

1 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

2  
3 November 14, 2001

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6 Attended: Leonard Wolf, Mayor  
7 Karen Jacobs, Councilor  
8 Marvin Casebeer, Councilor  
9 Lance Delgado, Councilor  
10 Anna Bass, Councilor  
11 Roger McKinley, Councilor  
12 Mort Rennels, Councilor  
13 Diane Clingman, City Recorder  
14 Dave Welch, Chief of Police  
15 Bob Titus, Public Works Director  
16 Dennis Voigt  
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18 Mayor Wolf called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. The roll was called, all members of  
19 the Council being present. The pledge of allegiance was recited.  
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21 The minutes of the October 24 regular meeting were considered for approval. It was  
22 noted that an updated version had been distributed to the Council. **MSP: To approve the**  
23 **minutes of the October 24, 2001 meeting as revised, Mort Rennels/Anna Bass.**  
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25 Mayor Wolf recognized Dennis Voigt of the Prairie City Athletic Committee who  
26 presented a map of the football field illustrating the portion of 13<sup>th</sup> street that the  
27 committee is asking the City to vacate for a proposed sports complex. Discussion  
28 followed regarding whether or not the City can vacate 40' of the 80' right of way and still  
29 maintain the other 40' for easements, etc. The Council was not clear on who actually  
30 owns the street but it was mentioned that the County had deeded it to the City a few years  
31 prior. It was generally agreed that the City should check out the details to be certain the  
32 street can be vacated and upon that finding would provide a letter of intent to vacate so  
33 the committee can move forward with the project funding. It was also noted that perhaps  
34 the request should go to the Planning Commission.  
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36 Planning: No Report  
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38 Public Safety: Dave Welch reported that he has been working on the Emergency  
39 Response Plan by gathering information from the school, mill, forest service and the  
40 residents of the City. He also reported that a truck had taken out utility lines on north  
41 Main and suggested signs be posted on side streets with low hanging lines. The Council  
42 suggested he contact the power and telephone companies to see why the lines are not  
43 high enough to accommodate truck traffic.  
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1 Public Works: Bob Titus said he would be on vacation the week of November 19. He  
2 also reported that the supplies for the 4<sup>th</sup> Street water line replacement project are here.  
3 The Council was reminded that the bids for the wastewater improvement project are due  
4 November 15 by 3:00 p.m. and the bid opening is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. November 16.

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6 Office: The City Recorder said she would be on vacation the week of November 26.

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8 Accounts Payable: **MSP to pay the October bills, Marvin Casebeer/Roger McKinley.**

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10 Landfill: Mayor Wolf reminded the Council that a formal decision must be made to  
11 either close the landfill or continue operation per the Mutual Agreement and Order.  
12 Discussion followed regarding the concerns of the DEQ and the Council with regard to  
13 maintaining control over the operation. It was noted that the City must perform regular  
14 inspections of the landfill and report the findings to the Council as a major part of  
15 maintaining that control. The City Recorder said the BLM had confirmed that the City  
16 may purchase the property for \$10 per acre after applying for a sight lease and patent.  
17 The Mayor asked for a motion on the decision. **MSP: To continue operation of the  
18 landfill and pursue purchase of the property, Mort Rennels/Marvin Casebeer.  
19 Anna Bass opposed.**

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21 Karen Jacobs addressed the Council regarding the proposed landscape policy. She said  
22 she is willing for formulate an ordinance addressing the issue. Mort Rennels  
23 recommended she go ahead with the project.

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25 Lance Delgado addressed the Council regarding the abatement ordinance and said he is  
26 willing to take the lead in developing a plan to address the problem. He suggested  
27 putting together a task force to develop a strategy. Anna Bass suggested he contact the  
28 League of Oregon Cities for information.

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30 Mort Rennels presented a resolution from the County and a letter written by Sam  
31 Hornbeck regarding the acquisition of game tags in Eastern Oregon. He asked the  
32 Council to write a letter of support to the ODFW requesting residence preference be  
33 established. **MSP: To write a letter to Mr. Hornbeck supporting his lobby to  
34 request residence preference with regard to the acquisition of game tags in Eastern  
35 Oregon, Marvin Casebeer/Roger McKinley.** It was suggested that copies of the letter  
36 be sent to Senator Ferrioli, Senator Smith and the ODFW.

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38 Mayor Wolf presented ordinance number 8.08 regulating open burning within the City.  
39 It was noted that the second paragraph contained an error and should read “wire mesh or  
40 screen with openings not MORE than ½ (one half) inch.” The Council questioned why  
41 burn barrel and burn pile hours are different. The City Recorder explained that the Fire  
42 Chief had made the recommendation. The ordinance was read once by title and once in  
43 its entirety. **MSP: To adopt ordinance 8.08 regulating open burning within the City  
44 of Prairie City, Roger McKinley/Marvin Casebeer.**

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1 Mayor Wolf introduced ordinance number 1.01 adopting the Prairie City Municipal  
2 Code. The ordinance was read once by title and once in its entirety. **MSP: To adopt**  
3 **ordinance 1.01 adopting the Prairie City Municipal Code for the City of Prairie**  
4 **City, Karen Jacobs/Anna Bass.**

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6 Mayor Wolf said the Council has been asked to recommend a citizen to the Grant County  
7 Library Foundation. Mort Rennels said Sandy Rennels would be willing if no one else  
8 could be found. Other names mentioned were Mike Springer and Carla Wright.

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10 Karen Jacobs asked about a letter sent to the City from Dick Haines. Mayor Wolf said he  
11 had received it but had not followed up on it yet.

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13 Roger McKinley said something should be done about oversized trucks parking in the  
14 diagonal parking spaces on Front Street. Office Welch said he would check into the  
15 regulations.

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17 8:20 p.m. **MSP: To adjourn the meeting, Lance Delgado/Mort Rennels.**

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19 Respectfully submitted:

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22 Diane Clingman, City Recorder

Approved this Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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25 Leonard Wolf, Mayor