

**CITY OF PRAIRIE CITY
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
JANUARY 12, 2022**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The City Council of Prairie City, Jasper County, Iowa, met on January 12, 2022, in regular session at the Prairie City Council Chambers at City Hall and via Zoom. At 6:01 p.m. Mayor Imerman 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 Imerman; Councilors: Townsend, Simmons, Alleger, McDonald, and Taylor. Also in attendance: City Administrator and City Clerk, Jodie Wyman; Police Officer, Kevin Gott; Water/Sewer Superintendent, Carl Van Der Kamp; Library Director, Sue Ponder; and City Engineer, Andrew Inhelder.

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

MAYOR'S STATEMENT: Mayor Imerman informed Council of his wish list during his term, which includes: updating the comprehensive plan, installing sidewalks, improving infrastructure, and addressing public nuisances.

CONSENT AGENDA: Council requested that Item J - Tax abatement application for 403 S. Haley Lane be removed from the consent agenda due to the property's ineligibility since it is in an active TIF district. Additionally, Councilor Taylor requested that Item I - Dueling Pianos Contract for Prairie Days 2022 be pulled to New Business for further discussion. Taylor moved to approve the consent agenda and was seconded by Alleger. The motion passed all ayes.

Council Meeting Minutes from December 8, 2021:

Special Council Meeting Minutes from December 21, 2021:

Library Board Meeting Minutes from November 16, 2021:

Park Board Meeting Minutes from November 17, 2021:

December Financials:

Resolution 1-12-22-1 Approving Bills and Transfers:

Building Permit Report:

Casey's General Store #2237 Liquor License Renewal:

Dueling Pianos Contract for Prairie Days 2022:

Tax abatement application for 403 S Haley Lane new construction:

Tax abatement application for 500 S. Main St.:

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comments.

OLD BUSINESS:

MSA project update: Andrew Inhelder from MSA provided an update regarding the status of current

capital projects.

Discussion and possible action from MSA recommendation on lift station pumps: McDonald moved to have Administrator Wyman contact Travis Landwehr, owner of Royal Suds Car Wash, to request a proposal to correct the issues allowing sand to enter the sewer system. The documentation is to be delivered to Administrator Wyman no later than 4:30 p.m., January 26, 2022, to be included in the February 2, 2022, Council Packet. The proposal will be on the agenda for presentation to Council. If not received, the city ordinance will be enforced immediately. The motion was seconded by Taylor. The motion passed all ayes.

Approval of new contract with Waste Management for garbage and yard waste services: McDonald moved to approve a five-year contract with Waste Management for garbage and yard waste services and two curbside clean-up dates. The motion was seconded by Alleger. The motion passed all ayes.

Discussion and possible action regarding rural water: Administrator Wyman advised Council that further discussion will take place at the Budget Workshop scheduled for January 26, 2022, where Matt Stoffel from PFM will provide cash flows reflecting the financial impact that switching to rural water will have on water rates. In addition, estimates should be received from MSA on the projected costs for decommissioning the wells, water lines from Colfax to Prairie City, and the treatment facility, which will help gain an understanding of the actual cost of switching. No action was taken by Council.

Update from Sue Ponder on Library fundraising efforts: Library Director, Sue Ponder, advised Council that the new library fundraising efforts have just exceeded \$180,000.00. The initial cost estimate of the project was \$638,000.00 and an updated projection should be received next week. Director Ponder is preparing two additional large grant applications that will hopefully close out the fundraising process to allow for construction to begin.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 1-12-22-2 Setting the Time and Dates for Future Council Meetings: Taylor moved to approve Resolution 1-12-22-02 setting the time and dates for future Council Meeting on February 2, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall and via Zoom. Townsend seconded the motion. The motion passed all ayes.

Resolution 1-12-22-3 Setting MAX Levy Public Hearing: McDonald moved to approve Resolution 1-12-22-3 setting the MAX Levy Public Hearing on February 2, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall and via Zoom. Alleger seconded the motion. The motion passed all ayes.

Approval of the 2020-2021 Audit Report: Alleger moved to approve the 2020-2021 Audit Report and was seconded by Taylor. The motion passed all ayes.

Public Hearing for 2021-2022 Budget Amendment: Alleger moved to open the Public Hearing on the 2021-2022 Budget Amendment. Townsend seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion passed all ayes. The Public Hearing opened at 7:03 p.m.

No residents were present, and no communications were received.

Alleger motioned to close the Public Hearing and was seconded by Townsend. The motion passed all ayes. The Public Hearing closed at 7:04 p.m.

Resolution 1-12-22-4 approving the 2021-2022 Budget Amendment: Alleger motioned Resolution 1-12-22-4 approving the 2021-2022 Budget Amendment and was seconded by McDonald. The motion passed all ayes.

Approval of Quote AMS-03995 from Bobcat to purchase a new Toolcat for \$47,031.80, to be transferred from IPAIT Equipment Revolving: Taylor moved to approve Quote AMS-03995 from Bobcat to purchase a new Toolcat for \$47,031.80 and was seconded by McDonald. The motion passed all ayes.

Discussion and possible action to challenge the 2020 Census : Alleger moved to challenge the 2020 Census and was seconded by Townsend. The motion passed all ayes.

Discussion and possible action for Upper Story Housing Grant submission to IEDA: Alleger moved to approve the submission of the application for the Upper Story Housing Grant to IEDA with city matching funds, including a two-year extension on the previously approved tax abatement and a one-time \$10,000 facade grant. The motion was seconded by Simmons. The motion passed all ayes.

Dueling Pianos Contract for Prairie Days 2022: Councilor Taylor pulled the contract from the consent agenda to ensure Council was aware of the full payment requirement if the event were to be cancelled for any reason. Taylor moved to approve the Dueling Pianos Contract for Prairie Days 2022 and was seconded by Alleger. The motion passed all ayes.

CLOSED SESSION:

Closed session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5 (g) Law Enforcement Matters: Alleger moved to enter into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5 regarding law enforcement matters and was seconded by Taylor. The motion passed all ayes. The Prairie City Council moved into closed session at 7:36 p.m.

Possible Action from Closed Session: Mayor Imerman brought the Council back into the open meeting at 8:04 p.m., with all ayes by roll call vote.

Taylor moved to appoint Matthew Davenport Acting Police Chief, effective January 12, 2022, until further notice and was seconded by Alleger. The motion passed all ayes.

ADJOURNMENT: McDonald moved to adjourn the Council meeting and was seconded by Alleger. The motion passed all ayes. The January 12, 2022, Prairie City Council Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Eric Imerman, Mayor

ATTESTED TO:

Jodie Wyman, City Clerk