

1 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

2
3 October 12, 2005

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6 Attended: Jim Hamsher, Mayor
7 Don Strong, Councilor
8 Roger McKinley, Councilor
9 Tom McAuslan, Councilor
10 Mark Wishard, Councilor
11 Marvin Casebeer, Councilor
12 Diane Clingman, City Recorder
13 Economic Development Coordinator
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15 Mayor Hamsher called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The roll was called, Mike
16 Springer and *Roger McKinley being absent. The pledge of allegiance was recited. The
17 minutes of the September 28 meeting were considered for approval. **MSP: To approve**
18 **the minutes as written, Marvin Casebeer/Tom McAuslan.**

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20 Mayor Hamsher recognized the Economic Development Coordinator since he was in
21 attendance and asked if he wished to address the council. He said he didn't have any
22 particular business to discuss, but did say he had talked with the manager of Unicell
23 regarding the cell tower they installed. The manager seems to think it has provided cell
24 service to the Prairie City area even though it has not. There was also discussion of a
25 group being formed by Greg Jackson to address the Co-Gen/OTEC issue.

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27 Abatement: Jim Hamsher said he and Mike Springer had inspected the property on 1st
28 and Cozart. He said it had been cleaned up to some extent. He recommended that the
29 police department still needs to look into the claim that someone is living in one of the
30 campers.

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32 Mark Wishard requested water usage information from the utility billing department for
33 the football field from 1998 to 2002.

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35 6:15 *Roger McKinley arrived.
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37 The Recorder said she had been working on usage and billing figures in order to do a
38 water rate analysis. Based on two years of information, it appears usage has stabilized at
39 approximately 2.7 million gallons per month, or 32.4 million per year for a gross revenue
40 of \$160,000 per year. \$70,000 of that amount is attributed to 415 users paying the base
41 rate of \$14 per month for 5,000 gallons. The balance of \$90,000 comes from overuse,
42 most likely from the three top users; Prairie Wood, Blue Mountain Nursing Home and the
43 school. She said more information is being gathered and analyzed in order to determine
44 appropriate recommendations for a rate increase. She also stressed that the city needs to
45 look at its rate structure each year to determine if revenues are adequate to meet

1 expenses, rather than only when required to do so by a financing agency to meet debt
2 service.

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4 There was discussion of the re-circulation of water in the million-gallon reservoir. Mayor
5 Hamsher said the water in the tank had been almost completely exchanged. It was noted
6 that Bob Titus was directed to document his discussion of Gary Burnett of DHS
7 regarding the issue in order to verify compliance, however no documentation has been
8 provided to date. It was agreed that because the tank is now overflowing, Bob Titus
9 should be directed to cut back flow to it from the infiltration galleries.

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11 Roger McKinley said Prairie Wood had agreed to participate in paying for road work
12 near the scale station on Fourth Street.

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14 The Recorder said she did not receive a copy of the letter to the DEQ in response to the
15 wastewater spill violation that was due within 5 days of receipt. Mayor Hamsher said
16 Bob Titus had given him one to sign and believed it had been sent.

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18 Accounts Payable: **MSP: To pay the bills, Tom McAuslan/Marvin Casebeer.**

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20 Well Drilling: There was discussion of where the city is at on well drilling. It was noted
21 that there is at least 20 days left on the application to amend the permit and no word on
22 negotiations with Coombs. There was more discussion on the school's watering patterns
23 and the fiscal impact of giving them free or discounted water.

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25 Roger McKinley asked what the city must do to be able to lease the industrial site
26 property. The Recorder said she would check into it.

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28 **6:50 p.m. It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting.**

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30 Respectfully submitted:

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33 Diane Clingman, City Recorder

Approved this Date: _____

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36 Jim Hamsher, Mayor