

CITY OF PRAIRIE CITY MINUTES
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MAY 30, 2024

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: The City Council of Prairie City, Jasper County, Iowa, met at 6:00 pm in special session on May 30, 2024, at the Prairie City Council Chambers at City Hall and via Zoom. At 6:00 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Deb Townsend called the meeting to order with Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Council members present: Joe Disney, Phil Holland, Derek Ingle, and Deb Townsend. Absent: Emily Simmons. Present: City Administrator Jerry Moore; City Clerk/Finance Officer Christie Busby; Interim Public Works Superintendent Jake Farlow; Brad Kuehl, Bishop Engineering; Mitch Seiberling; Attending via Zoom: Library Director, Sue Ponder; Konii Thomas; Jamee Pierson, NDN.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Motion by Ingle to approve the agenda. Seconded by Holland. On roll call vote motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Albert Lewis, 105 E 6th St-Concerns on not hearing siren stating city needs to invest in something better. Katie Lewis, 105 E 6th St-Concerned about safety of fire and police out providing warning in place of siren being heard. Melody Lewis, 105 E 6th St-Concern about siren not being heard. Please don't wait until a tragedy happens. Rebekah Murray, 401 S Monroe St-Not everyone knows how to use the apps available for alerts. Can't expect everyone to rely on them. Requested the noon siren be activated again. Jerry Krueger, 801 W James St-Winds were too loud to hear the siren. Request plan by city for dead or diseased trees to be taken down so they don't come down in storms. Jim Richardson, 601 Orchard St-Appreciate the efforts by city after the storm with debris removal. Requesting the city fix the siren instead of having fire and police being in danger. Phil Holland, 307 S Marshall St-The current siren has likely been in place since 1990's. Jerry has been in contact with Jasper County EMA to figure out what options are available. Correspondence received: Melinda Avery, 204 E North St- Used to be able to hear the siren and now cannot. Please address the siren issue.

CONSENT AGENDA – Motion by Disney to approve consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Holland. On roll call vote motion carried unanimously. Approved items: a) Dollar General Store Cigarette Permit Application, b) Community Park Playground Feature for \$1116, c) Barnyard Encounters Invoice for \$175, d) Jasper County Animal Control for \$2668, e) MGA Bill Payment for \$5915.96, f) RK Dixon Microsoft 365 Subscriptions for \$572, g) MSA Bill Payment for \$14,248.13, h) Mainline Construction Final Bill Payment for \$17,958.65, i) Cass Lester DJ Services for \$400, j) Peters Brothers Grill for Prairie Days, k) Prairie Days Tentative Schedule, l) Five One Foam for \$600, m) Liquor License for Lucky Wife Wine Slushies

OLD BUSINESS

Public Hearing on Rezoning Request for 14.23 Acre Property from Larry Plate and Mitch Seiberling – Motion by Holland to open hearing at 6:19p. On roll call vote motion carried unanimously. Brad Kuehl with Bishop Engineering explained rezoning request and stated if no objections, would like 2nd and 3rd readings waived. Steve Zimmerman, 407 E Kayla Ln, asked if CIARAD complex was included in the request. Moore advised it was not. With no further comments and no correspondence received, Ingle motioned to close the hearing at 6:22pm. Seconded by Holland. On roll call vote motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and Consideration of Ordinance No.399 Rezoning Request for 14.23 Acre Property from Larry Plate and Mitch Seiberling – Moore gave a PowerPoint presentation on the project, copy is in packet. Mitch Seiberling introduced himself and his family. Motion by Holland to approve Ordinance 399 rezoning request and waive the 2nd and 3rd readings. Seconded by Ingle. On roll call vote motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and Consideration of Resolution 5-30-24-1 for Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map Amendment for 14.23 Acre Property from Larry Plate and Mitch Seiberling – Motion by Ingle to approve. Seconded by Disney. On roll call vote motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and Consideration of Legal Fees and Process for Acquiring the Citizens In Action for Recreation Area Development Property Located West of City's Sports Complex – Ingle stated acquiring the land was a great idea. Motion by Ingle to support Moore pursuing the acquisition and working with Brick Gentry and CIARAD board to complete the process. Seconded by Holland. On roll call vote motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and Consideration of Resolution 5-30-24-2 Approving Final Completion and Owners Acceptance of Work and Related Documents for Water Main Project at City's Water Well Property Area – Moore went through project status and stated that any compaction areas will be monitored for 1 year for issues and Mainline will correct at their cost. Motion by Ingle to approve. Seconded by Holland. On roll call vote motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and Consideration of Comparison of Mayor and City Council Salaries – Tabled until all council members are present for discussion.

Discussion and Consideration of Fence Quotes for City's Water Treatment Plant and Storage Yard – Motion by Disney to approve Kern Door and Fence quote of \$30,551.65 with funding from iPait account. Seconded by Holland. On roll call vote motion carried unanimously. Other quotes received were Central Iowa Fencing \$27,310; American Fence Company \$33,651.00, copies in packet.

Setting Public Hearing on City Code of Ordinances Amendments for June 12, 2024, at 6pm – Motion by Holland to set public hearing as stated. Seconded by Ingle. On roll call vote motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and Consideration of Update to Debris Management from May 24, 2024, Storm – Moore stated the Jasper County EMA has requested the city track associated costs with debris removal. The Governor's Office has not included the May 24 storm in the May 21st proclamation so city should reach out to the county. County is providing dumpsters and an end loader to take debris to their lot at W 116th St S and Hwy 163 for burning. Residents may take, safely, any tree limbs or mulch they would like to use.

ADJOURNMENT: Holland motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Disney. On roll call vote motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.

Deb Townsend, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTESTED TO:

Christie Busby, City Clerk/Finance Officer