

**CITY OF PRAIRIE CITY  
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JANUARY 9, 2019**

The City Council of the City of Prairie City, Jasper County, Iowa, met on January 9, 2019, at City Hall in regular session at 6:00 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: Kuecker, Lee, Lindsay, McDonald and Taylor. Also in attendance: City Administrator/Chief of Police Bartello and City Clerk Kane.

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

Public Comment: None

Consent Agenda:

Approval of Council, Boards and Commissions Minutes; December 12, 2018 Regular Council Meeting Minutes; December 18, 2018 Library Board Meeting Minutes; October 18, 2018 Park Board Meeting Minutes; Department Reports; Police Report December 2018; Public Works December 2018; Building Permit Reports; Bills and Transfers: RESOLUTION 1-9-19 #1 Approving Bills and Transfers; Authorizing the mileage rate of pay to the IRS 2019 Rate of \$.58 per mile: Resolution 1-9-2019 #2 Declaration of City of Prairie city Depositories: Resolution 1-9-2019#3; Mayor Appointments for 2019; October 2018 Financials; November 2018 Financials. Councilor Taylor moved to approve, and Councilor McDonald 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 1-9-2019 #5: Mayor Alleger addressed Council setting the date for the February 2019 regular Council Workshop on Wednesday, February 6, 2019, at 6:00 P.M. Councilor Taylor moved to approve, and Councilor Kuecker seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 1-9-2019 #6: Mayor Alleger addressed Council setting the date for the February 2019 Regular Council meeting on Wednesday, February 13, 2019, at 6:00 P.M. Councilor McDonald moved to approve, and Councilor Kuecker seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 1-9-2019 #7: Mayor Alleger addressed Council setting the date for the Council Budget Workshop on Wednesday, January 30, 2019, at 6:00 P.M. Councilor Kuecker moved to approve, and Councilor Lindsay seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 1-9-2019 #8: Mayor Alleger addressed Council setting the date for the Public Hearing for Urban Renewal Plan Amendment on Wednesday, February 13, 2019, at 6:00 P.M. Councilor Kuecker moved to approve, and Councilor Lindsay seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 1-9-2019 #9: Expressing intent to enter into a Development Agreement and to provide economic development support to Prairie Heritage Development LLC. Area resident, Dan Wilson, presented Council with a proposal for a residential development between partners Dan Wilson and Jon Taylor - The Prairie Heritage Development south of Kayla Lane. The development would be 21 lots with construction possibly

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starting spring of 2019. Wilson is requesting that the project be included as an Urban Renewal TIF district for 15 years. After a lengthy discussion regarding TIF, Councilor Lee moved to approve expressing intent for the project. Councilor Kuecker seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion passed. (4 yes, with Councilor Taylor abstaining due to family connection).

Resolution 1-9-2019 #10: Setting the 2019 Fee Schedule. Councilor Taylor moved to approve, and Councilor McDonald seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 1-9-19 #11 Setting the 2019 Council Meeting Rules and Procedures. City Administrator/Chief of Police Bartello provided Council with a copy of the 2017 adopted Council Meeting Procedures and Rules. Bartello informed Council that each year Council sets the procedures and rules that guide the Council meetings for the upcoming year. After discussion, Councilor Kuecker moved to approve, and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 1-9-19 #12 Discussion and Possible Action for a Downtown Revitalization Incentive Program Grant Application – 108 E Jefferson St. City Administrator/Chief of Police Bartello provided the Downtown Revitalization Grant Application in the amount of \$6042.30 from Van Haalen’s Emporium, LLC. Bartello informed Council the Economic Development Committee had previously approved the application. Councilor McDonald moved to approve, and Councilor Lindsay seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

Sean O’Shea with MSA Professionals provided an update on the current strategic project. The project includes the strategic plan, GIS mapping and water distribution study. O’Shea provided Council with a five-year strategic plan for review. No action taken.

Water Rate Block Rates for Commercial Business - City Administrator/Chief of Police Bartello provided Council with information from Matthew Stoffel, PFM Financial Advisor, regarding adjusting water rates for commercial business. At the November Council meeting, Travis Landwehr addressed Council regarding Commercial Utility Rates. Landwehr, a local business owner, purposed a new car wash/laundromat on his property located south of Casey’s. He asked Council to consider a commercial rate similar to other area cities. Stoffel, the City’s Financial Advisor, observation was that of caution. Stating that for each dollar reduction to the rate, the City would forgo \$2,386.90 in required revenue. Councilor Lee displayed his own presentation providing calculations on how a reduction in water rates for high usage commercial customers would work. After a lengthy discussion, the item was tabled for additional information.

New Business:

City Administrator/Chief of Police Bartello led the discussion for the request of 15 minute parking in the 100 block of N. Main Street. Bartello proposed to paint two green 15 minute parking stalls in front 108 N. Main Street. Councilor Lindsay moved to approve, and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator/Chief of Police Bartello addressed Council requesting hiring Jeremy Dittmer for the part-time Officer position at \$17.30 per hour. Councilor Kuecker moved to approve, and Councilor Lindsay seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator/Chief of Police Bartello brought forward a proposal for a comprehensive plan to update the planning and zoning map for the City. After discussion, Council decided to hold the project.

With no further business to discuss, Councilor Kuecker moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 P.M. Councilor Taylor 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**