

**CITY OF PRAIRIE CITY  
MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 13, 2019**

The City Council of the City of Prairie City, Jasper County, Iowa, met on February 13, 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: Lee, McDonald, Taylor, with Lindsay and Kuecker via conference call. Also in attendance: City Administrator/Chief of Police Bartello and City Clerk Kane.

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

Public Comment: None

Consent Agenda:

Approval of Council, Boards and Commissions Minutes; January 9, 2019 Regular Council Meeting Minutes; January 30, 2019 Library Board Meeting Minutes; January 16, 2019 Park Board Meeting Minutes; November 26, 2018 Home Town Pride Minutes; Annual Request to County for Library Funding; Department Reports; Police Report January 2019; Public Works January 2019; Administrator Report January 2019; Building Permit Reports; Bills and Transfers: RESOLUTION 2-13-19 #1 Approving Bills and Transfers; Annual Water Use Report; Building Permit Reports; 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 2-13-2019 #2: Mayor Alleger addressed Council setting the date for the March 2019 regular Council Workshop on Wednesday, March 6, 2019, at 5:00 P.M. Councilor Kuecker moved to approve, and Councilor Lindsay seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2-13-2019 #3: Mayor Alleger addressed Council setting the date for the March 2019 Regular Council meeting on Wednesday, March 13, 2019, at 6:00 P.M. Councilor Taylor moved to approve, and Councilor McDonald seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2-13-2019 #4: Mayor Alleger addressed Council setting a Public Hearing for the FY2019-20 Budget on Wednesday, March 6, 2019, at 5:15 P.M. Councilor Taylor moved to approve, and Councilor McDonald seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Alleger opened the public hearing at 6:22 P.M for the Proposed Amendment to the Prairie City Urban Renewal Area. No comments. The Public Hearing was closed at 6:23PM.

Resolution 2-13-2019#5 Approving the Urban Renewal Plan Amendment for the Prairie City Urban Renewal Area to include the Prairie Heritage Development LLC in connection with the construction of public infrastructure improvements necessary for the development of a residential subdivision. Councilor Lindsay moved to approve, and Councilor Kuecker seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

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Resolution 2-13-2019 #6: Mayor Alleger proposed Wednesday, March 13, 2019, 6:00 P.M. Meeting date to approve a Development Agreement for economic development support to Prairie Heritage Development LLC. the project be included as an Urban Renewal TIF district for 15 years. Councilor Kuecker moved to approve, and Councilor McDonald seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

Andrew Inhelder with MSA Professionals, provided Council with a 5-year strategic plan project update. MSA will begin to implement the current projects into a Capital Improvement Plan based on Council recommendations. Councilor McDonald moved to approve, and Councilor Lindsay seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Administrator/Chief of Police Bartello provided Council with information on purchasing a new pumps for the waste water plant. Councilor Taylor moved to approve, and Councilor Lee seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Administrator/Chief of Police Bartello led the discussion on options for the Red Rock Prairie trail route through Prairie City. Option One - north on West Street, east on Jefferson to Garden Park/downtown area, south on Marshall Street. Option Two - provided by Councilor Lee, south off the trail to Second Street (old highway 163) east to Marshall Street north to the trail. Option Three - suggested by Councilor Lindsay, north off the trail on Madison Street, east on Jefferson Street to State Street (highway 117), south to the trail. No action taken.

Administrator/Chief of Police Bartello led the discussion on the FY 2019-2020 Budget proposal. Bartello proposed a 1% decrease in sewer rates, zero increase in water rates and 3% increase in solid waste rates. Councilor McDonald moved to approve, and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously

New Business:

Administrator/Chief of Police Bartello provided Council with a RFP for janitorial services. Bartello suggested that the RFP be open until March 6, 2019, at 4:00 P.M. Councilor Kuecker moved to approve, and Councilor Lindsay seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Administrator/Chief of Police Bartello suggested Council approve the Park Board's request to purchase a 2015 used bunker rake for the Rec Complex ballfields for \$8,500. Councilor Lindsay moved to approve, and Councilor Kuecker seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Administrator/Chief of Police Bartello provided Council with job descriptions of the Summer Rec Director Positions. The two positions will be posted until March 6, 2019 at 4:00 P.M. Councilor Kuecker moved to approve, and Councilor McDonald seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Administrator/Chief of Police Bartello provided Council with job descriptions of the Seasonal Mowing Positions. The positions will be posted until March 6, 2019 at 4:00PM. Councilor McDonald moved to approve, and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously

Councilor Lee questioned City Clerk/Finance Officer Cindy Kane on the progress of the December Financials. Kane stated Councilor Lee had previously been informed that December Financial would be late due to the focused effort on the budget.

Councilor Lee voiced his concern regarding the fleet management for the Police Department. Lee had concerns police were driving the new 2019 Dodge Charger during inclement weather creating additional mileage on salt and snow. Lee stated he had heard the 2014 Ford Explorer was in mechanical disrepair. Administrator/Chief of Police Bartello disputed the claim stating he had not been informed of any such disrepair. Bartello stated the fleet management is being monitored, and as an Emergency Response Vehicle, the Dodge Charger is built for all types weather.

With no further business to discuss, Councilor McDonald moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 P.M. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. On roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

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

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**Cindy Kane**  
**City Clerk**