

**CITY OF PRAIRIE CITY
MINUTES
JUNE 13, 2018**

The City Council of the City of Prairie City, Jasper County, Iowa, met on June 13, 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/Chief of Police Bartello, City Clerk Kane.

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

Public Comment:

Ron VanZante addressed Council regarding his property located at 204 N. State Street. Van Zante applied for a demolition permit and had the City building inspector V & K approve. After the approval, the inspector stopped the project due to a report of asbestos. The additional charge for removal is \$3000-\$5000. Van Zante reported that DNR representative Kate Basson approved the demolition in 2016. City Manager/Chief of Police Bartello said he would review the project and the approval with the DNR.

Consent Agenda:

Approval of Council, Board and Commissions Minutes: May 9, 2018; Regular Council Meeting Minutes; May 22, 2018; Library Board Meeting Minutes; April 18, 2018; Park Board Minutes; May 16, 2018; EDC Minutes; and Department Reports: Police Report May 2018; Public Works May 2018; Building Permit Reports; April 2018 Financial Report. Councilor Beiner moved to approve, and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Petitions and Communications: None

Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances, Resolution, Public Hearings:

Resolution 06-13-2018 #2 Mayor Alleger addressed Council setting the date for the next Council meeting on Tuesday, July 10, 2018, at 6:30 P.M. Councilor Kuecker moved to approve, and Councilor Lindsay seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 06-13-2018 #3 Mayor Alleger addressed Council setting the date for June 2018 Special Council Meeting Tuesday, May 26, 2018, at 6:30 P.M at City Hall. Councilor Kuecker moved to approve, and Councilor Lindsay seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Lee commented on water rates. He stood before Council with a presentation he created opposing the increase to water, sewer and solid waste rates.

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Ordinance 356: 2018 Water Rates (3rd Reading) Increase of 2% effective July 1, 2018. Rate for first 1,500 gallons \$16.09; next 8,500 gallons \$9.45 per 1,000 gallons; next 30,000 gallons \$7.80 per 1,000 gallons; all over 40,000 gallons \$7.52 per 1,000 gallons. Councilor Lee opposed the increase. After discussion, Councilor Kuecker moved to approve, and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion was approved 3 yes and 2 no (Beiner and Lee). Councilor Lee asked Mayor Alleger to veto the rate increase. Mayor Alleger declined, stating he was in favor of the increase.

Ordinance 357: 2018 Sewer Rates (3rd Reading) Increase of 3% effective July 1, 2018. Rate for first 1,500 gallons \$26.21; next 8,500 \$15.23 per 1,000 gallons; next 30,000 \$12.65 per 1,000 gallons; all over 40,000 \$11.62 per 1,000 gallons. Councilor Taylor moved to approve, and Councilor Kuecker seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion was approved 3 yes and 2 no (Beiner and Lee).

Ordinance 358: 2018 Solid Waste Rates (2nd Reading) Increase of 3.5% effective July 1, 2018. Rates for a 35 gallon container \$10.81 per month; 64 gallon container \$15.50 per month; 96 gallon container \$20.21 per month. Solid waste sticker \$1.00 and recycling fee \$3.07 per month. Councilor Kuecker moved to approve, and Councilor Lindsay seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion was approved 3 yes and 2 no (Beiner and Lee).

Resolution 06-13-18#5 Public Hearing for Amending Chapter 155 to add the Fire Code. Ordinance 321 and 322 were amended in 2016, with the adoption of the 2015 International Building Code. The fire code was not included. With the codification of the 2015 International Building Code the fire code was removed in its entirety. Councilor Lee asked that open burning be readdressed by Council. City Administrator/Chief of Police Bartello requested a Public Hearing Amending Chapter 155 Fire Code Tuesday, July 10, 2018, 6:30 P.M. at City Hall. Councilor Kuecker moved to approve a hearing, and Taylor seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion was approved.

Resolution 06-13-18#6 Downtown Revitalization Grant Application for Kat McClure. McClure requested the Downtown Revitalization Grant in the amount of \$7500 for interior and \$7500 for exterior a total of \$15,000 work for her business located at Jefferson and Main. Councilor Kuecker moved to approve the grant. Taylor seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion was approved.

Old Business:

City Administrator/Chief of Police Bartello presented Council with City building maintenance quotes; Maintenance Garage \$3700 concrete and door along with \$1630 for electrical for a total of \$5,330. Councilor Taylor moved to approve the maintenance quotes. Councilor Kuecker seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion was approved.

City Administrator/Chief of Police Bartello also presented repair cost for the Clothing Closet roof for \$6000. No action taken.

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City Administrator/Chief of Police Bartello led the discussion on building inspection services. Bartello reported that Polk County, Safe Builders and HR Green all declined interest in applying for building inspection services. Bartello said that Jasper County would be reviewing the offer at their June meeting. One of the issues is Jasper County uses the 2006 Building Code, Prairie City has approved the 2015 Building Code. During the interim the State Fire Marshall will be handing electrical permits. Ongoing projects will be addressed by a Consultant to inspect and approve.

New Business:

Bernie Del Campo, Advanced Renewable Tech, with Greene Acres Fire Kiln presented Council regarding manufacture a kiln for wood chips to heat into charcoal. There is no smell or noise and meets the DNR regulations. No additional questions were addressed by Council.

City Administrator/Chief of Police Bartello led the discussion on the interim City Manager Staff position previously tabled until the June meeting. After a lengthy discussion, Councilor Beiner moved to approve Joe Bartello as Administrator/Chief of Police with a review in six months. Kuecker seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion was approved.

City Administrator/Chief of Police Bartello presented Council with a list of year end projects and purchases. Councilor Beiner approved the projects and purchases, Kuecker seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion was approved.

City Administrator/Chief of Police Bartello presented Council with the building code recommendations from Planning and Zoning. A Public Hearing will be set for July 10, 2018, at 6:30 P.M. at City Hall. Councilor Taylor moved to approve the hearing, Councilor Beiner seconded the motion. On a roll call vote the motion was approved.

Discussion on adding additional informational street signs. Councilor Lindsay stated these signs are similar to those in other communities that direct the way to the school, rec complex, the city park and business district. City Administrator/Chief of Police Bartello will reach out to the sign company for quotes and Jeff Davidson for additional information. No action.

City Administrator/Chief of Police Bartello led the discussion for review of bids of street summer seal coating. Bartello informed Council that the RFP had been sent to various companies with a close date of July 6, 2018, 4:30 P.M. No action.

City Administrator/Chief of Police Bartello led the discussion for the sale of .73 acres of real-estate located on South Norris. Council requested that the property be surveyed into three separate lots.

With no further business to discuss, Councilor Beiner moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 P.M. Councilor Lindsay seconded the motion. On roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

Chad D. Alleger
Mayor

ATTESTED TO:

Cindy Kane
City Clerk