

**CITY OF PRAIRIE CITY
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 11, 2019**

The City Council of the City of Prairie City, Jasper County, Iowa, met on September 11, 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 (via conference call), Lindsay, McDonald and Taylor. Also in attendance: City Administrator/Chief of Police Bartello, and City Clerk Kane.

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

Public Comments:

Emily Simmons addressed council regarding tree issues, sidewalk code and stop box. Joe Lyman presented Council with information regarding his local business.

Consent Agenda:

Regular Council Meeting Minutes; August 14, 2019; Library Board Meeting Minutes: August 20, 2019; Park Board Meeting Minutes July 17, 2019; Hometown Pride Meeting Minutes July 8, 2019; Planning and Zoning Meeting Minutes August 26, 2019; Department Report: Police Report August 2019; Public Works August 2019; Administrator Report August 2019; Bills and Transfers: RESOLUTION 9-11-19 #1; Approving Bills and Transfers. Councilor Taylor moved to approve, and Councilor Kuecker seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Petitions and Communications: Pam Group and her son Jackson, addressed Council regarding allowing chickens in within the City limits of Prairie City for a 4-H project.

Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances, Resolution, Public Hearings:

RESOLUTION 9-11-2019 #2: Mayor Alleger addressed Council setting the date for the October Council Workshop for Wednesday, October 2, 2019, at 6:00 P.M. Councilor Kuecker moved to approve, and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 9-11-2019 #3: Mayor Alleger addressed Council setting the date for the October Council Meeting for Wednesday, October 9, 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.

6:18 PM. Public Hearing - Mayor Alleger opened the public hearing for rezoning of City Parcel from A-1 Agriculture District to C-1 Commercial District.

6:19 PM. Public Hearing was closed.

Ordinance NO. 368 Amending the Prairie City Official Zoning Map by rezoning property from A-1 Agriculture District to C-1 Commercial District. Councilor Kuecker moved to approve, and Councilor Lindsay seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Kuecker moved to waive the second and third readings, and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

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RESOLUTION 9-11-2019 #4 Accepting the MSA Prairie City Water System Evaluation Final report and Adoption of Recommended Improvements. Councilor Taylor moved to approve, and Councilor Kuecker seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 9-11-2019 #5 Accepting the Request for Qualifications for Engineering Services for Improvements for the City's Public Drinking Water System. Councilor McDonald moved to approve, and Councilor Lindsay seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 9-11-2019 #6 Public Hearing for the Golf Cart Ordinance was set for Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at 6:00 PM. Councilor Kuecker moved to approve, and Councilor McDonald seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 9-11-2019 #7 Accepting the contract with Northway Well and Pump for the Annual Water Well Maintenance Inspection of approximately \$7000. Councilor Taylor moved to approve, and Councilor McDonald seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

Discussion on MSA Professional Project Update – no action

Joe Bartello, City Administrator/Chief of Police, addressed Council regarding the posting for hiring a Public Works Water Treatment and Distribution Operator. After discussion, the position will be posted until October 4, 2019 at 4:30 PM. Councilor Lindsay moved to approve, and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Joe Bartello, City Administrator/Chief of Police, addressed Council regarding City Staff Grade Certification Incentives of \$1.00 per hour per certification and \$1.00 incentive per hour for EMT certification for full-time employees. Councilor McDonald moved to approve, and Councilor Kuecker seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Joe Bartello, City Administrator/Chief of Police, addressed Council regarding Public Works salary increase of \$1.00 per hour. Carl Van Der Kamp from \$25.11 to \$26.11 and James Clark from \$21.53 to \$22.53. Councilor Lindsay moved to approve, and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Discussion for the EMS Director Staff position – no action

Joe Bartello, City Administrator/Chief of Police, addressed Council regarding the purchase of body camera for the Police Department. Councilor McDonald moved to approve, and Councilor Kuecker seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

Mayor Alleger led the discussion on setting Halloween Beggar's Night for Thursday, October 31, 2019, 6:00-8:00PM. Councilor McDonald moved to approve, and Councilor Kuecker seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Joe Bartello, City Administrator/Chief of Police led the discussion regarding the road closures for the Fire Department's Annual Car Show scheduled for Sunday, September 29, 2019. Councilor McDonald moved to approve, and Councilor Lindsay seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

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Mayor Alleger began the discussion for the City Administrator position, introducing Patrick Callahan of Callahan Municipal Consultants, LLC. Callahan confirmed the timeline, goals and expectations for the Administrator position. Council discussed the salary range, settling on the \$65,000-\$85,000 annual pay range. Future meeting would be confirmed at the October Council meeting.

Discussion for Real-Estate – closed session

8:27 PM. Councilor Kuecker moved to move into closed session, and Councilor Lindsay seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

9:20 PM. Councilor Kuecker moved to move into open session, and Councilor Lindsay seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

With no further business to discuss, Councilor Kuecker moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 P.M. Councilor Lindsay seconded the motion. On roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

Chad D. Alleger
Mayor

ATTESTED TO:

Cindy Kane
City Clerk