

**CITY OF PRAIRIE CITY  
MINUTES  
OCTOBER 9, 2019**

The City Council of the City of Prairie City, Jasper County, Iowa, met on October 9, 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, Lindsay, McDonald and Taylor. Also in attendance: City Administrator/Chief of Police Bartello, and City Clerk Kane.

Agenda Approval: Councilor McDonald moved to approve the agenda with the removal of July and August 2019 Financials. Councilor Lee seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments:

Pam St. John addressed Council stating a Citizen Petition with 168 signatures opposing the possible re-zoning of property at State Street and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue for a possible Dollar General.

Fran Miller with the PCM Clothing Closet, taking over from the Prairie City Celebration Committee, stated the PCM Clothing Closet located at 801 W. Second Street has five full-time volunteers and many families are being served. Miller requested Council review the building roof repair for various leaks. Miller stated that DP Construction would be willing to supervise volunteers to repair the roof with supplies costing \$1200.

Scott DeVries stated he recently purchased the building located at 101 S. Main Street. He requested Council review the Main Street Iowa program through Iowa Economic Development, which coordinates community based downtown revitalization. DeVries stated that the program requirements and structure have changed.

Jody Van Der Kamp addressed Council with concerns regarding the EMS Department as a whole. Van Der Kamp also has concerns on the \$5.00 per report fee incentive for the EMS volunteers that was discussed at the City Council Workshop. Van Der Kamp opposes the incentive fee, stating it was a responsibility of the volunteer to complete his or her own report, not to hire it out.

Carl Van Der Kamp addressed derogatory comments about him and his family from an EMS/Councilmember and requested that Council address the issue.

Consent Agenda:

Regular Council Meeting Minutes; September 11, 2019; Library Board Meeting Minutes: September 5, 2019; Library Board Meeting Minutes: September 24, 2019; Park Board Meeting Minutes August 19, 2019; Hometown Pride Meeting Minutes August 26, 2019; Planning and Zoning Meeting Minutes September 23, 2019; Park Board Meeting Minutes June 19, 2019; JEDCO Board Minutes September 17, 2019; Special Council Meeting Minutes September 20, 2019; Special Council Meeting Minutes September 27, 2019; Department Report: Police Report September 2019; Public Works September 2019; Administrator Report September 2019; Building Permit Report September 2019; Bills and Transfers: RESOLUTION 9-11-19 #1; Wilkie's Garage Alcohol Renewal Application Approval; Casey's Carryout Wine Alcohol Approval; Casey's Alcohol New Ownership Application Approval; EMS Department New Member Approval – Tanner Creery; Approving Bills and Transfers. Councilor Taylor moved to approve, and Councilor McDonald seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Petitions and Communications: None

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Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances, Resolution, Public Hearings:

RESOLUTION 10-9-2019 #2: Mayor Alleger addressed Council setting the date for the October Council Workshop for Wednesday, November 6, 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 10-9-2019 #3: Mayor Alleger addressed Council setting the date for the October Council Meeting for Wednesday, November 13, 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.

6:38 PM. Public hearing - Mayor Alleger opened the public hearing for disposal of City interest in Real Estate located at Gary Johnson requested additional information on the location of the property being sold.  
6:42 P.M. Public Hearing was closed.

6:44 PM. Councilor Mc Donald moved to approve a Closed Session, and Councilor Lindsay seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

7:17 P.M. Councilor Kuecker moved to approve a Closed Session, and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 10-9-2019 #4: Councilor Mc Donald moved to approve the cash offer for parcel No. 1602235009 from Joe Lyman and instruct City Staff and City Attorney Judisch to prepare closing documents. Councilor Kuecker seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Kuecker moved to approve, and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 10-9-2019 #5. Setting a Public Hearing for Ordinance NO. 369 Amending City Code Chapter 170 for Subdivision Regulations on November 13, 2019, at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall. Councilor McDonald moved to approve, and Councilor Lindsay seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

7:20 P.M. Public Hearing - Mayor Alleger opened the public hearing regarding allowing Golf Carts Ordinance 370, allowing Golf Carts on public streets.

