

1 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

2  
3 October 9, 2002

4	5	6 Attended: Leonard Wolf, Mayor	Karen Jacobs, Councilor
7	8	Marvin Casebeer, Councilor	Lance Delgado, Councilor
9	10	Anna Bass, Councilor	Roger McKinley, Councilor
11	12	Mort Rennels, Councilor	Jim Hamsher
13	14	Diane Clingman, City Recorder	Kris Shull
		Judy Jacobs	Melanie DeJong
		Rod Hendrickson	Etta Lou Hendrickson
		Debbie Letoski	David Carkuff

15 Mayor Wolf called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. The roll was called, all members of  
16 the Council being present. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

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18 The minutes of the August 28, 2002 regular meeting were considered for approval.

19 **MSP: To approve the minutes of the August 28 meeting as written, Marvin**  
20 **Casebeer/Anna Bass.**

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22 Mayor Wolf recognized Rod and Etta Lou Hendrickson regarding the street widening  
23 issue. Roger McKinley asked to be recognized before discussion was to begin. He  
24 apologized to the Hendrickson's for his statements made during a meeting with them the  
25 week before. The Hendrickson's accepted his apology.

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27 Mayor Wolf asked the Hendrickson's to explain their position to the Council as they saw  
28 it. Etta Lou said that in February they were contacted by Joe Hitz and told what the City  
29 was considering (widening Fourth Street, construction of retaining wall) and that a  
30 decision had not been made yet, but he would let them know. They did not hear from Joe  
31 again until the project began on September 19 when Iron Triangle began excavation to  
32 widen the street and erect the wall. She stated that no approval had been given by them  
33 and that they were surprised by what was happening. She said she contacted the Mayor  
34 on September 21 and some negotiations were made, but they (Hendrickson's) decided not  
35 to accept the negotiations after all. She stated that Hitz and the City should have done the  
36 proper paperwork in advance. She said they now have severe property damage and an  
37 open sewer line, as well as a dying shrub and a discrepancy as to how much property was  
38 taken for the wall. There was some discussion regarding the actual dates of the above the  
39 events.

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41 Mayor Wolf said he and the Council had been under the impression that everything was  
42 in order before construction began, but obviously there had been a misunderstanding and  
43 that the City would try to work things out. He said the wall would be moved onto City  
44 property and the property restored as much as possible. The Hendrickson's said they felt  
45 as though they had been made out to be the bad guys because they took issue with how

1 things were done. Mayor Wolf said he had indicated (in his conversations with the  
2 Hendricksons) that the City was at fault. Rod agreed that no statement had been made (by  
3 the Mayor) to make them feel at fault.

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5 It was agreed that the City should meet with the Hendrickson's to formulate a solution.  
6 Mayor Wolf said he would meet with Hitz to coordinate. It was also agreed that the  
7 changes should be in writing, approved by all parties, and be expedited. Mayor Wolf said  
8 the City would do its best and remarked that all parties should have met before hand.  
9 Rod also expressed concern over the construction of the wall. He said it appeared to have  
10 been built on un-compacted ground, and was not level or straight. Roger McKinley said  
11 the issue was being addressed.

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13 Action List:

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- 15 • No additional information was obtained regarding NW Aquifer. Mort Rennels
- 16 suggested contacting a local service.
- 17 • Anna Bass noted the flags at the Post Office, Church on Front Street and on top of
- 18 the Co-Gen Plant are not lighted. Mort Rennels said he would see to it through
- 19 the American Legion.
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21 Planning: No Report

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23 Public Safety: No Report

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25 Landfill Inspection Report: Bob Titus was not in attendance and no written report was  
26 provided to the Council. Mayor Wolf noted that some time ago the landfill operator's cat  
27 (used for compaction) had broken down and not been repaired. Apparently another larger  
28 one was being borrowed occasionally and used for compaction. It is assumed that this is  
29 the reason all 4 tarps have been in use, but could also be the reason the trench is filling  
30 much faster than anticipated. Mayor Wolf said the trench might not last another 2 years  
31 at this rate. He also said he has been taking pictures of the landfill since June and that  
32 they do not match the inspection reports given to the Council. It did appear that the 4<sup>th</sup>  
33 tarp had finally been repaired and taken out of service, but that not enough time is being  
34 spent maintaining the site. Discussion followed regarding the limitation of certain types  
35 of debris, i.e., construction materials that do not compact well and tend to tear the tarps.  
36 It was also noted that more tonnage than originally anticipated is going into the landfill.  
37 The operator estimated the amount at 25 tons per month, but the weight slips have been  
38 averaging 40 tons per month. It was agreed that the Council should reconsider what type  
39 of waste to accept and whether or not to continue operation of the landfill. Each member  
40 of the Council was given a file documenting correspondence with the landfill operator.

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42 Public Works: Bob Titus was not present. Mayor Wolf updated the Council on the  
43 problems with the new sewer pumps. Replacements are on the way and a temporary  
44 pump is in place if needed.

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46 Office: No Report

1 Accounts Payable: **MSP: To pay the October bills, Mort Rennels/Marvin**  
2 **Casebeer.**

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4 Other Business:

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6 Mayor Wolf said a computer is needed at the Museum in order to facilitate the cataloging  
7 of items. He said he had tried to utilize the old computers from the office, but found  
8 them to be inoperable. He asked the Council to consider the purchase of new equipment  
9 so the software would be compatible with the City's other computers. He also said the  
10 Friends of the Railroad would most likely participate in the purchase of the equipment. It  
11 was noted that a combination printer/scanner/fax would be very useful.

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13 Debbie Letoski asked to be recognized. She explained that Judy Jacobs' 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class  
14 had taken a tour of the City's water and wastewater facilities in conjunction with their  
15 current class work. She thanked Georgia Patterson and Chris Camarena for an excellent  
16 tour and presented a thank you book written by the class. Having done these sorts of  
17 field trips with schools in other cities, she said the Prairie City tour was one of the best  
18 she has ever experienced.

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20 7:00 p.m. **MSP: To adjourn the meeting, Marvin Casebeer/Anna Bass.**

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23 Respectfully submitted:

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26 Diane Clingman, City Recorder

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

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29 Leonard Wolf, Mayor