

**CITY OF PRAIRIE CITY  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
AUGUST 10, 2022**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The City Council of Prairie City, Jasper County, Iowa, met on August 10, 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: Simmons, Taylor, Ingle, and Laidig. Absent: Councilor Townsend. 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: Laidig moved to approve the agenda and was seconded by Simmons. The motion passed all ayes.

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

Council Meeting Minutes from July 13, 2022:

Council Meeting Minutes from July 19, 2022:

Library Board Meeting Minutes from June 21, 2022:

Celebration Committee Minutes from June 6, 2022:

Economic Development Committee Minutes from June 22, 2022:

Park Board Meeting Minutes from June 16, 2022:

July Financials:

Resolution 8-10-22-1 Approving Bills and Transfers:

Building Permit Report:

Liquor License approval for K and A, Inc (Prairie City Foods):

PUBLIC COMMENT: Scott DeVries, 6675 S 68th Ave W, addressed the Council during Public Comment regarding National Farmer's Market Week. On behalf of the Prairie City Farmer's Market, Scott expressed his sincere gratitude to members of the Council, attendees, and vendors for efforts made to support the events this year.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 8-10-22-2 Setting the Time and Dates for Future Council Meetings: Simmns moved to approve Resolution 8-10-22-2 setting the time and dates for a future Council meeting on September 14, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall and via Zoom. Laidig seconded the motion. The motion passed all ayes.

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

Public Hearing amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Prairie City, Iowa, by adding provisions pertaining to UTV operations: Simmons moved to open the Public Hearing for changes to Ordinance 394 amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Prairie City, Iowa, to update UTV operations and was seconded by Laidig. On a roll call vote, the motion passed all ayes. The Public Hearing opened at 6:11 p.m.

Many residents shared concerns regarding the proposed UTV operations changes, including operations during daylight savings time and sunrise to sunset, restricted streets, special requirements of flags and slow moving signs, and not allowing towing.

Taylor motioned to close the Public Hearing and was seconded by Simmons. The motion passed all ayes. The Public Hearing closed at 6:28 p.m.

Approval of the first reading of Ordinance 394 amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Prairie City, Iowa, to update UTV operations: No action was taken by Council. The proposed Ordinance is to be reviewed by Chief Davenport and brought back to the September 14, 2022, meeting after revision requests are provided to Administrator Wyman.

Discussion and possible action regarding Red Rock Prairie Trail ribbon cutting September 8, 2022: Taylor made a motion to allocate up to \$500.00 toward the Red Rock Prairie Trail ribbon cutting ceremony on September 8, 2022, and was seconded by Simmons. The motion passed all ayes.

Discussion and possible action to increase full-time police wages to \$30.00/hr and part-time police wages to \$26.50/hr: Taylor moved to approve the wage increase for full-time police to \$30.00 per hour and part-time police wages to \$26.50 per hour and was seconded by Ingle. The motion passed with votes of yes by Councilors: Simmons, Taylor, and Ingle. Councilor Laidig voted no.

Discussion and possible action regarding EDC recommendation on wayfinding signs: Simmons moved to approve the proposed wayfinding sign package upon recommendation of the EDC and was seconded by Laidig. The motion passed all ayes.

Discussion to set date for Prairie City's Trick or Treating: Laidig moved to set Saturday, October 29, 2022, in observance of Prairie City's Trick-Or-Treat night and was seconded by Simmons. The motion passed all ayes.

Discussion and possible action to approve street closure for Fire Department Car Show: Taylor moved to approve the Special Event Application with street closure for the Fire Department Car Show on Sunday, September 25, 2022. The motion was seconded by Simmons. The motion passed all ayes on a roll call vote.

Approval of expenses for Coffee & Carnations Facade Improvement Program : No action was taken by Council. This will be brought back to the September Council meeting, after the project has been completed.

Approval of Pay Application #4 to Absolute Concrete Construction for the Marshall Street Reconstruction \$13,709.04: Simmons moved to approve pay application #4 for \$13,709.04 from Absolute Concrete Construction and was seconded by Laidig. The motion passed all ayes.

ADJOURNMENT: Taylor moved to adjourn the Council meeting and was seconded by

Simmons. The August 10, 2022, Prairie City Council Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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**Eric Imerman, Mayor**

**ATTESTED TO:**

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**Jodie Wyman, City Clerk**