

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

The City Council of the City of Prairie City, Jasper County, Iowa, met on March 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, Lindsay and Kuecker. Also in attendance: City Administrator/Chief of Police Bartello and City Clerk Kane.

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

Public Comments:

Jaime Pearson, Newton Daily News, reported the Prairie City News and Monroe Legacy have merged into one. The new paper is named PCM Community Weekly Explorer.

John Lee, voiced his opinion on route ideas. Additional citizen's provided their opinion; Emily Simmons, contacted Council member Dianne Taylor; area business owner Marilyn Stravers; Kat McClure via phone message; Tony Ladehoff; area business owner, Cindy Kane; Hometown Pride coach, Jeff Davidson; Iowa bicyclist, Chad Vande Lune; Ken Reed; area business owner, Kirsten Wieland, and Alan Van Der Kamp.

Consent Agenda:

Approval of Council, Boards and Commissions Minutes; February 13, 2019 Regular Council Meeting Minutes; February 6, 2019 Council Workshop Minutes; February 21, 2019 Council Budget Workshop Minutes; February 19, 2019 Library Board Meeting Minutes; January 16, 2019 Park Board Meeting Minutes; January 28, 2019 Hometown Pride Meeting Minutes; Department Reports; Police Report February 2019; Public Works February 2019; Building Permit Report; Bills and Transfers: RESOLUTION 3-13-19 #1 Approving Bills and Transfers; December 2018 Financials; January 2019 Financials; 2019 Summer Rec Program Hire – Jennifer Turner \$1500 and Alyssa Grier \$1500. Councilor Taylor moved to approve, and Councilor Kuecker seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Petitions and Communications:

Mayor Alleger read a proposed business request from the PCE Kindergarten students. Proposed businesses included; pool, zoo, Skate Park, and splash pad.

Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances, Resolution, Public Hearings:

Resolution 3-13-2019 #2: Mayor Alleger addressed Council setting the date for the April 2019 regular Council Workshop on Wednesday, April 3, 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 3-13-2019 #3: Mayor Alleger addressed Council setting the date for the April 2019 Regular Council meeting on Wednesday, April 10, 2019, at 6:00 P.M. Councilor Taylor moved to approve, and Councilor Lindsay seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Alleger opened the public hearing at 6:18 P.M for the Proposed FY2019-2020 Budget. Budget opinion was voiced by Councilor John Lee passing a budget on short notice. Lee stated the FY2019-2020 budge shows a 13% increase in spending. Lee handed out a presentation claim \$327K increase. He

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requested Council re-exam whole budget. City Clerk Cindy Kane disputed the claim of short notice, and the financial numbers Lee was provided to Councilmembers were not vetted. Kane said multiple budget workshops had been held. The FY2019-2020 is a good budget and reviewed with due process. Councilor Ann McDonald addressed Councilor Lee claim \$327K budget \$8k increase. Two workshops and Council three workshops were held over two months. The Public Hearing was closed at 6:48PM.

Resolution 3-13-2019#4 Accepting the FY2019-2020 Budget. Administrator/Chief of Police Joe Bartello stated it is possible the City will have large expense coming up for our water system. Bartello stated the FY2019-2020 Budget was a positive budget and felt the reduced levy rates and maintained rates for the citizens was a positive budget. Councilor Taylor moved to approve the FY2019-2020 Budget, and Councilor McDonald seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the Council voted four (4) yes (McDonald, Lindsay, Taylor and Kuecker) and one (1) no (Lee).

Mayor Alleger opened the public hearing for economic development support to Prairie Heritage Development LLC. At 6:53 PM. No public input. The public hearing closed at 6:54 PM. Administrator/Chief of Police Bartello stated the project will be included as an Urban Renewal TIF district for 15 years. Approval for supporting the project: PCM School Board, Jasper County Board of Supervisors, and DMACC.

Ordinance NO. 364: Amending Section 22.20 pertaining to the appointments to the Library Board. The amendment will change the Library board to a five (5) person citizen board with a City Council Representative. Councilor Kuecker moved to approve, and Councilor Lindsay seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. Councilor Lindsay moved to waive the second and third readings, and Councilor Kuecker seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

Administrator/Chief of Police Bartello led the discussion on the FY 2019-2020 utility rates. Owen Gerard with PFM Financial Advisors, proposed adjusting the fourth tier of water and sewer rate billing structure to \$3.22 per 1000 gallons for water and \$5.18 per 1000 for sewer after 40,000 of use. Councilor McDonald moved to approve, and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Snyder and Associates, Richard Voelker, provided a presentation on five options for the Red Rock Prairie trail route through Prairie City. The orange and green colored options were noted to be favorable. The orange option, north on West Street, east on Jefferson to Garden Park/downtown area, south on Marshall Street. The green option, provided by Councilor Lee, south off the trail to Second Street (old highway 163) east to Marshall Street north to the trail. After a lengthy discussion, Mayor Alleger requested modifications for the two favorable trail routes for additional review.

New Business:

Water Purchases - Administrator/Chief of Police Bartello presented two purchases for Public Works. A new Sensus meter reader \$6,150 and new control panel for the Omni monitor that monitors the water treatment plant \$4,025. Councilor McDonald moved to approve, and Councilor Lindsay seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Annual Exam Discussion – City Clerk Kane provided Council with the detail from the Annual exam completed by Faller and Kinchloe. Administrator/Chief of Police Bartello and Kane provided Council with details on the exam. Councilor Taylor moved to approve, and Councilor McDonald seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

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Administrator/Chief of Police Bartello provided Council with a single quote for janitorial services. Bartello suggested that current provider, Joe McChurch, be contracted for another year; monthly City Hall \$320, monthly Library \$150, Community Center \$35 per occurrence and entry park \$315 per week. Councilor Kuecker moved to approve, and Councilor Lindsay seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Levi Michener from Sign Pro, the Electronic City Informational Sign provider answered questions regarding the proposed \$21,497.01 The City portion of the sign would be in the amount of \$5,497.01. The remainder of the sign would be paid for by the Economic Development Commission and the Prairie City Business Association. Councilor Taylor moved to approve the purchase, and Councilor McDonald seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the Council voted 4 yes (McDonald, Lindsay, Taylor and Kuecker) and 1 no (Lee).

With no further business to discuss, Councilor Kuecker moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 P.M. Councilor McDonald seconded the motion. On roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

Chad D. Alleger
Mayor

ATTESTED TO:

Cindy Kane
City Clerk