

**CITY OF PRAIRIE CITY
MINUTES
MAY 8, 2019**

The City Council of the City of Prairie City, Jasper County, Iowa, met on May 8, 2019, at City Hall in regular session at 6:00 P.M. Mayor 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, McDonald, Lindsay, and Taylor. Also in attendance: City Administrator/Chief of Police Bartello and City Clerk Kane.

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

Public Comments:

Jim and Josephine Gates of Perry, Iowa, presented Council with a Rock Island 1960's railroad sign of Prairie City. Gates, a 60-year member of the Lionel Railroad Club of America, also gave Council a rare wooden Lionel 3-car train set to display.

Consent Agenda:

Regular Council Meeting Minutes; April 10, 2019; Council Budget Workshop Minutes: April 3, 2019; Special Council Workshop: April 24, 2019; Special Library Board Meeting Minutes; March 26, 2019; Library Board Meeting Minutes: April 23, 2019; Park Board Meeting Minutes; March 25, 2019; Hometown Pride Meeting Minutes; Department Report: March 25, 2019; Police Report March 2019; Public Works March 2019; Administrator Report April 2019; Building Permit Report; Bills and Transfers: RESOLUTION 5-8-19 #1 Approving Bills and Transfers; March 2019 Financials. Councilor Kuecker 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 informed Council, MidAmerican Energy donated the \$1000 Trees Please Grant.

Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances, Resolution, Public Hearings:

Resolution 5-8-2019 #2: Mayor Alleger addressed Council setting the date for the June 2019 regular Council workshop on Wednesday, June 5, 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 5-8-2019 #3: Mayor Alleger addressed Council setting the date for the June 2019 regular Council meeting on Wednesday, June 12, 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.

Ordinance No. 365 Amending Water Utility Rates for FY 2019-2020, 3rd Reading. Changing the water rates effective July 1, 2019. Councilor McDonald moved to approve, and Councilor Lindsay seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 366 Amending Sewer Utility Rates for FY 2019-2020, 3rd Reading. Changing the Sewer rates effective July 1, 2019. Councilor Lindsay moved to approve, and Councilor McDonald seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

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Ordinance No. 367 Amending Solid Waste Utility Rates for FY2019-2020, 3rd Reading. Changing the Solid Waste Utility rates effective July 1, 2019. Councilor Kuecker moved to approve, and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

6:13 P.M. Mayor Alleger opened the Public Hearing for FY2018-2019 Budget Amendment.

6:14 P.M. Mayor Alleger closed the Public Hearing.

Resolution 5-18-19#4 Adopting the proposed FY 2018-2019 Budget Amendment and instructing the City Clerk to file the Amendment with the County Auditor as Required by law. Councilor Kuecker moved to approve, and Councilor Lee seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 5-8-19#5 Approving the Contract between the City of Prairie City and Prairie Days music entertainment Toaster for \$1750.00. Councilor McDonald moved to approve, and Councilor Kuecker seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 5-8-19#6 Approving the Contract between the City of Prairie City and Prairie Days music entertainment Damon Dotson for \$2500.00, conditionally amended with no alcohol provided. Councilor McDonald moved to approve, and Councilor Kuecker seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 5-8-19#7 Resolution authorizing early redemption of the Water Revenue Bond Series 2001. State Revolving Loan in the amount of \$103,952.75. Councilor McDonald moved to approve, and Councilor Kuecker seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

City Administrator/Chief of Police Bartello led discussion on the proposed water well field rehab. Bartello continued the water well field rehab discussion regarding the additional problems found at the site. Holes were located at the base of the pipe that feeds into the screen. Northway Well and Pump Company quoted \$21,600 to repair the damages. Councilor Taylor moved to approve, and Councilor Lee seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

Steve Wilkie, owner of Wilkie's Garage, addressed Council regarding three special events to be held over the summer months. EMS Prairie Pig Out event on June 22nd, Motorcycle Ride July 20, and Prairie Days July 26 and 27. Wilkie requested extended patio service to service alcohol for the events. Councilor Kuecker moved to approve, and Councilor McDonald seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

EMS Prairie Pig Out - Kelly Clymer addressed Council requesting the west side of Garden Square Park be closed June 22. The EMS will hold a vendor fair, Raffle and BBQ event from 4:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M. Councilor Kuecker moved to approve, and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

2019 Farmers Market - Kirsten Weiland, PCBA, addressed Council regarding the 2019 Farmer's Market. The market will run from May 30 through September 26 4:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. Weiland requested the same set up as 2018, with the market on the west side of Garden Square Park along Main Street. Councilor Taylor moved to approve, and Councilor Kuecker seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

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City Administrator/Chief of Police Bartello led the discussion requesting a replacement utility tractor for Public Works. Bartello stated that the current utility tractor, Ford New Holland 545D has been on poor condition for several years. Public Works obtained three quotes for a mid-sized replacement tractor. Bartello recommended option 1 a 5075E John Deere Utility Tractor with 520M loader for \$33,500, including an \$11,500 trade-in. Councilor Lee voiced strong concerns over the size of the tractor. Lee requested additional quotes for a larger tractors. Councilor McDonald moved to approve the 5075E John Deere Utility Tractor with 520M loader for \$33,500, and Councilor Kuecker seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried with 4 yes (McDonald, Kuecker, Lindsay, Taylor) and 1 no (Lee).

City Administrator/Chief of Police Bartello informed Council the Prairie City Lions Club plan to host the Culpepper & Merriweather Circus on August 19, 2019. Bartello stated in previous years the Lions Club has used City water, electric and garbage containers and are requesting the same this year. Councilor Lindsay mentioned that the property located at southwest corner of Norris Street is owned by the CIARAD group. The Lions Club would need to obtain approval for access. Bartello stated after the CIARAD property approval, the City will provide water, electric and garbage container for August 19, 2019, performance. Councilor Lindsay moved to approve, and Councilor Kuecker seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator/Chief of Police Bartello asked for a motion to approving the action to obtain the abstracts for 701, 703 and 705 S. Norris Street. Bartello stated a local abstract company would create all three abstracts for \$1,700. Councilor Lindsay moved to approve, and Councilor McDonald seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Tracy Stevens provided Council with an informational presentation on the 2020 Census process. Stevens urged Council and citizens to visit the website www.census.gov for additional information and census jobs available.

City Administrator/Chief of Police Bartello led the discussion for possible action for nuisance abatements, explaining the current regulations. Councilor Taylor requested additional information on additional code enforcement. After a lengthy discussion, the item was tabled for additional information.

Discussion and Possible Action for Closed Session under Iowa Code 21.5(1)(j) to discuss the purchase of Real Estate. At 8:16 P.M. Councilor Kuecker made a motion for Closed Session, and Councilor Lindsay seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

At 8:50 P.M. moved to open session. Mayor Alleger requested a motion for Council to approve the real-estate purchase agreement of property located at 100 S. Marshall Street for \$125,000 from Ultimate Services Worldwide LLC., owner Karen Burkett. Councilor McDonald moved to approve, and Councilor Lindsay seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

At 8:59 P.M. discussion and possible action under closed session under Iowa Code 21.5(1)(j) to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment is being considered. Councilor McDonald made a motion for closed session, and Councilor Kuecker seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

At 10:14 P.M. moved to open session.

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With no further business to discuss, Councilor McDonald moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 P.M. Councilor Kuecker seconded the motion. On roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

Chad D. Alleger
Mayor

ATTESTED TO:

Cindy Kane
City Clerk