

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

The City Council of the City of Prairie City, Jasper County, Iowa, met on October 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 join him in a moment of silence to remember Ted Gabelman, who attended the Council meetings faithfully until his health began to fail. Afterwards, everyone rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll was called showing members present and absent as follows: Present: Mayor Alleger; Councilors: Kuecker, Lee, Lindsay and Taylor. Also in attendance: City Manager/Chief of Police Bartello, Deputy Clerk Voeller. Absent: Councilor McDonald.

Agenda Approval: Councilor Lee had questions on the claims report that would be addressed during the consent agenda. Councilor Kuecker moved to approve the agenda, and Councilor Lindsay seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comment:**

Tonia Gillespie addressed the Council asking them to weigh whether big ticket items are needs or wants before approving the purchase.

**Consent Agenda:**

Approval of Council, Boards and Commissions Minutes; September 19, 2018 Regular Council Meeting Minutes; September 18, 2018 Library Board Meeting Minutes; August 27, 2018 Hometown Pride Meeting Minutes; August 15, 2018 Park Board Minutes; Department Reports; Police Report September 2018; Public Works September 2018; Building Permit Reports; Bills and Transfers: RESOLUTION 10-10-18 #1 Approving Bills and Transfers; and Wilkie's Garage Liquor License Renewal. Councilor Taylor moved to approve, and Councilor Lindsay seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**Petitions and Communications:**

City Administrator/Chief of Police Bartello spoke with staff at Roll-Off of Des Moines regarding their burn request to clean up trees and branches along their property. Roll-Off of Des Moines is licensed through the DNR to burn. They utilize an air curtain, which vacuums out smoke and is filtered before released into the air. Roll-Off of Des Moines estimated the project would take a month and offered to burn City and residents trees and branches during this time. Councilor Taylor moved to approve, and Councilor Kuecker seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances, Resolution, Public Hearings:**

Resolution 10-10-2018 #2: Mayor Alleger addressed Council setting the date for the next Council meeting on Wednesday, November 14, 2018, at 6:00 P.M. Councilor Kuecker moved to approve, and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 10-10-18 #3 Mayor Alleger addressed Council setting a date for a Special Meeting for Strategic Planning Public Input Session by MSA on Tuesday, October 23, 2018, at the Community

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Building from 6:30 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. MSA has created a public survey to go live this week for feedback from citizens. MSA will have a Project Update Workshop with Council on Wednesday, November 14, 2018, at 5:00 P.M. at City Hall. Councilor Lee moved to approve, and Councilor Kuecker seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Alleger opened a public hearing for Ordinance 363, for Amending the Building Code for the 28E Agreement with Jasper County Building Inspection Services at 6:54 P.M. No comments from public. Public hearing closed at 6:55 P.M.

Ordinance 363 City Administrator/Chief of Police Bartello presented Council with the first reading of Ordinance 363, for Amending the Building Code for the 28E Agreement with Jasper County Building Inspection Services. Councilor Kuecker moved to approve the first reading. Councilor Lee seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. Councilor Lee moved to waive the second and third reading. Councilor Kuecker seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Alleger opened a public hearing for the sale of City owned real-estate on S. Norris St. at 5:56 P.M. No comments from the public. Public hearing closed at 5:57 P.M.

Resolution 10-10-18 #4: City Administrator/Chief of Police Bartello presented the bid received for lot 2 (703 S. Norris) to Council for approval. Councilor Kuecker moved to approve the bid, and Councilor Lindsay seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. Council proposed to amend the Resolution removing lot 2 and stating further bids for lots 1 and 3 will be accepted indefinitely and will be considered in the order received and who is the highest bidder. All bids will be reviewed by Council during monthly Council meeting. Councilor Lindsay moved to approve the amended Resolution, and Councilor Kuecker seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**Old Business:**

City Administrator/Chief of Police Bartello had reached out to Monroe, Newton, and Pella regarding harboring bees in City limits. While they were not aware of any residents who are currently harboring bees within City limits, they stated they had not established official guidelines for harboring bees in City limits. Council did not approve the harboring of bees in City limits, and no changes were made to the Ordinance.

City Administrator/Chief of Police Bartello addressed Council for input on informational street signs. Councilor Lindsay is working on a list of locations, colors, and other specifics for the informational signs. City Administrator/Chief of Police Bartello will take those specifics and address the Council next month with three options.

City Administrator/Chief of Police Bartello addressed Council on the possibility of replacing a police car. After a lengthy discussion. No action was taken.

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New Business:

Brad Reiman, Bearance Management Group, addressed Council regarding the upcoming renewal for health, dental, flex and life/short-term disability plans. Reiman presented Council with an outline for the plan renewal. Wellmark Complete Blue 2800 HMO closest reflected our current plan. Councilor Taylor moved to approve this plan. Councilor Lee seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion was carried unanimously. Council discussed options regarding HRA. The increase of \$200.00 will be absorbed by the Staff. Councilor Taylor moved to approve this plan. Councilor Kuecker seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion was carried unanimously. Council also discussed flex plan, life/short term disability and 2% increase in dental. Councilor Lindsay moved to approve. Councilor Kuecker seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

City Administrator/Chief of Police Bartello addressed Council with possibility of purchasing soft starts for the water treatment plant, which Staff thought might help mitigate the water main breaks. After discussion no action was taken.

MSA Professionals presented a proposal, which would cost \$9,700 to conduct a system wide study of our water system to address current issues and outdated, inefficient lines. Councilor Lee moved to approve. Councilor Kuecker seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

MSA Professionals presented combining projects to promote cost savings by collecting GPS data while doing the study of the water system. The GPS data will be used for GIS mapping that would be accessible for a multitude of functions throughout the City with an estimated cost of \$17,700. Councilor Lee moved to approve. Councilor Kuecker seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

City Administrator/Chief of Police Bartello addressed the Council regarding paint striping on the square. Topic was tabled until Spring of 2019..

With no further business to discuss, Councilor Lindsay moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:41 P.M. Councilor Kuecker seconded the motion. On roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

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**Chad D. Alleger**  
**Mayor**

**ATTESTED TO:**

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**Emily Voeller**  
**Deputy Clerk**