

City of Prairie City
City Council Minutes
October 26, 2022

Call Meeting To Order and Pledge of Allegiance:

The City Council of Prairie City, Jasper County, Iowa, met on October 26, 2022, in regular session at the Prairie City Council Chambers at the City Hall and via Zoom. At 6:08 p.m. Mayor Eric Imerman called the meeting to order, and all joined in in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Roll Call showed members present and absent as follows: Present: Mayor Eric Imerman; Councilors: Townsend, Simmons, Ingle, and Laidig. Also in attendance: Council Appointee Philip Holland, Water/Sew Superintendent, Carl Van Der Kamp; Library Director, Sue Ponder, and Matt Stoffel and Carrie Swartz PFM financial consultants.

Agenda Approval:

Townsend moved that the October 26th meeting agenda be approved, Ingle seconded. Agenda passed all ayes.

Appointment of New Council Member:

Ingle moved to appoint Philip Holland as the new Council member to replace Diane Taylor, Simmons seconded the motion. The motion was approved all ayes. Philip Holland was then sworn into office by Mayor Eric Imerman in front of the entire Prairie City, City Council.

Consent Agenda:

Townsend moved to accept the consent agenda with the changes in terms in office dates for Emily Simmons, Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed all ayes.

1. Council Meeting Minutes from October 26, 2022
2. Building permits report
3. Wilkie's Garage liquor license renewal
4. Council and Committee appointments

Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

Old Business:

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business:

- a) Townsend moved to accept Resolution 10-26-22-1 setting the time and date for the next council meeting at 6:00 p.m. on November 9, 2022, Holland seconded the motion. Motion passed all ayes.

- b) Matt Stoffel and Carrie Swartz the city's financial consultants from PFM were given the floor to explain different funding scenarios for Prairie City projects. They did a 1-and-a-half-hour workshop for the council on funding options for building buildings, water and sewer system improvements, and TIF grants. They stressed that the ticket money should be spent on a cash basis and not counted on for paying off future expenses because of the possibility that the money stream was not a guarantee. No action was taken by the council.
- c) Simmons moved that we accept and approve the Wilson Construction TIF worksheets with the stipulation that we could ask for receipts in the future if needed, Ingle seconded the motion. Motion passed all ayes.
- d) The City's health care renewal was discussed. It was decided that Emily Simmons would contact Jodie Wyman and Ryan Glenn on further information concerning the plan. It was thought that Jodie may have been in discussions on how to improve the plan but the council members were not sure of this. The item was tabled until the November meeting.
- e) Carl Van Der Kamp presented a list of needs for the Public Works Dept. Carl will update quotes for the new toolcat, rental rate for an excavator, for fixing water leaks and well cleaning was asked for. The cleaning of the water tower had already budgeted so Carl would go ahead. Fencing was put off to a later date. No other action was taken by council.
- f) Ingle moved we accept Joe Oglesby's resignation; Simmons seconded the motion. Motion carried all ayes.
- g) The Prairie City budget worksheets were presented to the council members for their general information and knowledge of the process. No action taken.

Adjournment:

Simmons to adjourn the Council meeting, seconded by Ingle. Motion passed all ayes. The October 26, 2022, Prairie City Council Meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Eric Imerman, Mayor

Attested To:

Deb Townsend, Mayor Pro Tem