

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

The City Council of the City of Prairie City, Jasper County, Iowa, met on December 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.

Mayor Alleger presented the oath of office for newly elected Council Members Deb Townsend and Ann Mc Donald. City Clerk, Cindy Kane, presented the oath of office for re-elected Mayor, Chad Alleger.

Roll was called showing members present and absent as follows: Present: Mayor Alleger; Councilors: Berger, Kuecker, Lindsay, Mc Donald and Taylor. Also in attendance: City Administrator/Chief of Police Bartello, and City Clerk Kane.

Councilor Kuecker moved to approve the agenda. Councilor Mc Donald seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments:

The Mustang Machine Makers Lego Robotics League addressed Council regarding a Community Garden project. The group is researching the option to place a Community Garden in the open area near the Prairie City Library.

The Super Nova's Lego Robotics League addressed Council regarding a bee habitat for Mason bees and informing Council on the Mason bees different habitat housing.

Consent Agenda:

Regular Council Meeting Minutes: November 13, 2019; Special Council Meeting Minutes: November 20, 2019; Special Council Meeting Minutes: November 23, 2019; Special Council Meeting Minutes: November 25, 2019; Special Library Board Meeting Minutes: November 27, 2019; Park Board Meeting Minutes; October 19, 2019; Hometown Pride Meeting Minutes October 29, 2019; Department Reports: Police Report November 2019; Public Works November 2019; Administrator Report November 2019; Building Permit Report November 2019; Bills and Transfers: RESOLUTION 12-11-19 #1; July 2019 Financials; August 2019 Financials; September 2019 Financials; 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:

None

Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances, Resolution, Public Hearings:

RESOLUTION 12-11-19 #2: Mayor Alleger addressed Council setting the date for the January Council Meeting for Wednesday, January 8, 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.

6:31 P.M. Public Hearing was opened for FY2019-20 Budget Amendment #2.

6:32 P.M. Public Hearing was closed.

RESOLUTION 12-11-19 #2: Councilor Mc Donald moved to approve the Budget Amendment #2, and Councilor Lindsay seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

6:33 P.M. Public Hearing was opened for disposal of an interest in Real Estate located at 119 W. Jefferson Street.

6:34 P.M. Public Hearing was closed.

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6:35 P.M. Public Hearing was opened for Disposal of an interest in Real Estate South Norris St. Lots 701 and 705.

6:36 P.M. Public Hearing was closed.

Ordinance NO. 369 Amending City Code Chapter 170 for Subdivision Regulations 2nd Reading. Councilor Mc Donald moved to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of the motion, and Councilor Kuecker seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance NO. 370 Golf Carts to add Chapter 171 Golf Carts to the Prairie City Code of Ordinances. Councilor Lindsay moved to approve the 3rd Reading, and Councilor Kuecker seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

6:36 P.M. Public Hearing was opened on a proposal to enter into a Water Revenue Loan and Disbursement Agreement.

6:37 P.M. Public Hearing was closed.

RESOLUTION 12-11-19 #4. Resolution taking additional action with respect to a Water Revenue Loan and Disbursement Agreement and authorizing, approving and securing the payment of a \$120,000 Water Revenue Loan and Disbursement Agreement Anticipation Project Note (IFA Interim Loan and Disbursement Agreement. Councilor Kuecker moved to approve, and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance NO. 371 Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Prairie City, Iowa, by amending provisions pertaining to the operating Budget preparation 2020-21, 1<sup>st</sup> Reading. Councilor Kuecker moved to approve, and Councilor Mc Donald seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

City Administrator/Chief of Police Bartello led the discussion on the MSA project updates. No action.

City Administrator/Chief of Police Bartello led the discussion on the summary of water meter usage comparisons. No action.

City Administrator/Chief of Police Bartello led the discussion on possible action on seasonal employee re-posting. Council Kuecker moved to approve the position be posted for five days, ending on Wednesday, December 18, 2019, at 4:30 P.M. Councilor Lindsay seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

Councilor Taylor requested the discussion on the update of the Employee Handbook be tabled for additional information. A meeting to review the updates on the Employee Handbook was set for Wednesday, January 29, 2020, at 5:30 P.M.

Mayor Alleger updated Council on the PC Economic Development Corporation and Jasper County Economic Development Corporation (JEDCO) are working with the Overland Group attorney to finalize the proposal for the sale of PC Economic Development Corporation and (JEDCO) property located at Popular Avenue and West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.

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Joe Bartello, City Administrator/Chief of Police, led the discussion for setting a Public Hearing on one-way parking on 5<sup>th</sup> Street. A public hearing will be set for additional discussion.

Councilor Taylor led the discussion for action for the City Administrator/Chief of Police position separation. Taylor stated Joe Bartello was named Interim City Manager/ Chief of Police in a dual role in August 2017. In June 2018 Bartello was named City Administrator/Chief of Police. Taylor stated John Lloyd the new City Administrator was hired by Council starting December 30, 2019. Bartello will transition back to full-time Chief of Police on January 13, 2020, at the rate of \$61,630.79 annually, which includes 12 paid holidays. Councilor Mc Donald 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 for the possible action for Fire Department controlled burn within city limits. Bartello stated the Fire Department intended to burn two of the Heartland Coop old buildings located between Madison Street and Monroe Street within city limits at an unspecified date. Councilor Kuecker made a motion approving the action, Councilor Mc Donald seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried.

Mayor Alleger stated this was Councilor Troy Kuecker final Council meeting and expressed appreciation and thanks for his service to the community.

At 8:34 P.M. Mayor Alleger requested a closed session under Iowa Code 21.5 (1)j for the disposal of Interest in Real Estate. Councilor Mc Donald moved to approve, and Councilor Lindsay seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Kuecker moved to approve into open session, and Councilor Mc Donald 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 9:00 P.M. Councilor Berger 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**