annual walk through of commercial properties. Chief Van Der Kamp stated that the department has reviewed the PCM Schools, churches and Heartland Co-op recently. These walk through exercises help familiarize the department in emergency situations. Chief Van Der Kamp asked Council to include Knox Boxes in all new and remodeled commercial buildings. Knox Box devices allow the Fire Department to gain access into a business without having to wait for a key holder or breaking down a door. This would save valuable time when dealing with an emergency.

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Building Permit Requirements: Councilor Lindsay requested that City Manager/Chief of Police Bartello schedule a workshop in April for the Council and Planning and Zoning Committee to review the current building permit requirements and provide Council with their recommendations.

Prairie Days Entertainment Brad Morgan Performance Agreement: Councilor Taylor reviewed the agreement and suggested that additional clarification on cancellation is needed prior to approving. Councilor Lindsay will reach out to Mr. Morgan. No action taken.

Possible action for City IT Services: City Manager/Chief of Police Bartello provided Council with three companies quotes for review. Bartello stated that our annual IT services cost approximately \$10,000 and recommended moving forward with MMIT Professional Services quote of \$7,200. Councilor Kuecker moved to approve. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Water Tower Maintenance and Painting: City Manager/Chief of Police Bartello suggested that the City continue to seek additional bids for the Water Tower Maintenance and Painting. No action taken.

Prairie City EMS Prairie Pig Out Smoker Competition: EMS representative Mandy Bright addressed Council regarding the Prairie Pig Out Smoker Competition on June 8 and 9, 2018. Bright provided an update of activities.

With no further business to discuss, Councilor Kuecker moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM. Councilor Beiner seconded the motion. On roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

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**Chad D. Alleger**  
**Mayor**

**ATTESTED TO:**

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**Cindy Kane**  
**City Clerk**