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MONROE Winter wonderland



Santa is right at home at Jersey Freeze on the frosty cold day hearing Christmas wishes during the Dec. 17 event. Jamee A. Pierson/PCM Explorer

PRAIRIE CITY Prairie City hires new city admin

Jerry Moore brings years of experience to the vital position

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Prairie City has a new city administrator with Jerry Moore assuming the position by appointment at the Dec. 14 city council meeting. Moore takes over for former city administrator Jodie Wyman who resigned in September.

“We as a council are excited with the hire and feel he will be a perfect fit for Prairie City,” mayor Chad Alleger said. “We feel with his experience, the learning curve will be small and he will hit the ground running.”

GET TO KNOW JERRY MOORE

Tell us a little about yourself:

I am an Iowa native and was born in Sioux City. I graduated high school from Le Mars Community and obtained a B.S. degree in Community and Regional Planning from Iowa State University and a Masters of Public Administration degree from Drake University.

I’ve worked in local government for many years; six years as a research analyst in membership services and legislative services for the Iowa League of Cities, a planner at Polk County for nearly 17 years, the planning and development director at Story County.

For five years, and most recently, I was the development services director at

Portland, Texas for more than one year. I obtained a contract with Portland prior to leaving the city and assisted with daily operations, development reviews, I served on a panel to hire a building official and helped with a special project. Portland is located across the bay from Corpus Christie.

How did you find out about the PC City Administrator opening?

The position was posted on the Iowa League of Cities website.

What drew you to apply for the position?

I spent most of my adult life working and living in Ankeny/Des Moines metro area and I knew about Prairie City from my Iowa League of Cities employment. Prairie City is considered a small but vibrant, family-oriented and friendly community. The people, city leadership, the downtown and square, businesses and proximity to Hwy 163 and the Des Moines metro are strong assets of the community.

Also, I am passionate about local government and I was interested in the variety and broad scope of duties and responsibilities of the position, and I enjoy working with city staff, volunteers, City leadership, consultants, affiliated organizations, builders and developers in working

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MONROE Mustang Diner property for sale

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Two properties in Monroe are up for sale from the city. The former Mustang Diner building, along with the lot at 702 N. Main St., have requests for proposals available for future development.

The former Mustang Diner building, at 108 W. Sherman St., is posted at \$20,000. The council felt the prime location of the lot and commercial use of the building warranted the price, which is well below the \$50,000 assessed value.

“It is a commercial lot, it is fixable and it’s on a main artery

Building and residential lot available through City of Monroe



The former Mustang Diner location is now available for purchase at a base price of \$20,000 through a bidding process with the City of Monroe. Jamee A. Pierson/PCM Explorer

through town,” council member Andrea Steenhoek said.

The property is sold as-is. Those interested in the piece should include information on their experience in construc-

tion and development. “Hopefully someone can fix it up,” council person Stacey McCoy said.

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JASPER COUNTY Vacant supervisor position to be filled by appointment

Elected officials will meet Dec. 27 to determine who will temporarily hold seat

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Jasper County officials decided Dec. 14 to eventually appoint a person to fill the vacant seat on the board of supervisors rather than hold a special election.

Following the recent death of long-time supervisor Denny Carpenter, the

three-person board is now down to two seats. County auditor Dennis Parrott, county recorder Denise Allan and county treasurer Doug Bishop met in a special meeting last week to discuss their options and which direction to take.

All three elected officials were in favor of temporarily appointing someone to the board with the expectation the individual would not be serving the full term.

“If we decide to appoint, the person only serves until there is another countywide election of some type,” Parrott said at the public meeting.

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PCM Shop ‘til you drop



Kids at Prairie City and Monroe Elementaries pick out the perfect gifts for friends and family Dec. 16 during the annual Holiday Shopping Day. Jamee A. Pierson/PCM Explorer