

**CITY OF PRAIRIE CITY
MINUTES
APRIL 11, 2018**

The City Council of the City of Prairie City, Jasper County, Iowa, met on April 11, 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, Lee, Lindsay and Taylor. 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:

Annie Bushman addressed Council regarding Animal Ordinance (55.03) of four cats roaming her neighborhood area, causing distress for birds and wildlife.

Mandy Bright spoke to Council in favor of allowing chickens within City Limits for student 4-H projects. Bright requested Council review the current Ordinance banning livestock within City limits.

Consent Agenda:

Approval of Council, Board and Commissions Minutes: March, 7, 2018 Regular Council Meeting Minutes; March 8, 2018 Special Council Meeting Minutes; March 21, 2018 Special Council Meeting Minutes; March 20, 2018 Library Board Meeting Minutes; February 21, 2018 Park Board Minutes; January 22, 2018 Hometown Pride Minutes; April 5, 2018 Special Library Board Meeting Minutes; and Department Reports: Police Report March 2018; Fire Report March 2018; EMS Report March 2018; Public Works March 2018; Building Permit Reports; Liquor License Renewal for Stampede.

Councilor Beiner moved to approve, and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion was approved 4-yes and Lindsay abstained.

Petitions and Communications:

Mayor Alleger Proclaimed April 2018 Keep Iowa Beautiful Month, encouraging citizens to undertake, personal and organizational efforts that will enhance the cleanliness, health and beauty in our community and state.

Byron Johannes from Mid-American Energy presented the City of Prairie City with a \$1000 check for Trees Please to be used towards new tree planting in parks and along roadways.

Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances, Resolution, Public Hearings:

Resolution 04-11-2018 #2 Mayor Alleger addressed Council setting the date for the next Council meeting on May 9, 2018, at 6:30 P.M. Councilor Kuecker moved to approve, and Councilor Beiner seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

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Ordinance 356: 2018 Water Rates (1st Reading) Increase of 2% effective July 1, 2018. Councilor Lee opposed the increase. After a lengthy discussion, Councilor Taylor moved to approve, and Councilor Kuecker seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion was approved 4 yes and 1 no (Lee).

Ordinance 357: 2018 Sewer Rates (1st Reading) Increase of 3% effective July 1, 2018. Councilor Beiner moved to approve, and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion was approved 4 yes and 1 no (Lee).

Ordinance 358: 2018 Solid Waste Rates (1st Reading) Increase of 3.5% effective July 1, 2018. Councilor Lindsay moved to approve, and Councilor Kuecker seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion was approved 4 yes and 1 no (Lee).

Ordinance 359: 2018 Amending Fireworks Ordinance Dates and Times of Use (1st Reading). Dates approved July 1 through July 8, 2018. Councilor Taylor moved to approve, and Councilor Kuecker seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion was approved unanimously.

Resolution 04-11-2018 #3 Vermillion Design Group Agreement - Library Board is requesting the Vermillion Design Group for a design for the library expansion. The design plan payment of \$2700 will be paid for by various library donations.

Old Business:

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.

Fire Department key requirements and inspection discussion. No action.

Building Permit Requirements: At the request of Councilor Lindsay, the Planning and Zoning Committee met on Tuesday, April 10th to review the current building permit requirements. P & Z will hold an additional workshop in May and will provide Council with their recommendations.

Possible Action for EMC City Cyber Extortion Insurance: Agent Melanie Umble proposed additional City insurance from EMC for Cyber Extortion at the rate of \$256.00 for \$100,000 of coverage. Councilor Beiner moved to approve the additional insurance. Councilor Kuecker seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 04-11-2018 #4 Mayor Alleger set the date for a Goal Setting meeting with City departments and organizations on April 25, 2018, at 6:30 P.M. at the Community Building. Following the goal setting meeting the City will send out a City Wide Survey for public input. Councilor Kuecker moved to approve, and Councilor Beiner seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

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New Business:

2018 Farmers Market – Kirsten Weiland informed Council of the 2018 Farmers Market that will be held each Thursday evening 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM starting from May 31 through September 27, 2018. Weiland requested electric, water, parking and trash procedures follow 2017.

Prairie Days Entertainment Contract – Christy Lindsay, Prairie Days Chairperson, requested Council approve the Prairie Days entertainment contract for Standing Hampton on Friday, July 27, 2018, at the rate of \$2700.00 for their performance. Councilor Taylor moved to approve the contract, and Councilor Kuecker seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion was approved 4-yes and Lindsay abstained.

Heartland Coop Mural Lease & Hometown Pride Update. City Manager/Police Chief Bartello informed Council of the expired mural contract with Heartland Coop in 2015. The mural is on the Heartland Coop building located on southside of Washington Street. Bartello will meet with Heartland Coop representatives as, the current mural requires updating. Councilor Taylor moved to approve, and Councilor Kuecker seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion was approved unanimously.

Ambulance Billing – City Manager/Police Chief Bartello informed Council of the delinquent accounts currently sitting with our ambulance billing company Cornerstone. After discussion, Council requested that delinquent accounts be handled internally. Councilor Taylor moved to approve, and Councilor Kuecker seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion was approved unanimously.

2017 Annual Water Quality Report. City Manager/Police Chief Bartello presented the 2017 Annual Water Quality Report. Councilor Taylor moved to approve, and Councilor Kuecker seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion was approved unanimously.

2016-2017 City Audit. Councilor Taylor moved to approve the 2016-2017 City audit that was submitted by Faller, Kincheloe and Company, PLC. Councilor Beiner seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion was approved unanimously.

Vacant Public Works Full-Time Employee Position. City Manager/Police Chief Bartello informed Council the two applications were received; however, they did not have the minimum requirement. Council requested that the position be re-posted excluding the certification requirements. After a lengthy discussion by Councilor Lee, Councilor Taylor moved to approve, and Councilor Lindsay seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion was approved 4 yes and 1 no (Lee).

Police Coverage Discussion – Councilor Lee questioned the number of officers on patrol for each shift. City Manager/Police Chief Bartello addressed the shift coverage for the two full-time officers. Bartello also informed Council of the part-time officer coverage and the reserve officer program. The reserve office program allows officers to obtain required experience without payroll expense to the City. The City also received grant funds for additional coverage to hold the

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Governors Safety Task Bureau (GTSB) during the March 17 weekend. Sergeant German outlined the police fleet rotation.

28E Agreement with Newton Police Department - City Manager/Police Chief Bartello requested Council renew the 28E Agreement with the Newton Police Department. Councilor Kuecker moved to approve, and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion was approved unanimously.

Calgon Carbon Update - City Manager/Police Chief Bartello provided Council with an outline on the terms of payment on ballast card loss from the Wastewater Treatment plant. Councilor Kuecker moved to approve, and Councilor Beiner seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion was approved unanimously.

With no further business to discuss, Councilor Beiner moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 P.M. Councilor Kuecker seconded the motion. On roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

Chad D. Alleger
Mayor

ATTESTED TO:

Cindy Kane
City Clerk