

**CITY OF PRAIRIE CITY
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 9, 2020**

Prior to the start of the September 9, 2020, Prairie City Council meeting, Mayor Alleger presented awards to Cody Wenthe and John Lee for their years of service and leadership roles on the Prairie City Ambulance Service.

The City Council of Prairie City, Jasper County, Iowa, met on September 9, 2020, via ZOOM, at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Alleger called the meeting to order.

Public Comments: Chris Laidig from Prairie City spoke that he would like to see ATVs and UTVs allowed in the city just as golf carts are allowed. Parker Edgington echoed what Chris Laidig said about the use of ATVs and UTVs. These vehicles should be allowed just like golf carts in the city limits. Many other small cities like us allow the responsible use of ATVs and UTVs within the city limits. They would like the council to take a serious look at adding ATVs and UTVs to the approved list of vehicles.

No action was taken.

Roll Call: Roll was called showing members present and absent as follows: Present: Mayor Alleger; Councilors: Townsend, Berger, Lindsay, Mc Donald and Taylor. Also in attendance: City Administrator, John Lloyd; City Clerk, Jodie Wyman; Library Director, Sue Ponder; Interim Police Chief, Mike German; City Water and Sewer Operator, Carl Van Der Kamp; and City Engineer, Andrew Inhelder.

Agenda Approval: It was moved by McDonald and seconded by Townsend to approve the agenda. The motion passed all ayes

Consent Agenda: It was moved by McDonald and seconded by Berger to approve the consent agenda with approval of the updated minutes of August 19, 2020. The motion passed all ayes.

Public Hearings: Mayor Alleger opened the Public Hearing regarding 201 S. Madison St., Prairie City, Iowa. Jenny Dalton spoke in favor of proposed Ordinance 378 allowing storage facilities in the C-1 district by conditional use permit approved by Board Adjustment. There were no more comments regarding proposed Ordinance 378. Mayor Alleger the closed the public hearing.

It was moved by McDonald and seconded by Townsend to approve Ordinance 378 allowing storage facilities in the C-1 district as approved by the Board of Adjustment. Ordinance 378 was approved all ayes.

It was moved by Lindsay and seconded by Berger to approve Resolution 9-9-20-2 waving the second and third readings of an Ordinance. Resolution 9-9-20-2 passed all ayes.

Mayor Alleger opened the public hearing regarding the plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for the proposed Water Main and Sanitary Sewer Extension 2020 Project. There were no spoken or written comments, for or against, the public improvement project. Mayor Alleger closed the public hearing.

It was moved by McDonald and seconded by Berger to approve Resolution 9-9-20-3 approving and confirming plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimate of cost for the Water Main and Sanitary Sewer Extension 2020 Project. Resolution 9-9-20-3 was approved all ayes.

It was moved to approve Resolution 9-9-20-4 awarding contract to J&K Construction in the amount of \$143,143 for the Water Main and Sanitary Sewer Extension 2020 Project by Taylor. It was seconded by Lindsay and passed all ayes.

Old Business: The former clothing closet building was discussed to see if there was any interest in demolition. Staff was directed to check and see if the fire department wanted to use the building as a controlled burn. Staff stated that they would look into prices for demolition.

It was moved by McDonald to have Sheilah Lizer conduct inspections for the City of Prairie City. The motion was seconded by Townsend. The motion was passed with Townsend, Berger, and McDonald voting for and Taylor and Lindsay voting against.

City Engineer, Andrew Inhelder, presented Council with different designs for Marshall Street and Jefferson Street intersection. After discussion regarding truck traffic, appearance, centerlines, storm sewer, bump outs, and handicap accessibility ramps, Council directed Mr. Inhelder to come back and present a new design for Marshall Street. Council also asked about a Wellmark grant. No action was taken.

Taylor moved to approve Resolution 9-9-20-5 setting the next Prairie City Council meeting for October 14, 2020, at the Community Building at 6:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Lindsay. The Resolution passed all ayes.

McDonald moved to approve Resolution 9-9-20-6 setting a public hearing for October 14, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. on changing the language for the dates and times to shoot off fireworks and changing the fines associated with discharging fireworks outside those dates and times. The motion was seconded by Taylor and approved all ayes.

There was discussion on ambulance on-call pay. No action was taken, and the topic was tabled to the October 14, 2020, meeting to allow more time to review the costs and potential cost savings.

Berger moved to approve the street closure for the Annual Fire Department Car Show on September 27, 2020, and was seconded by Taylor. The motion passed all ayes.

Berger moved to approve Officer Ryan Downing for conditional part-time hire for the Prairie City Police Department and was seconded by McDonald. The motion passed all ayes.

There was a brief discussion on the use of speed cameras. Interim Police Chief Mike German said representatives will be here for the October 14, 2020, meeting. No action was taken

There was discussion of UTVs, ATVs, and other off-road vehicles being used on city streets. Discussion included the speed that these vehicles can attain in a short distance and how they are different than golf carts. Council felt that the Ordinance was sufficient the way it is, and no action was taken to amend the current Ordinance.

Sewer Plant Operator, Carl Van Der Kamp, presented to Council the need for replacement pumps at the sewer plant. Taylor moved to purchase two aspirator sewer pumps and one feed pump at the sewer plant. The motion was seconded by Berger and passed all ayes the approximate cost is \$37,000.

Mayor Alleger stated on behalf of Economic Development Corporation there will be a contract for repayment to the city for the water and sanitary sewer extensions. Mayor Alleger felt that \$100,000 could come back to the City immediately and the rest would be paid off by additional land sales. No action was taken.

Bike night was discussed. It was decided that there would not be a September bike night. When bike night was originally discussed, September was an optional date based on harvest. Also, there has been a decline in volunteers to help make the event successful.

McDonald moved to approve Nancy Earls at a rate of \$50.00 per hour to assist in training the new City Clerk, Jodie Wyman, and seconded by Townsend. The motion passed all ayes.

Taylor moved to set Beggar's Night for October 31, 2020, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by McDonald and passed all ayes. The City is encouraging those who choose not to participate to leave their porch light off.

Taylor moved to adjourn the Council meeting and seconded by Berger. The motion passed all ayes. The September 9, 2020, Prairie City Council meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Chad D. Alleger
Mayor

ATTESTED TO:

John Lloyd
City Administrator