

**CITY OF PRAIRIE CITY
MINUTES
AUGUST 15, 2018**

The City Council of the City of Prairie City, Jasper County, Iowa, met on August 15, 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 Beiner moved to approve the agenda as stated, and Councilor Kuecker seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: None

Consent Agenda:

Approval of Council, Board and Commissions Minutes: July 10, 2018, Regular Council Meeting Minutes; July 25, 2018, Special Council Meeting Minutes; June 12, 2018, Library Board Meeting; July 13, 2018, Library Board Meeting Minutes; June 18, 2018, Park Board Minutes; June 25, 2018, Hometown Pride Minutes, and Department Reports: Police Report June 2018; Fire Department June 22, 2018, Planning and Zoning; July 2018 Police Report; EMS Report July 2018; Public Works July 2018; Building Permit Reports; June 2018 Financial Report. Councilor Taylor moved to approve, and Councilor Lindsay 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 08-15-2018 #2: Mayor Alleger addressed Council setting the date for the next Council meeting on Wednesday, September 19, 2018, at 6:30 P.M. Councilor Beiner moved to approve, and Councilor Kuecker seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Kuecker moved to set a Public Hearing on Wednesday, September 19, 2018, for Ordinance No. 363 for Amending the Building Code for the 28E agreement with Jasper County Inspection Services and Taylor seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion was approved.

Ordinance 360 8-15-18#3 Amending Chapter 155, to add the Fire Code. Councilor Beiner moved to approve the second reading. Councilor Kuecker seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion was approved.

Ordinance 361, 08-15-18#4 City Administrator/Chief of Police Bartello amending the building code for permit requirements on remodels, based on recommendations from the Planning and Zoning Commission. Councilor Kuecker made a motion to approve. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion was approved.

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Old Business:

Sean O'Shea of MSA Professional Engineering Services presented an overview of the services provided. Councilor Taylor made a motion to hire MSA to develop a strategic plan for the wastewater treatment plant issues, GIS, water main needs and possible funding in the amount of \$3000. Councilor Lindsay seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion was approved.

New Business:

James Clark, Public Works, provided Council with the status of the mowing equipment. Clark stated that two of the current mowers, one 2010 Grasshopper and one 2015 Scag Turf Tiger mower require extensive repairs. He presented an estimate for purchasing two 2018 Grasshopper 725DT6 – 61 inch power fold deck in the amount of \$28,416. After discussion, Councilor Kuecker made a motion to approve, Councilor Beiner seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion was approved.

City Manager/Chief of Police Bartello updated Council regarding on the Rec Park pond. Bartello had the pond witted for water flow issues, which showed a possible tile leak. He stated that staff is obtaining quotes for an aerating windmill for algae control. Bartello stated that several complaints have been received regarding the weeds in the prairie grass at Buffalo Park. A biologist at Neal Smith Wildlife Refuge suggested mowing the prairie grass now, before the weeds spread additional seeds.

EMS Department received two applications for volunteers; Ashley Goaley and Melissa Gilje. Both applicants have passed the background check. Councilor Lindsay moved to approve both EMS volunteers. Councilor Kuecker seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion was approved.

City Manager/Chief of Police Bartello led the discussion on the possible action for the Clothing Closet, located at 807 W. 2nd Street building repairs. Currently, the Clothing Closet has several issues; roof damage, siding and brick repairs, no water or heat. Councilor Lee suggested repairing the building in the amount of \$6000. After a lengthy discussion, Councilor Kuecker made a motion to make repairs to the roof up to \$1500. Councilor Beiner seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion was approved.

Jamee Pierson, Staff Writer for the Newton Daily News, informed Council the Prairie City News office would be closing the office located at 104 W. 5th Street in Prairie City. Pierson requested Newton Daily News using the City Council room an hour each week for citizens to discuss issues or drop off bill payments. Councilor Taylor dismissed news staff using the City Council room as a conflict of interest. Taylor suggested that Newton Daily News search out other options in Prairie City. No Action Taken.

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

Chad D. Alleger
Mayor

ATTESTED TO:

Cindy Kane
City Clerk