

1 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

2
3 November 9, 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 Mike Springer, Councilor
13 Georgia Patterson, Public Works
14 Joe Hitz
15 Sarolta Sperry
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17 Mayor Hamsher called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The roll was called, all
18 members being present. The City Recorder was not present due to a fire call; therefore
19 these minutes were transcribed from tape. The pledge of allegiance was recited. The
20 minutes of the October 26 meeting were considered for approval. **MSP: To approve**
21 **the minutes as written, Tom McAuslan/Roger McKinley.**
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23 The Council recognized Sarolta Sperry who addressed them regarding the condition of
24 the recycle building. She explained that the roof leaks above the glass crusher and that
25 the floor is lower than the outside grade causing water to puddle inside the building. She
26 also said the steps to the trailer are too low, un-level and unstable. Tom McAuslan and
27 Jim Hamsher said they had inspected the building with her and agreed that repairs are
28 needed. There was some discussion of the problems, however no decision was made.
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30 Planning: No Report
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32 Public Safety: No Report
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34 Abatement: No Report
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36 Landfill: No Report
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38 Public Works: Georgia Patterson said she had found a 2001 Ford F550 six-speed diesel
39 pickup (to use for snow plowing) for \$21,000. Roger McKinley offered to look at the
40 vehicle. There was discussion of an automatic transmission as opposed to a manual.
41 Patterson was told to look for a new vehicle.
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43 Georgia also reported that she had learned from the DEQ that if the irrigated area by the
44 lagoons is used for grazing, chlorine residual readings must be taken. There was

1 discussion of the cost to chlorinate and what the city would receive from grazing. There
2 was also question as to how the crop should removed if not by grazing.
3 She also said they had been painting the office area of the Hospice Building and would be
4 moved in by the end of the month.

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6 Well Drilling: Joe Hitz said the amendment to the well drilling permit is still 10 days out.
7 There was discussion of what to offer John Coombs and the two draft proposals were
8 recapped. **MSP: To submit both options, Mike Springer/ Tom McAuslan. Roger
9 McKinley opposed.** Joe Hitz was instructed to prepare the final proposals. Hitz
10 reminded the council that the plan to the state regarding how it plans to meet the
11 requirements of the violation and order were due by December 1 and asked if they
12 wanted Sisul Engineering to prepare them. He was asked what the estimated cost would
13 be. He said it would depend on how detailed it needed to be. He said he would get back
14 to them in a day or two. Someone asked if anyone had talked to Fred Winegar yet. Jim
15 Hamsher said he would.

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17 Accounts Payable: **MSP: To approve the payables, Marvin Casebeer/Tom
18 McAuslan.**

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20 Ordinances: The Council was asked to review Ordinance 9-12A, an amendment to
21 Ordinance 9-12 Prohibiting registered sex offenders from entering all public parks
22 located in the City of Prairie City. The amendment includes “that portion of the City
23 Park located between Bridge Street and Kilbourne Street adjacent to City Hall.” The
24 Ordinance was read once by title and once in its entirety. **MSP: To adopt Ordinance 9-
25 12A Amending Ordinance 9-12, Mike Springer/Roger McKinley.** The motion passed
26 unanimously. Mayor Hamsher said the City needs a policy at Depot Park to avoid
27 tenant/landlord issues. He said the attorney noted that if a tenant does not have a
28 permanent address it can be a problem if they stay past 45 days.

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30 In other discussion it was suggested that the cost for showers at the park be raised.

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32 Other Business: Regarding the Gill greenhouse appeal, it was noted that a letter had been
33 sent to the Gill’s in March asking them to contact the city, however they did not respond.
34 It was agreed that another letter should be sent giving them the option to sign the letter of
35 non-remonstrance as a condition of granting the appeal. **MSP: To send a certified
36 letter requesting them to sign the agreement by the 30th of November or meet the
37 setback requirements, Mike Springer/Roger McKinley.**

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39 The Council was asked to consider a request from the League of Oregon Cities for a
40 voluntary assessmewnt to defend franchise fees. The fee would be 2% of the city’s
41 annual telephone franchise receipts amounting to \$28.00. **MSP: To approve the
42 voluntary assessment, Mike Springer/Mark Wishard.**

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44 The Council was asked to consider the recommendation by the City Recorder to return
45 the amount of \$1,035 to the Grant County Chamber of Commerce/Transient Room Tax
46 Committee for a grant received in 1996. It had been discovered that although the city

1 received the funds, the project was not completed and the grant money was not used for
2 the purpose for which is was obtained. **MSP: To return the \$1,035 to the committee**
3 **with a letter, Tom McAuslan/Mike Springer.**

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5 **7:20 p.m. It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting.**

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7 Respectfully submitted:

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10 Diane Clingman, City Recorder

Approved this Date: _____

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13 Jim Hamsher, Mayor