7:21 P.M. Public Hearing was closed.

Ordinance NO. 370 Golf Carts. Councilor Mc Donald moved to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, and Councilor Lindsay seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Lee moved to waive the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 370. No second.

RESOLUTION 10-9-2019 #6 Authorizing the Mayor to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Simmering- Cory, Inc. for the Administration of the Community Development Betterment Grant (CDBG) with the Iowa Department of Economic Development. Councilor Kuecker moved to approve, and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 10-9-2019 #7 Accepting the proposal from MSA Professionals for design services for the drinking water system improvement project – Phase One for the total of \$106,000. Councilor Taylor moved to approve, and Councilor McDonald seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

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RESOLUTION 10-9-2019 #8 Councilor Lindsay moved to set a Public Hearing for Wednesday, November 13, 2019, at 6:00 P.M. for allowing chickens to be kept within City limits. Councilor Kuecker seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

Joe Bartello, City Administrator/Chief of Police, provided an update on MSA Professional Projects.

Joe Bartello, City Administrator/Chief of Police, provided Council with the Simmering-Cory, Inc. Phase One Proposal for Low and Moderate Income (LMI) study survey and CDBG Grant Application. The CDBG Grant application fee in the amount of \$1,000 and the LMI study survey approximately \$2000 - \$3500. After discussion, Councilor Taylor moved to approve the verbal commitment of consent, and Councilor McDonald seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Joe Bartello, City Administrator/Chief of Police, addressed Council regarding the EMS Director Staff Position and Job Posting for Cody Wenthe who will be exiting the position in December 2019. Councilor Taylor stated she appreciated the EMS crew for the volunteer service. After discussion, Councilor McDonald moved to approve a part-time volunteer EMS Director, and Councilor Lindsay seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried 4 yes (Lindsay, Taylor, Mc Donald, Kuecker), 1 no (Lee). The motion passed.

Councilor Kuecker moved to post the part-time volunteer EMS Director position until November 1, 2019, at 4:30 P.M., and Councilor Lindsay seconded the motion.

New Business:

Joe Bartello, City Administrator/Chief of Police, informed Council that several businesses were interested in the State funded local Catalyst Grant Program. Pre-applications are due to the Iowa Economic Development Program on January 31, 2020. After discussion, Councilor McDonald moved to approve a Request for Proposal (RFP) be received by qualified businesses by Thursday, November 7, 2019, at 4:30 P.M. Councilor Kuecker seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Joe Bartello, City Administrator/Chief of Police, led the discussion on additional Public Works part-time seasonal work. After discussion, Councilor Taylor moved to approve posting two open positions for part-time seasonal at \$12.00 per hour on 20 hours per week. Councilor McDonald seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

After discussion, Councilor Taylor moved to approve job applications for the Public Works part-time seasonal work, which will be due by Friday, October 18, 2019, at 4:30 P.M. Councilor McDonald seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Joe Bartello, City Administrator/Chief of Police provided Council with the request from the PCBA Trunk or Treat parking closure request. The PCBA requesting the parking on Main Street along the west side of Garden Square Park starting at noon on Thursday, October 31, 2019. Councilor Kuecker moved to approve, and Councilor McDonald seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Joe Bartello, City Administrator/Chief of Police, provided information on the EMS/EMT and driver pay rates. Bartello stated that the increase from \$10.00 to \$15.00 for drivers, and \$15.00 to \$20.00 per EMS/EMT run was in the 2019-2020 EMS budget. Councilor Mc Donald moved to approve, and Councilor Lindsay seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Alleger presented Council with the proposed \$5.00 per call for EMT completing EMS Run Reports. Councilor Lee made a motion to approve. No second. No action.

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Mayor Alleger informed Council of need to survey the City building located at 100 S. Marshall Street to provide accurate property lines. Alleger suggested Council move forward with interior demolition of the building. Councilor Lindsay made a motion for request for proposal by posted until November 1, 2019, at 4:30 P.M. Councilor Kuecker 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 8:08 P.M. Councilor Lindsay seconded the motion. On roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

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

**ATTESTED TO:**

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