

**CITY OF PRAIRIE CITY  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
AUGUST 11, 2021**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The City Council of Prairie City, Jasper County, Iowa, met on August 11, 2021, in regular session at the Prairie City Council Chambers at City Hall and via Zoom. At 6:01 p.m. Mayor Alleger called the meeting to order, and all joined in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Roll was called, showing members present and absent as follows: Present: Mayor Alleger; Councilors: Townsend, McDonald, Taylor, and Lindsay joined shortly after roll call. Absent: Councilors: Berger. Also in attendance: Interim City Administrator and City Clerk, Jodie Wyman; Police Chief, Mike German; Water/Sewer Superintendent, Carl Van Der Kamp; Library Director, Sue Ponder; EMS Director, Amy Davis; and City Engineer, Andrew Inhelder.

AGENDA APPROVAL: McDonald moved to approve the agenda and was seconded by Townsend. The motion passed all ayes.

CONSENT AGENDA: Townsend moved to approve the consent agenda and was seconded by Taylor. The motion passed all ayes.

Council Meeting Minutes from July 27, 2021:

Planning & Zoning Commission Minutes from February 9, 2021:

Planning & Zoning Commission Minutes from May 26, 2021:

July Financials:

Resolution 8-11-21-1 Approving Bills and Transfers:

Building Permit Report:

Liquor Permit Renewal for K and A, Inc dba Prairie City Foods:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion and possible action to allow UTVs permitting within the city limits: Police Chief German inquired with surrounding communities that allow UTVs to operate within their city limits and found that they are currently having problems with registration of UTVs, under aged drivers, and off-roading on trails and citizens' yards. There is a recent newspaper article regarding the City of Monroe outlining these issues in detail. McDonald moved to schedule a public hearing for the next Council Meeting, September 8, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. to further discuss adding an ordinance to allow UTVs within the city limits and was seconded by Lindsay. The motion passed all ayes.

Public Hearing on the properties to be re-zoned from C-1 to C-2 per recommendation from Planning & Zoning: Townsend moved to open the Public Hearing on the properties to be re-zoned from C-1 to C-2 per recommendation from Planning & Zoning. McDonald seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion passed all ayes. The Public Hearing opened at 6:14 p.m.

Tonya Gillespie, property owner of 305 W Jefferson for the last twenty-two years, addressed Planning &

Zoning representative Steve Williams regarding why there has never been a request to have this property re-zoned prior. Mr. Williams explained that the goal of the re-zoning from C-1 areas in town that only had residential properties in them to C-2 was to eliminate the need for special meetings to do exception letters. These meetings are required upon the sale of a residence zoned C-1 due to changes in insurance and loan requirements. In the event that a home zoned C-1 experiences more than 50% damage, the property is not able to be re-built as a residential property without special permission.

A letter was received at City Hall from Gary & Jane Johnson, 105 N Monroe. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson addressed Council to express support for the change in zoning from C-1 to C-2.

Taylor motioned to close the Public Hearing. Townsend seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion passed all ayes. The Public Hearing closed at 6:20 p.m.

Ordinance 386 Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Prairie City, Iowa by amending provisions pertaining to rezoning of C-1 properties to C-2: McDonald moved to approve Ordinance 386 amending provisions pertaining to rezoning of C-1 properties to C-2. Taylor seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion passed all ayes.

Resolution 8-11-21-5 waiving the second and third readings of Ordinance 386: McDonald moved to approve Resolution 8-11-21-5, waiving the second and third readings of Ordinance 386, and was seconded by Taylor. The motion passed all ayes.

MSA and Public Works update and possible action on lift station: Carl Van Der Kamp, Water/Sewer Superintendent, provided Council with an update on the lift station. Public Works inspected the lift station on Wednesday morning; as the alarms have been becoming more frequent, which indicates that the pumps are again slowing down. The televising of the lines was supposed to be completed last week; however, the company did not show up or contact us to reschedule. If they can't complete this by Friday, it will be scheduled with a different company. Also at this time, the pumps will need pulled, inspected, and possibly rebuilt again. No action by Council at this time.

MSA and Public Works update and possible action on cemetery expansion/development: Andrew Inhelder, MSA Engineer, updated Council on the progress of the cemetery expansion project. The surveyors are done, maps have been completed, and delivered to City Hall on Tuesday, August 8. MSA is creating larger maps for City Hall sales and recording purposes. The surveyors will be staking the plots in the next few weeks. Rules will need to be drafted for the cremation plots to be reviewed and approved at the next Council Meeting, along with setting the price of these plots. No action was taken by Council.

