

**CITY OF PRAIRIE CITY  
MINUTES  
JULY 10, 2018**

The City Council of the City of Prairie City, Jasper County, Iowa, met on July 10, 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 (via conference call) and Taylor. Also in attendance: City Manager/Chief of Police Bartello, City Clerk Kane.

Agenda Approval: Councilor Kuecker moved to approve the agenda moving 9F to 6C, and Councilor Beiner seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment:

Ashley Burkett – Addressed Council opposing the recent utility rate increase.

Sam Stravers of Prairie View Partners spoke to Council regarding the pumps during the recent rains and flooding. He provided suggestions on different types of pumps that could be used in the City.

Consent Agenda:

Approval of Council, Board and Commissions Minutes: June 13, 2018, Regular Council Meeting Minutes; June 26, 2018; Special Council Meeting Minutes: July 5, 2018, Library Board Meeting Minutes; May 16, 2018, Park Board Minutes; April 23, 2018; Hometown Pride Minutes, and Department Reports: Police Report June 2018; Fire Department June 2018; EMS Report June 2018; Public Works June 2018; Building Permit Reports; May 2018 Financial Report. Councilor Kuecker moved to approve, and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Petitions and Communications:

Mayor Alleger read correspondence from Emily Simmons regarding damages to her home from a tree in the City right-of-way. City Administrator/Chief of Police Bartello informed Council on the details of Simmons tree branch damage.

Mayor Alleger also spoke on a letter from Konii Thomas regarding fireworks. He stated that Ms. Thomas is opposed to fireworks within City limits. City Administrator/Chief of Police stated that several complaints had been received at City Hall and each one had been addressed.

Maggie Wenthe of Prairie View Partner addressed Council regarding their construction project at 301 W. Jefferson Street. Wenthe said the project has been on hold for three months, due to electrical inspection services with the City. This has put businesses Myo Massage, Pro Ag and several others who rent space from Prairie View Partners behind their allotted timeline for the project. City Administrator/Chief of Police Bartello stated he understood their frustration since V & K submitted their resignation June 1<sup>st</sup>. The City is working diligently with the County to address the timeline going forward.

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Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances, Resolution, Public Hearings:

Resolution 07-10-2018 #2: Mayor Alleger addressed Council setting the date for the next Council meeting on Wednesday, August 8, 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.

Ordinance 360 7-10-18#3 Amending City Code Chapter 155 to add the Fire Code. After discussion, Councilor Taylor made the motion to amend Ordinance 360, removing letter I. Councilor Kuecker, seconded the motion. On a roll call vote 4 yes and 1 no (Lee).

Councilor Kuecker moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance 360 7-10-18#3 as Amended, and Taylor seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion was approved.

Mayor Alleger opened a public hearing for Amending City Code Chapter 155 to add the Building Code at 7:03 P.M. No comments from the public. Public Hearing closed at 7:04 P.M.

Ordinance 361 07-10-18#4 City Administrator/Chief of Police Bartello informed Council at the recommendation of Planning and Zoning, a draft of the possible Ordinance change to exclude Commercial properties from permit exemption. After a lengthy discussion the item was tabled until the new Building Inspector. Councilor Kuecker made a motion to table the item, Councilor Beiner seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion was approved.

Resolution 07-10-18#5 Setting a public Hearing for possible re-zoning of 301 W North Street (408 N. Park St.) from R3 (mobile home park) to R2 (multi-family housing). A petition from neighbors has been received and Planning and Zoning has recommended the re-zoning. A Public Hearing will be held on July 26, 2018, at noon. Councilor Beiner moved to set a Public Hearing, and Councilor Kuecker seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 07-10-18#6 Setting a Public Hearing for Building Code Amendments for 28E Agreement with Jasper County Building Inspection Services. A Public Hearing is set for August 8, 2018, at 6:30 P.M. Councilor Taylor moved to set a Public Hearing, and Councilor Beiner seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

Resolution 07-10-18#7. City Administrator/Chief of Police Bartello led the discussion on building inspection services. Bartello said that Jasper County has agreed to provide inspection services for the City of Prairie City. One issue is Jasper County uses the 2006 Building Code, while the City of Prairie City has adopted the 2015 Building Code. Bartello will work with the County with the details the 28E Agreement for the services and bring it to Council for approval. Councilor Beiner made a motion to approve going forward with a 28E Agreement with Jasper County for building inspection services, and Councilor Kuecker seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator/Chief of Police Bartello stated that additional informational street signs are pending. Councilor Lindsay requested signs directing to the school, rec complex, parks and business district. City Administrator/Chief of Police Bartello is waiting for sign quotes and

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additional information. No action.

City Administrator/Chief of Police Bartello informed Council of the bids for street seal coating. Bartello stated RFPs had been sent to various companies, and staff is requesting that the quote for Blacktop Services be accepted. Blacktop Services quoted \$2.63 square yard for single quote fog seal, \$5.33 for double seal fog seal coat and patching material \$204.74 per ton. Bartello recommended Council approve the bid up to \$70,000 including patch work and seal coat. Councilor Kuecker moved to approve, and Councilor Beiner seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

Sean O'Shea MSA Professional Engineering Services presented information to Council regarding services they provide to small communities. Services include waste water plant, GSI mapping, CGB projects and help with new development. O'Shea will meet with the EDC Committee and present the information to Council at the August meeting. No action.

Library Director, Sue Ponder, informed Council the City was awarded a \$5,000 Prairie Meadows grant to be used for the Garden Square Bandstand Rehab Project. In addition the City was also awarded a Jasper Community Foundation \$3,350 grant. City Council had previously approved \$2,000 of City funds to be used toward the Bandstand rehab project. Ponder stated that rehab project estimates were \$15,350 for a new roof, fascia, soffit lighting and updates to the electrical. She requested an additional \$5,000 of City funds for the project. Councilor Lee moved to approve a total of up to \$7,000 of City funds for the project, Councilor Kuecker seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

With no further business to discuss, Councilor Kuecker moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 P.M. 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**