

**CITY OF PRAIRIE CITY
MINUTES
JUNE 12, 2019**

The City Council of the City of Prairie City, Jasper County, Iowa, met on June 12, 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 (via conference call), Lee, McDonald, Lindsay, and Taylor. Also in attendance: City Administrator/Chief of Police Bartello, John Judisch, City Attorney 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:

- Cindy Kane, Van Haalen's Emporium, addressed Council regarding street sweeping on the 100 block of E Jefferson Street. Kane and surrounding businesses requested the curb and gutters be cleaned to remove debris.
- Scott Devries, PCM Clothing Closet, informed Council of the new management at the PCM Clothing Closet. They have helped 35 families with donations.
- Marlene McReynolds, Senior Citizen's Social Center, requested Council provide Senior Citizen's meals daily. McReynolds stated surrounding towns, Colfax, Monroe, Runnells and Pleasantville all provide meals.
- Kelly Schneider, Prairie City Foods, addressed Council regarding the proposed Dollar General Store that is interested in purchasing land from the Prairie City Economic Development Commission. Kelly stated that he supports senior citizens, all local organizations, school groups and donates to the community. The proposed discount store will negatively impact his business.
- Rob Hoffman, Dodge Garage, stated Council needs public input on the possible discount store, as it will affect many small businesses.

Consent Agenda:

Regular Council Meeting Minutes; May 8, 2019; Council Budget Workshop Minutes: May 1, 2019; Library Board Meeting Minutes: May 21, 2019; Special Library Board Meeting Minutes; June 5, 2019; Park Board Meeting Minutes; April 19, 2019; Park Board Meeting Minutes; May 19, 2019; Department Report: Police Report May 2019; Public Works May 2019; Administrator Report May 2019; Building Permit Report; Bills and Transfers: RESOLUTION 6-12-19 #1; Casey's General Stores, Inc. Cigarette Renewal Application; K and A Inc. /Prairie City Foods, Cigarette Renewal Application; Approving Bills and Transfers; April 2019 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 6-12-2019 #2: Mayor Alleger addressed Council stating due to the observation of Independence Day, there would be no July 2019 regular Council workshop. Mayor Alleger addressed Council setting the date for the July regular Council meeting on Wednesday, July 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.

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Resolution 6-12-2019 #3: Mayor Alleger addressed Council setting the date for the June Special Council Meeting/Workshop for Wednesday, June 26, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. Councilor McDonald moved to approve, and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 6-12-19#4 Approving the Contract for the Prairie Days Inflatable Entertainment with Toxic Meltdown in the amount of \$1,500, for use from 3:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. on Saturday, July 27, 2019. Councilor McDonald moved to approve, and Councilor Kuecker seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 6-12-19#5 Approving the FY2019-2020 Employee Cost of Living and Merit pay increase a 2% Cost of Living Increase and a 1% Merit Increase. City Administrator/Chief of Police Bartello presented Council with the proposed salary increases. Joe Bartello annual salary from \$77,250 to \$79,583; Hourly employees as follows: Cindy Kane from \$22.96 to \$23.65; Emily Voeller from \$21.97 to \$22.63; Carl Van Der Kamp from \$24.37 to \$25.11; James Clark from \$20.90 to 21.53; Cory Eshelman from \$22.00 to; Mike German from \$22.61 to \$23.29; Amy Baldus from \$20.43 to \$21.05; Part-time Officers from \$17.82 to \$20.00; Sue Ponder from \$19.28 to \$19.86; Jenny Anderson from \$12.24 to \$12.61; Sierra DeVoe from \$9.00 to \$9.27; Jennifer Brown from \$9.00 to \$9.27. Councilor Taylor moved to approve, and Councilor McDonald seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 6-12-19#6 Approving the Agreement between Faller, Kincheloe & Co., PLC. and the City of Prairie City for an annual exam for the period of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 in the amount of \$2000. Councilor Taylor moved to approve, and Councilor Lindsay seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

City Administrator/Chief of Police Bartello led the discussion for the Red Rock Prairie Trail Route through Prairie City. Schneider and Associates recommendation is the route by-passing the Heartland Coop by way of the alley to the south of the Historical Society, into Garden Square and south on Washington Street. The alley route has the lowest cost of \$98,000. After a lengthy discussion, Councilor Taylor moved to approve, and Councilor Lindsay seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried 3 yes (Taylor, Lindsay, Kuecker) and 2 no (McDonald, Lee). The motion passed to move forward with the project.

New Business:

City Attorney, John Judisch led the discussion on the Prairie City/Jasper County Economic Development Corporation Land Sale/Use. Judisch explained his role as City Attorney and introduced Adam Otto, Otto Law Office, PLLC, attorney for Prairie City Economic Corporation (PCEDCO) and Jasper County Economic Development Corporation (JEDCO) stressing that PCEDCO is a corporation separate from the City. Otto stated PCEDCO and JEDCO were approached by Overland Group LLC to purchase 3.2 acres of land from PCEDCO for \$96,000 to place a discount store. After a lengthy discussion, the item was tabled until the July meeting for additional information.

City Administrator/Chief of Police Bartello led the discussion for possible action for nuisance abatements, explaining the current regulations. John Judisch, City Attorney, followed up explaining the City Ordinance(s) regarding

City Administrator/Chief of Police Bartello led the discussion regarding purchasing of City Council tablets for Council packet information. After discussion, Council tabled the proposal, requesting additional information.

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City Administrator/Chief of Police Bartello led the discussion regarding Fiscal Year-end purchases. Councilor McDonald moved to go forward with the budgeted items, and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator/Chief of Police Bartello led the discussion regarding LED Lighting Installation at City Hall. Councilor McDonald moved to approve the quote from Sneller Plumbing and Heating for \$8,036.40, and Councilor Lindsay seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator/Chief of Police Bartello led the discussion on Prairie Days street closures. Councilor McDonald moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 P.M. Councilor Lindsay seconded the motion. On roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

With no further business to discuss, Councilor McDonald moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 P.M. Councilor Lindsay seconded the motion. On roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

Chad D. Alleger
Mayor

ATTESTED TO:

Cindy Kane
City Clerk