

**CITY OF PRAIRIE CITY
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
DECEMBER 8, 2021**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The City Council of Prairie City, Jasper County, Iowa, met on December 8, 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, 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; Library Director, Sue Ponder; and City Engineer, Andrew Inhelder.

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

CONSENT AGENDA: Council requested that Item 4k be removed from the Consent Agenda for clarification or revisions. The agreement indicates that the road construction is to take place on Highway 117 north to Colfax instead of, as indicated in the picture, from State Street east to Highway 163. Taylor moved to approve the consent agenda and was seconded by Berger. The motion passed all ayes.

Council Meeting Minutes from November 10, 2021:

Council Workshop Minutes from December 1, 2021:

Library Board Meeting Minutes from October 21, 2021:

Park Board Meeting Minutes from October 20, 2021:

Planning and Zoning Minutes from June 15, 2021:

November Financials:

Resolution 12-8-21-1 Approving Bills and Transfers:

Building Permit Report:

Dollar General Store #22092 Liquor License Renewal:

Disposal of partial ice rink to the City of Colfax:

Iowa DOT Agreement Number 2022-16-048:

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comments.

PRESENTATIONS:

MidAmerican presentation of \$10,000.00 donation toward the new Library Building: Bryon Johannes, MidAmerican employee, presented grant recipient, Sue Ponder, with a check in the amount of \$10,000.00 to be utilized for the new library building project. No action was taken by Council.

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of City Website Fall Photography Contest: McDonald moved to approve the City website fall photography

contest and was seconded by Townsend. The motion passed all ayes.

Discussion and possible action to approve a three-year sewer maintenance contract with CIT Sewer Solutions: McDonald motioned to table the approval of the three-year contract received from CIT Sewer Solutions and was seconded by Lindsay until two additional quotes can be obtained for review. The motion passed all ayes.

Update from MSA on Capital Projects: Andrew Inhelder from MSA recommended not upsizing the two pumps at the lift station. The current average flow is six gallons per minute, while the pumps are regulated for a flow of thirteen gallons per minute. With the planned growth and development in the area, the recommendation to upsize pumps would not happen until flows reached ten gallons per minute. Council would like to have the recommendation letter from MSA provided in the January meeting packet for review with the owner of Royal Suds Car Wash. No action was taken by Council.

Discussion and possible action from discussion with Matthew Mahler from Iowa Regional Utilities Association : Matt Mahler from Iowa Regional Utilities Association was present at the Council Meeting to answer the Council's questions after receiving the proposal for \$2,000,000.00 to convert to rural water services. No action was taken by Council.

Discussion and possible action to install sidewalks along the Pella Regional Medical Clinic: Council received communication confirming that Pella Regional Medical Clinic would be willing to construct a sidewalk along the old railroad bed connecting to the building after the completion of the Red Rock Prairie Trail. No action was taken by Council.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 12-08-21-2 Setting the Time and Dates for Future Council Meetings: Townsend moved to approve Resolution 12-8-21-2 setting the time and date for the next regular Council Meeting on January 12, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall and via Zoom. McDonald seconded the motion. The motion passed all ayes.

Approval of the 2020-2021 Audit Report: Council requested to move the approval of the 2020-2021 Audit Report to the January Council Meeting Agenda. No action was taken by Council.

Discussion and possible action to approve an Amendment to the Contract for Municipal Trash and Yard Waste Collection from Waste Management of Iowa: Ammon Taylor from Waste Management was present at the Council Meeting to answer the Council's questions regarding the Amendment to the Contract for Municipal Trash and Yard Waste Collection. Council requested staff obtain comparable quotes for trash and yard waste services from at least two other providers. No action was taken by Council.

Review and approval of recommendation from Planning & Zoning to approve Sacred Willows Site Plans: McDonald moved to approve the Sacred Willow Farms Site Plan upon recommendation from Planning and Zoning. Lindsay seconded the motion. The motion passed all ayes. Council requested that when notification of the approval is made, Administrator Wyman request that they install sidewalks along Poplar Street.

Resolution 12-08-21-5 Setting a Public Hearing for 2021-2022 Budget Amendment: Taylor moved to approve Resolution 12-8-21-5 setting a Public Hearing for 2021-2022 Budget Amendment on January 12, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall and via Zoom. Townsend seconded the motion.

Public Hearing on Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Prairie City, Iowa, by adding provisions pertaining to the Use of Public Sewers: Lindsay moved to open the Public Hearing on amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Prairie City, Iowa, by adding provisions pertaining to the Use of Public Sewers. Townsend seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion passed all ayes. The Public Hearing opened at 8:03 p.m.

No residents were present and no communications were received.

Lindsay motioned to close the Public Hearing and was seconded by Taylor. The motion passed all ayes. The Public Hearing closed at 8:03 p.m.

Ordinance 388 Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Prairie City, Iowa, by adding provisions pertaining to the Use of Public Sewers:

Taylor moved to approve Ordinance 388 Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Prairie City, Iowa, by adding provisions pertaining to the Use of Public Sewers. Councilor McDonald seconded the motion. The motion passed all ayes.

Resolution 12-08-21-4 waiving the second and third readings of Ordinance 388: McDonald moved to approve Resolution 12-8-21-4, waiving the second and third readings of Ordinance 388, and was seconded by Berger. The motion passed all ayes.

Review and approval of the Special Event Permit Application Form: McDonald moved to approve the Special Event Permit Application Form and was seconded by Taylor. The motion passed all ayes.

Discussion and possible action on future catalyst grants: Scott DeVries addressed Council regarding the possibility of adding the review and approval of a Catalyst Grant application with a City match and the review and approval of a Downtown Housing Grant application with a City match at the January 12, 2022, Regular Council Meeting Agenda. No action was taken by Council.

Verbal Oath of Office or signature of the official Oath of Office for newly elected officials: Mayor Imerman was sworn in for a two-year term for 2022-2024. Councilors Dianne Taylor, Chad Alleger, and Emily Simmons were sworn in for a four-year term for 2022-2026.

CLOSED SESSION:

Closed session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5 regarding real estate purchase: Taylor moved to enter into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5 regarding a real estate purchase, and Lindsay seconded the motion. The motion passed all ayes. The Prairie City Council moved into closed session at 8:38 p.m.

Possible Action from Closed Session: Mayor Alleger brought the Council back into the open meeting at 9:01 p.m, with all ayes by roll call vote. No action was taken from closed session.

ADJOURNMENT: Berger moved to adjourn the Council meeting and was seconded by Lindsay. The motion passed all ayes. The December 8, 2021, Prairie City Council Meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Chad D. Alleger, Mayor

ATTESTED TO:

Jodie Wyman, City Clerk