

**CITY OF PRAIRIE CITY  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 14, 2022**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The City Council of Prairie City, Jasper County, Iowa, met on September 14, 2022, in regular session at the Prairie City Council Chambers at City Hall and via Zoom. At 6:03 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, Ingle, and Laidig. Also in attendance: City Administrator and City Clerk, Jodie Wyman; Water/Sewer Superintendent, Carl Van Der Kamp; Library Director, Sue Ponder; Interim EMS Director, Jody Van Der Kamp; and City Engineer, Andrew Inhelder.

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

CONSENT AGENDA: Simmons moved to approve the consent agenda after the removal of the AfterShock Contract for Prairie Days 2023 and was seconded by Ingle. The motion passed all ayes.

Council Meeting Minutes from August 10, 2022:

Library Board Meeting Minutes from July 18, 2022:

Celebration Committee Minutes from July 12, 2022:

August Financials:

Resolution 9-14-22-1 Approving Bills and Transfers:

Building Permit Report:

Liquor License renewal for Whiskey Barrel Pub & Eatery:

2022 Council Appointments:

AfterShock Contract for Prairie Days 2023: Council requested this item be tabled until the October Council Meeting as the Special Event Permit has not been received for Prairie Days 2023.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No comments from the public.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion and possible action to modify Ordinance on beekeeping : Nicole Smith, a twenty-two-year resident of Prairie City, addressed Council regarding her wish to have Chapter 55.14 Dangerous Animals and Insects in the Prairie City Code of Ordinances modified to allow the harboring of bees within the City. Council requested that the discussion and possible action be tabled until the October Council Meeting. No action was taken by Council.

Update from Library Director, Sue Ponder, on Library project: Library Director, Sue Ponder, advised Council that the bid letting that closed August 30, 2022, for the new library building project did not have any bids submitted by contractors. Vermilion Design called the general contractors listed on the plan holders list to determine that the timeline for the project did not allow for the metal fabrication lead time from suppliers. Vermilion Design Group plans to meet with the Prairie City Library Board and Council to

revise the documents to send the project out to bid again.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 9-14-22-2 Setting the Time and Dates for Future Council Meetings: Townsend moved to approve Resolution 9-14-22-2 setting the time and dates for a future Council meeting on October 12, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall and via Zoom. Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed all ayes.

Approval of the first reading of Ordinance 394 amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Prairie City, Iowa, to update UTV operations: Ingle moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance 394 amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Prairie City, Iowa, to update UTV/ATV operations. Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed all ayes.

Resolution 9-14-22-4 waiving the second and third readings of Ordinance 394: No action was taken by Council.

Approval of expenses for Coffee & Carnations Facade Improvement Program : Townsend moved to approve the completion documents and payment of reimbursement to Coffee & Carnations for the Prairie City portion of the Facade Program Grant in the amount of \$8,473.00, pending the submission of proof of payment on the electrical work. Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed all ayes.

Resolution 9-14-22-3 Naming Depositories : Townsend moved to approve Resolution 9-14-22-3 naming depositories and was seconded by Ingle. The motion passed all ayes.

Approval of Prairie City Water Works Sanitary Survey dated July 21, 2022: Council requested that the Prairie City Water Works Sanitary Survey dated July 21, 2022, be tabled until the October meeting, as the copy in the packets was not complete. No action was taken by Council.

Discussion and possible action to approve James Sickels as a reserve police officer: Townsend moved to approve James Sickels as a reserve police officer for the City of Prairie City Police Department and was seconded by Ingle. The motion passed all ayes.

Resolution 9-14-22-5 approving the City Street Finance Report: Townsend moved to approve Resolution 9-14-22-5 approving the City Street Finance Report and was seconded by Ingle. The motion passed all ayes.

Approval of Racom quote for five new ambulance pagers, one nylon holster, and one English bridle leather holster \$4,027.50: Ingle moved to approve the Racom quote for five new ambulance pagers, one nylon holster, and one English bridle leather holster in the amount \$4,027.50 and was seconded Townsend. The motion passed all ayes.

Approval of Jody Van Der Kamp from Interim Ambulance Director to Ambulance Director: Townsend moved to approve Jody Van Der Kamp from Interim EMS Director to EMS Director and was seconded by Simmons. The motion passed all ayes.

Discussion and possible action regarding the acceptance of Council Member Dianne Taylor's resignation: Simmons moved to accept the resignation from Council Member, Dianne Taylor, and was seconded by Ingle. The motion passed all ayes.

Discussion and possible action regarding the acceptance of City Administrator/City Clerk, Jodie Wyman's resignation: Ingle moved to accept the resignation from City Administrator/City Clerk, Jodie Wyman, and was seconded by Simmons. The motion passed all ayes.

Motion to approve advertising for the City Administrator/City Clerk Position(s): Council requested that the advertisement and posting for the City Administrator/City Clerk position be tabled until the October Council Meeting, allowing for the review of all City job descriptions to be reviewed. Ingle moved to extend an official offer letter to Nancy Earles for contracted City Clerk services for an interim period at the rate of \$60.00 per hour and was seconded by Simmons. The motion passed all ayes.

ADJOURNMENT: Ingle moved to adjourn the Council meeting and was seconded by Simmons. The September 14, 2022, Prairie City Council Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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**Eric Imerman, Mayor**

**ATTESTED TO:**

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**Jodie Wyman, City Clerk**