

**CITY OF PRAIRIE CITY
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
OCTOBER 26, 2021**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The City Council of Prairie City, Jasper County, Iowa, met on October 26, 2021, in special session at the Prairie City Council Chambers at City Hall and via Zoom. At 6:02 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, Berger, Lindsay, McDonald, and Taylor. Also in attendance: City Administrator and City Clerk, Jodie Wyman; Police Chief, Mike German; Water/Sewer Superintendent, Carl Van Der Kamp; and Library Director, Sue Ponder.

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

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

Council Meeting Minutes from September 22, 2021:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

OLD BUSINESS:

Lift station televising review and discussion with Royal Suds Car Wash owner: McDonald moved for City Administrator, Jodie Wyman, to call the owner of Landwehr Properties, LLC to set up an appointment on October 27, 2021. At this time, Administrator Wyman will provide a letter to the business owner regarding the expenses incurred by the City thus far, a plan and timeline for repairs, and the recourse the City will take if not corrected within the timeline. To accompany the letter, Administrator Wyman will provide a copy of the televising of the lines on a flash drive, a detailed list of expenses, and a copy of the Ordinance. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed all ayes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approval to donate the signs to identify plants previously in Entry-Way Park to the Friends of Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge: Taylor moved to approve the donation of the signs to identify plants previously in Entry-Way Park to the Friends of Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge and was seconded by Lindsay. The motion passed all ayes.

Discussion and possible action on employee contribution percentage to city health insurance plans: Taylor moved to increase the employee contribution percentage to the City health insurance plan to thirty-five percent (35%) from the current rates (between twenty-three percent (23%) and twenty-six percent (26%) despite the Employee Handbook stating a fifty percent (50%) contribution rate) and was seconded by Townsend. The motion failed with the following votes: McDonald - No; Lindsay - No; Townsend - Yes; Berger - No; and Taylor - Y.

McDonald moved to increase the employee contribution percentage to the City health insurance plan to thirty percent (30%) from the current rates (between twenty-three percent (23%) and twenty-six percent (26%) despite the Employee Handbook stating a fifty percent (50%) contribution rate) and was seconded by Berger. The motion passed all ayes.

Update regarding future water supply - Iowa Regional Utilities Association communication: City Administrator, Jodie Wyman, provided an update to Council after receiving a quote from Iowa Regional Utilities Association in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 to connect Prairie City to Rural Water Services. No action was taken by Council.

CLOSED SESSION:

Closed session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5 regarding real estate purchase: Berger motioned to enter into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5 regarding real estate purchase and was seconded by Lindsay. The motion passed with the following vote: Berger - Y; Townsend - Y; Taylor - Y; Lindsay - Y; McDonald - Y. Council entered into closed session at 7:32 p.m.

Possible Action from Closed Session: Taylor motioned to go back into open session and was seconded by McDonald. The motion passed with the following vote: McDonald - Y; Taylor - Y; Berger - Y; Lindsay - Y; Townsend - Y. Council entered into open session at 7:43 p.m. No action was taken by Council from the closed session.

ADJOURNMENT: McDonald moved to adjourn the Council meeting and was seconded by Berger. The October 26, 2021, Prairie City Council Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Chad D. Alleger, Mayor

ATTESTED TO:

Jodie Wyman, City Clerk