

Prairie City Hometown Pride Committee
Monday April 23, 2018; 6:00 pm
Prairie City City Hall

The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Chairman Tony Ladehoff.

Present: Sue Ponder, Linda Frazier, Dianne Taylor, Tony Ladehoff, Mayor Chad Alleger and Jasper County Hometown Pride Community Coach Jeff Davidson.

Sue moved that the minutes of the March 26, 2018 meeting be approved. Linda second. Passed.

Red Rock Prairie Trail development

Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant application in the amount of \$240,000 was granted. It will be matched with \$60,000 from Prairie City, and Jasper County Conservation. Total funding is now at \$1.2 million. We will be going for a couple of other grants.

We will next go after a State Rec Trails grant (due 8/15). May need to apply for a REAP grant. No additional funds needed from City of Prairie City at this time.

Mitchellville did apply for some trail grants to connect the Red Rock Prairie Trail and the Chautauqua Valley Trail. The City Council approved the plan.

Central Iowa Trails Map update: The Red Rock Prairie Trail is a dotted line on the map with phase 1 shown for construction.

Garden Square Park Bandstand Rehabilitation

Waiting to hear if we get grants. The City of Prairie City will contribute \$2000.

Prairie Meadow Community Betterment grant application for \$10,000. It will be any time from mid-May until July until we hear if we received the grant.

Jasper Community Foundation grant application for \$3350: It may be mid-August before we hear.

Old Business

Heartland Co-op mural: Linda heard back from Hallie Siepman. Hallie is still in California and won't be back for a while. Newton received some money from the University of Iowa outreach program to help pay for their murals. John W. Neal painted the Des Moines murals by Grazianos' and the Mexican restaurant on East Grand. Linda will talk to him. The original mural had four seasons. The original painting is in an office at the Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge.

Jeff reported on Joe's memo on low/mod housing.

PCBA: No update.

Electronic message sign—Sue reported that they had a demo of a sign on the back of a truck. The sign will cost \$20,000 – 30,000 without electrical work.

2018 Farmers' Market: Kirsten was at the April City Council meeting to report on what's going on with the Farmers' Market.

Library expansion plan: Sue reported that the Library Board met with the architect last week and paid first half of fee. Board is waiting for the design. The architect will meet with the Library Board on May 1.

2018 Trees Please grant: There was a presentation of the grant at the April City Council meeting. Hope to plant the trees this spring east of the bank.

Grain elevator light projection project: Jeff has not heard from the U of I professor about the project. Jeff will touch base with the professor after finals.

Contact with Mediacom and Verizon on downtown wi-fi: No report.

Status of opening up more residential subdivision ground: Max Keuning met with a developer last week. If we can get the lots set up, we can sell them.

Prairie City EDC: No report. Next meeting is May 1 at 5:30. Deb Townsend will join EDC.

April 25 pre-Community Survey meeting – 6:30: Meeting with city departments, organizations, on Wednesday. Give ideas for where to go in future. Funnel into survey.

Grant status

2016 REAP— \$75,000 award for trail acquisition. Still not closed.

Paint Iowa Grant: We are on the list of communities who received a grant. We should be receiving a letter soon.

2018 Prairie Meadows and Jasper Community Foundation grant applications are pending.

Possible REAP Grant application in August.

Community Coach information/Committee information/Other Business.

Pedal the Prairie is May 19 and Concert on the Prairie is June 8. Johnny Lipford, musician, will be a co-sponsor of the Concert on the Prairie event. It is the largest fundraiser of the year for the Friends group.

The next meeting will be June 25 at 6 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.