

**CITY OF PRAIRIE CITY
MINUTES
JUNE 24, 2020**

The City Council of the City of Prairie City, Jasper County, Iowa, met on June 24, 2020, in regular session via virtual communication 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 Cindy Kane.

Councilor Taylor requested the consent agenda be moved to item 7. Taylor moved to approve the agenda as corrected. Councilor Mc Donald seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments:

Scott DeVries owner of Mound Prairie LLC voiced his concerns over the recent Bike Night held at Garden Square Park. DeVries stated the street closure announcement were forwarded to business owners late and additional concerns on notification from the City.

Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances, Resolution, Public Hearings

New Business:

City Administrator, John Lloyd, outlined the proposals for new City Attorney. After discussion, Councilor Mc Donald requested the City move forward with Council interviews for five firms. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Alleger provided an outline of the site plan for the Pella Regional Health Clinic to be located at 202 S. State Street. Councilor Mc Donald requested the City move forward with the plan site. Councilor Berger seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Cindy Kane outlined the Hometown Pride mural on the Heartland Coop building located at 200 S. Main Street. The original mural was painted in the early 2000s and requires updating. Hometown Pride Committee contacted Jenny Morrett, PCM High School Art Teacher, to develop a new mural welcoming people to the downtown area. Morrett provided a bid of which supplies and half of the labor would be paid initially \$3881.67 and the remaining labor after completion. Kane also stated the building would be cleaned and primed for painting by CertaPro for \$2015.83. After review, Councilor Taylor requested the City move forward with Jenny Morrett and CertaPro. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Alleger stated Cody Wenthe, Ambulance Director, had submitted his letter of resignation. After review, Councilor Taylor requested the City move to accept the letter of resignation. Councilor Berger seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Cindy Kane outlined the application from the Prairie City Historical Society for the EDC grant in the amount of \$3000 for a historical mural on the south side of their building at 111 S. Main Street by artist Ben Schuh. The EDC committee had recommended not to award the grant. Kane stated that the \$3000 could be paid out of the Community Beautification fund. The alley will be part of the new Red Rock Prairie Trail and funds are available in FY19-20 budget. Councilor Taylor requested the City move

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forward with \$3000 award. Councilor Lindsay seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion passed 3 yes (Taylor, Lindsay, Berger) and 2 no (Mc Donald, Townsend).

Petitions and Communications: None

Old Business:

ORDINANCE NO. 375 - 3rd Reading setting FY 2020-2021 Water Rates 2% increase. Councilor Mc Donald moved to approve the 2% increase on the third reading. Councilor Berger seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

Sue Ponder, Library Director, announced Catalyst Grant for \$100,000 was awarded to the City from the Iowa Economic Development for the Mound Prairie project located at 107 and 105 S. Main Street.

Mayor Alleger stated that the American Legion contacted the City regarding building a burn pit at Waveland Cemetery to properly retire American flags. Councilor Berger requested the City approve the project. Councilor Townsend seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

City Administrator, John Lloyd, stated he met with MSA Engineer Andrew Inhelder regarding the north side of the downtown sidewalk. Over years the concrete curb has settled, causing varying levels. Lloyd proposed removing the outer narrow section and repairing it to sidewalk level. Lloyd stated he has found little interest in the project. He plans to continue search for additional firms. No action.

City Administrator, John Lloyd, stated the May water usage report accounted for 92% metered sales. He stated that a water loss is expected. No action.

Economic Development Corporation – Mayor Alleger led the discussion on the water and sewer line to the EDC property located at W. Second Street on the proposal for the City of Prairie City sponsoring the Economic Development Corporation project to route water and sanitary sewer to their property located at. No action.

Marshall Street Building - City Administrator, John Lloyd, stated he met with Public Works regarding the building. Additional drywall and concrete need to be removed and should be completed by mid-July. No action.

Strategic Plan - City Administrator, John Lloyd, reviewed the strategic plan projects with Council. Councilor Taylor stated the water line issues on the north side of the City should be revisited. Councilor Townsend requested senior housing be included in the strategic plan. After discussion, the top five items were requested continuing to monitor water loss, Marshall Street building, north side water line issues, storm water issues and senior housing project. No action.

RESOLUTION 06-24-20#2 Annual Transfer IPAIT - After review, Councilor Taylor moved to approve the annual IPAIT transfers for future equipment and projects. Police \$18,000, Ambulance \$15,000, Parks \$3,140, Park Board \$6,000, Cemetery \$2,140, EDC \$45,000, Water \$27,200, Sewer \$34,000. Councilor Mc Donald seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

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RESOLUTION 06-24-20#3: Setting Prairie City Council Workshop for July 8, 2020, located at City Hall 6:00 P.M. setting the regular Prairie City Council Meeting for June 15, 2020, located at City Hall 6:00 P.M.; Councilor Taylor moved to approve. Councilor Lindsay seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

Council Workshop Minutes May 6, 2020; Regular Council Meeting Minutes May 13, 2020; Special Council Meeting Minutes May 22, 2020; Special Council Meeting Minutes May 29, 2020; Special Council Meeting Minutes June 1, 2020; Department Reports: Parks and Recreation Board Meeting April 15, 2020; Parks and Recreation Board Meeting May 20, 2020; Library Board Meeting May 26, 2020; May 2020 Financials; Mayor appointment of Councilor Townsend to Park and Rec, replacing Councilor Lindsay; RESOLUTION 6-24-20#1; Approving Bills and Transfers. Councilor Mc Donald moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilor Lindsay seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Lindsay led a discussion on the recent ball tournaments held at the Rec Complex. Lindsay stated addition cones and parking signs would be required.

With no further business to discuss, Councilor Berger moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 P.M. Councilor Lindsay seconded the motion. On roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

Chad D. Alleger
Mayor

ATTESTED TO:

Cindy Kane
City Clerk