MSA and Public Works update and possible action on State Street sidewalk: A letter of support was received from PCM Schools for the installation of the new sidewalk on the west side of State Street. Andrew and Carl will be scheduling meetings with the two property owners on the west side of State Street. No action was taken by Council at this time.

Councilor Taylor asked for an update on the east portion of the broken-up sidewalk on State Street. Interim Administrator Wyman advised that a certified letter had been sent to the owners of the property giving them until the 16th of August to have it repaired. If it is not completed or communication has not been received about the schedule for having it repaired, the City will schedule the repairs and assess the property owners with the charges according to the Ordinance. No action was taken by Council at this time.

Approval of installing fixed speed camera poles by school: McDonald addressed Chief German with regard to the planning of having fixed poles by the school for speed cameras. Chief German assured that the plan has always been to have fixed speed cameras around the school, as well as out on Highway 163. The preference is to have an officer patrol and pull over violators in the school zones. Chief German

explained that having the fixed camera poles would not deter normal police patrols around the school. Taylor moved to approve the installation of fixed speed camera poles by the school and was seconded by Townsend. The motion failed with two votes in support from Councilors Taylor and Townsend and two votes opposed from Councilors McDonald and Lindsay. Council would like to table this and have it added to the September 8, 2021, Council Meeting to allow time for further discussion. In addition, Council requests that Chief German request Blue Line Solutions place the digital speed signs on both sides of the street if approved. No action was taken by Council.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 8-11-21-2 Setting the Time and Dates for Future Council Meetings: McDonald moved to approve Resolution 8-11-21-2 setting the time and date for the next regular Prairie City Council Meeting for September 8, 2021, at City Hall and via Zoom at 6:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Townsend. The motion passed all ayes.

Discussion and possible action on EMS proposal to increase pay per call and training/meeting stipend pay: Taylor moved to approve the increase of pay per call for EMS personnel from \$20.00 per call up to \$30.00 per call for drivers and when a second attendant is needed, and \$40.00 per call for the first attendant. The motion was seconded by Lindsay. The motion passed all ayes.

Discussion and possible action to add ball diamond vendor fee of \$150 to the fee schedule: The Park Board requested that Council table this discussion and action until a recommended fee amount can be reached by the Park Board. No action taken by Council.

Resolution 8-11-21-3 approving the Streets Finance Report: McDonald moved to approve Resolution 8-11-21-3 approving the Streets Finance Report. The motion was seconded by Taylor. The motion passed all ayes.

Resolution 8-11-21-6 approving the promotion of Interim City Administrator/City Clerk Jodie Wyman to City Administrator/City Clerk: McDonald moved to approve Resolution 8-11-21-6 approving the promotion of Interim City Administrator/City Clerk, Jodie Wyman, to City Administrator/City Clerk and was seconded by Taylor. The motion passed all ayes.

Resolution 8-11-22-4 approving a wage increase for Jake Nolin from \$22.06/hr to \$25.00/hr, to include Grade I Water Treatment and Distribution Certification pay increases.: McDonald moved to approve Resolution 8-11-21-4 to increase the hourly wage of Jake Nolin from \$22.06 per hour to \$25.00 per hour, to include Grade I Water Treatment and Distribution Certification pay increases. The motion was seconded by Lindsay. The motion passed all ayes.

Marshall Street Project Change Order No. 1 \$7,106.00: Taylor moved to approve Marshall Street Project Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$7,106.00 and was seconded by Townsend. The motion passed all ayes.

Approval of Pay Order #1 from MB Construction, LLC for stored materials for the Phase 1 Water System Improvement Project in the amount of \$171,793.25: McDonald moved to approve Pay Order No. 1 from MB Construction, LLC for stored materials for the Phase 1 Water System Improvement Project in the amount of \$171,793.25 and was seconded by Townsend. The motion passed all ayes.

Approval of RACOM Invoice for three (3) radios for EMS in the amount of \$9,663.10 to be paid from IPAIT - Ambulance.: McDonald moved to approve the payment of the Racom Invoice for three (3) radios for EMS in the amount of \$9,663.10 from IPAIT - Ambulance account and was seconded by Taylor. The motion was approved all ayes.

Speed Camera Revenue Planning: Council requests that the Speed Camera Revenue Planning be tabled until budget planning time. The ultimate goal of the speed cameras is to reduce the number of speeders and tickets in Prairie City. No action was taken by Council.

ADJOURNMENT: Taylor moved to adjourn the Council meeting and was seconded by Lindsay. The motion passed all ayes. The August 11, 2021, Prairie City Council Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

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**Chad D. Alleger, Mayor**

**ATTESTED TO:**

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**Jodie Wyman, City Clerk**