

**CITY OF PRAIRIE CITY
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
FEBRUARY 2, 2022**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The City Council of Prairie City, Jasper County, Iowa, met on February 2, 2022, in regular session at the Prairie City Council Chambers at City Hall and via Zoom. At 6:00 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, Alleger, Simmons, McDonald, and Taylor. Also in attendance: City Administrator and City Clerk, Jodie Wyman; Water/Sewer Superintendent, Carl Van Der Kamp; Library Director, Sue Ponder; City Attorney, Matt Brick; City Financial Advisor, Matt Stoffel; and City Engineer, Andrew Inhelder.

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

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

Council Meeting Minutes from January 12, 2022:

Council Meeting Minutes from January 19, 2022:

Council Meeting Minutes from January 26, 2022:

Library Board Meeting Minutes from January 18, 2022:

Resolution Approving Bills and Transfers:

Building Permit Report:

Council Committee Appointments:

Class C Liquor License for EWB, LLC DBA Whiskey Barrel Pub & Eatery:

PUBLIC COMMENT: No comments from the public.

OLD BUSINESS:

Selection of Winter Photography Contest Winners: Alleger moved to approve Matt Tipton, in the mural category, and Linda Frazier, in the scenic category, as winners of the Photography Contest and was seconded by McDonald. The motion passed all ayes.

Proposal to keep sand from entering the sewer system by Travis Landwehr, owner of Royal Suds Car Wash: McDonald moved to direct public works to schedule pulling the pumps in the lift station, vacuum sand out, and perform any repairs or replacements necessary. A formal invitation will be provided to Travis Landwehr, Royal Suds Car Wash owner, as the cost of pulling the pumps and vacuuming the sand out will be a shared expense with Travis Landwehr, owner of the Royal Suds Car Wash. Once completed, copies of any reports, pictures, and invoices will be provided to Travis and Council in preparation for the March meeting discussion. Alleger seconded the motion. The motion passed all ayes.

Update on Red Rock Prairie Trail : Administrator Wyman provided Council with the current update on the

construction schedule. The tentative start date for construction is April 4, 2022. Prior to construction, winter dates will be used to move the fire hydrant and light pole in Garden Square, as well as remove any trees necessary. No action was taken by Council.

Discussion regarding rural water or digging a new well in Colfax: No action was taken by Council.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 2-2-22-2 Setting the Time and Dates for Future Council Meetings: Taylor moved to approve Resolution 2-2-22-2 setting the time and date for the next regular Council Meeting on March 9, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall and via Zoom. Alleger seconded the motion. The motion passed all ayes.

Public Hearing for Proposed Max Levy 2022-2023 Cancelled: Public Hearing was canceled due to publication timing. No action was taken by Council.

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

Resolution 2-2-22-4 Setting a Public Hearing for the 2022-2023 Budget: Alleger moved to approve Resolution 2-2-22-4 setting a Public Hearing for the 2022-2023 Budget on March 9, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall and via Zoom. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed all ayes.

Review and discussion on 2022-23 Budget: Council requested a final budget workshop to review the proposed 2022-2023 budget line-by-line. No action was taken by Council.

Approval of Pay Application #6 for \$77,322.07 from MB Construction: Alleger moved to approve Pay Application #6 for \$77,322.07 from MB Construction and was seconded by McDonald. The motion passed all ayes.

Approval of Pay Application #7 for \$47,083.00 from MB Construction: Alleger moved to approve Pay Application #7 for \$47,083.00 from MB Construction and was seconded by Taylor. The motion passed all ayes.

Approval of Matthew Davenport to Interim Police Chief, a part-time benefit earning position. The wage rate will be set at \$30.50/hr, retroactive to January 1, 2022: Alleger moved to approve Matthew Davenport to Interim Police Chief, a part-time benefit earning position. The wage rate will be set at \$30.50/hr, retroactive to January 1, 2022. McDonald seconded the motion. The motion passed all ayes.

Approval of promoting part-time officer, Kevin Gott to a full-time officer for the Prairie City Police Department at \$26.78/hr: McDonald moved to promote part-time officer, Kevin Gott, to a full-time officer for the Prairie City Police Department at \$26.78/hr and was seconded by Simmons. The motion passed all ayes.

CLOSED SESSION: Closed Session was removed from the agenda. No action was taken by Council.

Closed session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5 regarding real estate purchase:

Possible Action from Closed Session:

ADJOURNMENT: Alleger moved to adjourn the Council meeting and was seconded by McDonald. The motion passed all ayes. The February 2, 2022, Prairie City Council Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Eric Imerman, Mayor

ATTESTED TO:

Jodie Wyman, City Clerk