

**CITY OF PRAIRIE CITY  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
JULY 13, 2022**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The City Council of Prairie City, Jasper County, Iowa, met on July 13, 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, Simmons, Taylor, Ingle, and Laidig. Also in attendance: City Administrator and City Clerk, Jodie Wyman; Police Chief, Matthew Davenport; Water/Sewer Superintendent, Carl Van Der Kamp; Library Director, Sue Ponder; Interim EMS Director, Jody Van Der Kamp; Fire Chief, Ryan Van Der Kamp; and City Engineer, Andrew Inhelder.

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

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

Council Meeting Minutes from June 29, 2022:

Library Board Meeting Minutes from May 24, 2022:

Special Library Board Meeting Minutes from May 31, 2022:

Economic Development Committee Minutes from April 27, 2022:

Prairie City Celebration Minutes from 5.24.22:

Prairie City EMS Minutes from May 16, 2022:

June Building Permit Report:

Resolution 7-13-22-1 Approving Bills and Transfers:

2022 Council Appointments:

PUBLIC COMMENT: Several individuals that live and work in Prairie City were in attendance to address Council during the Public Comment portion of the meeting requesting the revenues generated by speed camera usage be directed toward public safety for the construction of a new Fire and EMS Station. In addition to those that attended the meeting, there was correspondence stating the same that was received via e-mail and/or delivered to City Hall to be read by the Council or Mayor during Public Comment.

Chad Alleger, previous Prairie City Mayor, requested that Council designate the speed camera revenues to the construction of a new Public Works building, as this is a current need for the City.

Several individuals that live and work in Prairie City were in attendance to address Council during the Public Comment portion of the meeting requesting the revenues generated by speed camera usage be directed toward the completion of the new library project. In addition to those that attended the meeting, there was correspondence stating the same that was received via e-mail and/or delivered to City Hall to be read by the Council or Mayor during Public Comment.

Water/Wastewater Superintendent, Carl Van Der Kamp, addressed Council requesting that the speed camera revenues be utilized for the many necessary capital projects of the City instead of raising property taxes or utility rates. The list of capital projects includes: water system improvement project, re-routing of the Colfax well lines, sewer line project, stormwater system clean-outs and expansion project, City building improvements, street construction, and a new Fire and EMS Station.

Written correspondence was received from Chad and Nicole Smith requesting Council consider amending the Code of Ordinances for the City of Prairie City, Iowa, to allow honey bees inside the City limits.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion and Update on Jasper County Building Permitting and Inspections: Kevin Luetters, Jamie Elam, and Brett Jennings from the Jasper County Building Permitting and Inspection Department were in attendance for the annual review of the 28E agreement and advised Council of organizational structuring changes that have occurred during the last year. No action was taken by Council.

Presentation by Carter Dudley, Eagle Scout service project for the sign at the Community Building: Carter Dudley provided an update to Council regarding the Eagle Scout service project at the Community Building. With the funds approved and received from the City, as well as other fundraising, most of the project has been completed. Selection, purchase, and installation of the sign remains. Mr. Dudley advised Council that he would like to go with the proposed design from Pella Engraving; and Council agreed. Final quotes and estimates will be received, and if further funding is needed to complete the project, Mr. Dudley will request it to be added to a future agenda. No action was taken by Council.

Council discussion regarding speed cameras: CEO, Mark Hutchinson; CFO, Jeff Oxner; and District Manager, Jay Dalrymple; from Blue Line Solutions were in attendance as requested by Council for a question and answer session regarding speed camera use and current statistics. No action was taken by Council.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 7-13-22-2 Setting the Time and Dates for Future Council Meetings: Ingle moved to approve Resolution 7-13-22-2 setting the time and dates for a future Council meeting on August 10, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall and via Zoom. Townsend seconded the motion. The motion passed all ayes.

Approval of Prairie City Wastewater Treatment Facility Inspection by Iowa DNR: Taylor moved to approve the Prairie City Wastewater Treatment Facility Inspection by the Iowa DNR and was seconded by Ingle. The motion passed all ayes.

Approval of the second reading of Ordinance 389 Sidewalks: Taylor moved to approve the second reading of the amended Ordinance 389 Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Prairie City, Iowa, to update sidewalks. Laidig seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion passed all ayes.

Possible action approving Resolution 7-13-22-3 waiving 3rd reading of Ordinance 389: No action was taken by Council.

Set a Public Hearing on Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Prairie City, Iowa, by adding provisions pertaining to UTV operations: Taylor moved to approve Resolution 7-13-22-5 setting a Public Hearing on August 10, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall and via Zoom to amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Prairie City, Iowa, by adding provisions pertaining to UTV operations and was seconded by Townsend. The motion passed all ayes.

Discussion and approval of Xerox IT - MITS Proposal: Taylor moved to approve the Xerox IT - MITS proposal and was seconded by Ingle. The motion passed all ayes.

Scheduling of next section to be completed by the CIT Agreement: Water/Wastewater Superintendent Van Der Kamp updated Council on the upcoming scheduling of the next section of the City sewer system to be cleaned by CIT Sewer Solutions. Council requested a notice to residents regarding the dates and areas of town that will be cleaned be posted on social media prior to the cleaning. No action was taken by Council.

Approval of the final completion documentation for Phase 1 Water Main project: Simmons moved to approve the final completion documentation for Phase 1 Water System Improvement Project and was seconded by Laidig. The motion passed all ayes.

Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of Phase 1 - New Library Project: Ingle moved to approve the bidding packages A and B for the project to renovate 100 S Marshall Street for the new location of the Prairie City Public Library and was seconded by Townsend. The motion passed all ayes.

Resolution 7-13-22-4 approving the Jasper County Hazard Mitigation Plan: Taylor moved to approve Resolution 7-13-22-4 accepting the Jasper County Hazard Mitigation Plan and was seconded by Simmons. The motion passed all ayes.

ADJOURNMENT: Townsend moved to adjourn the Council meeting and was seconded by Ingle. The July 13, 2022, Prairie City Council Meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

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**Eric Imerman, Mayor**

**ATTESTED TO:**

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**Jodie Wyman, City Clerk**