

**CITY OF PRAIRIE CITY
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 11, 2022**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The City Council of Prairie City, Jasper County, Iowa, met on May 11, 2022, in regular session at the Prairie City Council Chambers at City Hall and via Zoom. At 6:32 p.m. Mayor Imerman called the meeting to order, and all joined in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS:

Verbal Oath of Office or signature of the official Oath of Office for newly appointed Council Members: Councilors Derek Ingle and Chris Laidig were sworn in for the remainder of the term ending December 31, 2023.

MidAmerican Trees Please Grant Award presentation : The City was presented with a check for \$1,500.00 from the MidAmerican Trees Please Grant.

ROLL CALL: Roll was called showing members present and absent as follows: Present: Mayor Imerman; Councilors: Townsend, Simmons, Taylor, Ingle, and Laidig. Also in attendance: City Administrator and City Clerk, Jodie Wyman; Interim Police Chief, Matthew Davenport; 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 Laidig. The motion passed all ayes.

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

Council Meeting Minutes from April 28, 2022:

Economic Development Committee Minutes from March 23, 2022:

April Financials:

Resolution 5-11-22-1 Approving Bills and Transfers:

Approval of Tobacco Permit Renewal for Dollar General:

Approval of Tobacco Permit Renewal for K and A Inc/Prairie City Foods:

Building Permit Report:

2022 Council & Committee Appointments:

PUBLIC COMMENT: Dale Strum, resident of 105 S. State Street, addressed Council regarding the water runoff between City Hall and his property. Additionally, there is a concern that there is not an outlet for water on the south side of his property along the bike trail, resulting in flooding when there is a lot of rain.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion and possible action to approve the MSA proposal to update the Comprehensive Plan \$18,000: Taylor moved to approve the MSA proposal to update the comprehensive plan for \$18,000.00 and was seconded by Ingle. The motion passed all ayes.

Update from Library Director, Sue Ponder, regarding the library project: Sue Ponder, Library Director, provided Council with a current update on the new library building project. The current fundraising is just short of \$300,000.00. The estimated cost of the project has increased to \$865,500.00. However, the wish is to break the project up into three phases with the estimated cost of phase 1, the addition to the building, \$92,400.00. No action was taken by Council.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 5-11-22-2 Setting the Time and Dates for Future Council Meetings: Townsend moved to approve Resolution 5-11-22-2 setting the time and dates for a future Council meeting on June 1, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at City hall and via Zoom. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed all ayes.

Approval of the Celebration Committee Prairie Days Special Event Permit Application: Townsend moved to approve the Celebration Committee's Prairie Days Special Event Permit Application and was seconded by Laidig. The motion passed all ayes.

Public Hearing for 2021-2022 Budget Amendment #2: Simmons moved to open the Public Hearing for the Budget Amendment #2 and was seconded by Townsend. On a roll call vote, the motion passed all ayes. The Public Hearing opened at 7:14 p.m.

No one from the public was present, nor were any written communications received.

Taylor motioned to close the Public Hearing and was seconded by Townsend. The motion passed all ayes. The Public Hearing closed at 7:15 p.m.

Resolution 5-11-22-4 approving the City's Proposed Amendment #2 of the 2021-2022 Budget: Laidig moved to approve Resolution 5-11-22-4 approving the City's proposed Amendment #2 of the 2021-2022 Budget and was seconded by Townsend. The motion passed all ayes by roll call vote.

Approval of the second reading of Ordinance 390 to increase water rates: Taylor moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance 390 to increase water rates. Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed all ayes by roll call vote.

Possible action approving Resolution 5-11-22-5 waiving 3rd readings of Ordinance 390: Resolution 5-11-22-5 waiving the third reading of Ordinance 390 failed without motion; therefore, the third reading of Ordinance 390 will be scheduled for the June 1, 2022, meeting.

Approval of the second reading of Ordinance 391 to increase sewer rates: Taylor moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance 391 to increase water rates. Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed all ayes by roll call vote.

Possible action approving Resolution 5-11-22-6 waiving 3rd readings of Ordinance 391: Resolution 5-11-22-6 waiving the third reading of Ordinance 391 failed without motion; therefore, the third reading of Ordinance 391 will be scheduled for the June 1, 2022, meeting.

Approval of the first reading of Ordinance 389 Sidewalks: No action was taken by Council. This discussion will be brought back to the June 1, 2022, meeting after Council makes revision requests of Administrator Wyman.

Possible action approving Resolution 5-11-22-9 waiving 2nd and 3rd readings of Ordinance 389: No action was taken by Council.

Public Hearing on Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Prairie City, Iowa, by adding provisions pertaining to Automated Traffic Enforcement: Taylor moved to open the Public Hearing on Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Prairie City, Iowa, by adding provisions pertaining to Automated Traffic Enforcement. Townsend seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion passed all ayes. The Public Hearing opened at 7:53

p.m.

Scott DeVries, owner of Mound Prairie Ventures, spoke to Council about his agreement to change the Automated Traffic Enforcement Code by removing the fee schedule. By including the fees in the Fee Schedule, it will allow the fees to be adjusted more easily and at a lower expense to the City.

Laidig motioned to close the Public Hearing and was seconded by Townsend. The motion passed all ayes. The Public Hearing closed at 7:55 p.m.

Approval of the first reading of Ordinance 393 Automated Traffic Enforcement: Laidig moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance 393 Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Prairie City, Iowa, to Update the fees of Automated Traffic Enforcement. Townsend seconded the motion. The motion passed all ayes.

Resolution 5-11-22-7 waiving 2nd and 3rd readings on Ordinance 393: Taylor moved to approve Resolution 5-11-22-7 waiving the second and third readings on Ordinance 393 and was seconded by Townsend. The motion passed all ayes.

Resolution 5-11-22-11 adopting an updated building permit fee schedule and fee schedule: Taylor moved to approve Resolution 5-11-22-11 adopting and updated building permit fee schedule and service fee schedule and was seconded by Townsend. The motion passed all ayes.

Resolution 5-11-22-3 setting employee wages 2022-2023: Laidig moved to approve Resolution 5-11-22-3 setting employee wages and was seconded by Ingle. The motion passed all ayes.

Discussion and possible action on MGA proposal for public works building: Taylor moved to approve the MGA proposal to develop the schematic design with cost options for the public works building \$14,000.00 and the Fire/EMS building \$16,000.00. Ingle seconded the motion. The motion passed all ayes.

CLOSED SESSION:

Closed Session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5c:

Possible action from closed session:

Closed Session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5i: Taylor moved to enter into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(i) regarding personnel matters, and was seconded by Townsend. The motion passed all ayes. The Prairie City Council moved into closed session at 9:37 p.m.

Possible action from closed session: Mayor Imerman brought the Council back into open meeting at 10:19 p.m., with all ayes by roll call vote. No action was taken from closed session.

ADJOURNMENT: Simmons moved to adjourn the Council meeting and was seconded by Townsend. The motion passed all ayes. The May 11, 2022, Prairie City Council Meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Eric Imerman, Mayor

ATTESTED TO:

Jodie Wyman, City Clerk