MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

January 23, 2023

1. The city council of Prairie Grove, Arkansas met in regular session on Monday, January 23, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the Prairie Grove District Court. The meeting was called to order by Mayor David Faulk, presiding officer.
2. On roll call the following was recorded:
   1. Present: Alderman Rick Ault, Ray Carson, Rick Clayton, Tony Cunningham, Paula Ditmars, Brea Gragg, Chris Powell and Doug Stumbaugh
   2. Absent: None
   3. Others present: Public Works Director Chuck Wiley, Steven Parker, and Chief Chris Workman
3. Public Comment Period
4. Approval of minutes. Motion made by Clayton, second by Stumbaugh to approve December 19, 2022, regular meeting. Ayes: 8 Nayes: None. Motion carried.
5. The treasurer’s report.
6. Reports of Committees:
   1. Sanitation
      1. Rate increase discussion. Step increase over the next 3 years starting with $1.50 this year. Will discuss next year before next increase.
   2. Street
      1. Street crews have been working on the drainage on Otter Road.
   3. Water/Sewer
      1. WWTP expansion is on schedule. Discussed purchasing new billing software for the Water Dept. Motion made Powell, second by Stumbaugh to approve the purchase of Diversified Billing Software.
   4. Court
      1. Rachel sent out court report.
   5. Fire
      1. One of the fire trucks is in Wisconsin for repairs. Call volume has been high.
   6. Parks and Recreation
      1. Starting work on the new bathrooms at Muddy Fork Park next month.
      2. Baseball signups have started.
      3. Discussion on shade/safety structure over the bleachers at the ball fields.
   7. Police
      1. Busy as usual.
   8. Long Range Planning
      1. Planned unit development; 620 houses over a 5-year period with 3 green spaces.
      2. Mayor Faulk appointed Ryan Cook to the planning commission. Motion made by Slayton, second by Stumbaugh to approve. Motion carried.
   9. Senior Citizen
      1. NNR
   10. Library
       1. Library has started opening on Saturdays.
7. Old Business
   1. Owl discussion

1. New Business
   1. Annual organizational discussion: Move unfinished business and new business up on the agenda and put committee reports after those.
   2. Ordinance to approve Council Meeting Amendment. Motion made by Stumbaugh, second by Ault to place the ordinance on first reading by title only. Ayes: 8 Nayes: None. Motion carried. Motion made by Stumbaugh, second by Ault to waive the second and third reading and pass the ordinance. Ayes: 8 Nayes: None. Motion carried.
   3. Resolution to reconcile 2022 budget. Motion made by Stumbaugh, second by Gragg to pass the resolution. Ayes:8 Nayes: None. Motion carried.
   4. Resolution to revoke the intent to borrow money from NRCS. Motion made by Ault, second by Carson to pass the resolution. Ayes: 8 Nayes: None. Motion carried.
   5. Resolution approving amended work order for construction of a force main on Industrial Park Rd, McClelland Engineering. Motion made by Cunningham, second by Stumbaugh to pass the resolution. Ayes: 8 Nayes: None. Motion carried.
   6. Resolution approving contract with WWC, Steven Parker, City attorney. Motion made by Cunningham, second by Clayton to pass the resolution. Ayes: 8 Nayes: None. Motion carried.
   7. Resolution to update personnel policy regarding waiting period for health insurance. Motion made by Cunningham, second by Stumbaugh to pass the resolution. Ayes: 8 Nayes: None. Motion carried.
   8. Discussion regarding Edgar Payne painting. Motion made by Stumbaugh, second by Powell to sell the painting. Ayes: 8 Nayes: None. Motion carried.

1. Announcements
2. There being no further business before the council, motion to adjourn was made at 8:05 pm by Gragg, second by Clayton to adjourn. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned.

