

**CITY OF PRAIRIE CITY
MINUTES
APRIL 8, 2020**

The City Council of the City of Prairie City, Jasper County, Iowa, met on April 8, 2020, 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 virtually and absent as follows: Present: Mayor Alleger; Councilors: Berger, Lindsay, Mc Donald, Taylor, and Townsend. Also in attendance: City Administrator John Lloyd, Police Chief Joe Bartello, and City Clerk Kane.

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

Public Comments:

Consent Agenda:

Special Council Meeting Minutes: February 28, 2020; Council Meeting Minutes: March 11, 2020;
Special Council Meeting Minutes: March 4, 2020; Special Council Meeting Minutes: March 16, 2020;
Department Reports: Library Board Meeting March 10, 2020; Hometown Pride February 24, 2019;
Police Report: Councilor Taylor moved to approve the agenda. Councilor Berger seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances, Resolution, Public Hearings:

RESOLUTION 4-8-20#1; Approving Bills and Transfers; February 2020 Financials. Councilor Mc Donald moved to approve the agenda. Councilor Townsend seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 4-8-20#2; Setting the Prairie City Special Council Meeting for April 22, 2020, located at City Hall 6:00 P.M.; Prairie City Council Workshop for May 6, 2020, located at City Hall 6:00 P.M.;
Regular Prairie City Council Meeting for May 13, 2020, located at City Hall 6:00 P.M.; Councilor Berger moved to approve the Consent Agenda, and Councilor Mc Donald seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

6:12 PM Public Hearing Open for ORDINANCE 373 Amending the Prairie City Code of Ordinances by amending provision pertaining to rezoning of residential parcel.

6:13 PM Public Hearing closed. No communication.

ORDINANCE 373 City Administrator John Lloyd informed Council of the amending the Prairie City Code of Ordinances by amending provision pertaining to rezoning of residential property located at 202 S. State Street. Councilor Townsend made a motion to approve, Councilor Lindsay seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE 373 Amending the Prairie City Code of Ordinances waiving the second and third readings for the property located at 202 S. State Street. Councilor Lindsay made a motion to approve, Councilor Berger seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried 4 yes (Berger, Taylor, Townsend, Lindsay) and 1 no (Mc Donald).

Petitions and Communications: None

New Business:

Mound Prairie Ventures requested consideration for a three-year 100% tax abatement for properties at 101, 103, 105 and 107 South Main Street. Scott DeVries, owner, and Jeff Davidson, Director of JEDCO, addressed Council.

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Melanie Umble of Shomo-Madsen-Umble Insurance addressed Council on the annual insurance renewal. Umble presented Council with a four-year comparison of EMC's premium, with the 2020 rate increase of 13% \$37,247 for property, liability and blanket property coverage. Councilor Townsend made a motion to approve and Councilor Lindsay seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

American Legion – City Administrator John Lloyd informed Council of the American Legion's interest to create a flag pit at Waveland Cemetery to honorably dispose of worn flags. Staff will identify the size, material and location. No action taken.

City Administrator John Lloyd informed Council of Hometown Pride mural on the Heartland Coop building. The City was awarded five gallons of paint by Keep Iowa Beautiful to be used towards the project. No action taken.

City Administrator John Lloyd informed Council of the mandate by Iowa Governor Reynolds regarding utility shut off procedures. No action on utility shut-off will be made. Penalties will continue as stated. With local businesses closing per the mandate, the six businesses effected will not be charged with a reconnect fee when reopening.

Catalyst Grant Update – Jeff Davidson, Director of JEDCO, provided an update on the Catalyst Grant. No action.

Seasonal hiring for mowing positions. Staff recommends returning mowers, Paul Pendroy and Robert Van Waardhuizen, along with Franklin Davenport and Derek Brown at the rate of \$12.00 per hour based on seasonal hours. Councilor Townsend made a motion to approve, Councilor Lindsay seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Subdivision Updates – Andrew Inhelder, MSA Project Engineer. Plat 4 of Rolling Prairie Estates is in the beginning review. City Administrator John Lloyd recommended to pay MSA for Task# 4 in the amount of \$16,450. That will be passed through to Prairie Heritage. Councilor Mc Donald made a motion to approve, and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

City Administrator John Lloyd provided Council of the status on the Strategic Plan projects. No action taken.

City Administrator John Lloyd informed Council of the option to street sweep the downtown business district to remove the winter sand. Lloyd stated that as in past years, the City has utilized the option to hire Monroe City staff and machine. Councilor Lindsay stated she would like all streets with curbs and gutters cleaned. Discussion on the tool-cat power street sweeper and gutter brush attachment capabilities for the process. The item was tabled for additional information.

City Administrator John Lloyd informed Council of the request for additional flower planters for Garden Square Park Business Area. Lloyd stated the option to use five existing planters that match at no cost for the west side of the square business area. He suggested to purchase five new trash receptacles for Garden Park. After discussion. No action.

With no further business to discuss, Councilor Mc Donald moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 P.M. Councilor Berger seconded the motion. On roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

Chad D. Alleger
Mayor

ATTESTED TO:

Cindy Kane
City Clerk

