

1 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

2
3 January 10, 2007
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6 Attended: Stan Horrell, Mayor
7 Roger McKinley, Councilor
8 Tom McAuslan, Councilor
9 Frank Primozić, Councilor
10 Don Strong, Councilor
11 Bill Harrington, Councilor
12 Pam Woodworth, Councilor
13 Jim Wood, PCPD
14 Bob Titus, PW
15 Sandy Murray
16 Anna Bass
17 Kevin Purnell
18 Mike Springer
19 Polly Horrell
20 Lyn McDonald
21 Paul Woodworth
22 Maxine Woodworth
23 Joe Hitz
24 Debbie Letosky
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26 Mayor Horrell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call was called, all members being
27 present. The pledge of allegiance was recited. The minutes of the December 13, 2006 were
28 considered, however it was noted that the only Council member present that was in attendance at
29 that meeting was Roger McKinley. Roger McKinley reviewed the minutes and gave his
30 approval.
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32 The new members of the Council, Bill Harrington, Pam Woodworth and Frank Primozić, were
33 sworn in by the City Recorder. She explained to them that she had provided all the Councilors
34 with notebooks and dividers for them to keep their paperwork in. Each notebook also contained
35 a copy of the City Charter.
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37 Mayor Horrell addressed the Council and audience welcoming the new members. He said there
38 would be some changes coming up. He referred to a comment card that had been provided and
39 encouraged people to fill them out. He also stressed the need for the use of the Agenda Request
40 Form by anyone wishing to address the Council. He also suggested the Council hold a workshop
41 on Wednesday January 17 in order to get everyone up to speed on City projects and issues. Later
42 in the meeting it was decided the Council would meet on the 17th at 6:30 pm.
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44 The Council recognized Sandy Murray who addressed them regarding the condition of the
45 playground equipment in the City Park. She explained that the equipment was purchased with

1 donations received after her brother's death. Her concerns were that weeds are allowed to grow
2 under the equipment, boards are missing in places and general upkeep needs to be done. She
3 asked permission to move forward with the needed repairs and suggested some sort of cover be
4 put down to stop or control the growth of weeds. There were a number of suggestions, the most
5 popular being "crumb rubber" which is derived from recycled tires. Bill Harrington asked if it is
6 the City's roll to maintain the equipment. Murray replied that it is, but she is willing to take care
7 of the improvements if needed. Roger McKinley said he would look at the equipment the next
8 day. **MSP: To approve Sandy Murray's request to make improvements to the equipment,**
9 **Roger McKinley/Tom McAuslan.** Sandy thanked the Council and asked if they would like her
10 to report back to them on her efforts. She was asked to provide a written summary when the
11 project was completed.

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13 The council recognized Anna Bass and Kevin Purnell of the Prairie City School. Kevin
14 explained that the Booster Club is requesting use of the right-of-way on Overholt to locate a
15 14'x15' building to be used as a concession stand during baseball season. He said it would be on
16 a permanent basis, but that the building is on skids and could be moved if and when necessary.
17 There was discussion as to whether the building may block vision from the intersection of 10th
18 and Overholt, however, he explained that the building would not extend any further than the cars
19 do when parked there. Officer Wood offered to take a look at the site the next day and make a
20 determination. **MSP: To approve the request to locate a concession stand in the right-of-**
21 **way on Overholt if it is determined not to obstruct vision, Roger McKinley/Bill Harrington.**

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23 **Planning:** no report

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25 **Public Safety:** Officer Wood recapped the Fire, Ambulance and Police logs. He said law
26 enforcement is currently trying to work with the hospital regarding the lack of mental hold
27 facilities. Bill Harrington explained that when the new hospital was rebuilt, they (the hospital)
28 requested a variance (2 year) to not include hold rooms due to related potential dangers. The
29 County has requested the variance be reviewed due to the need of such facilities. When asked
30 how often it is needed, he stressed that the need is not so much frequent but crucial.

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32 Officer Wood also reported that he would be attending a Major Crimes Conference the following
33 week. He said the tuition of \$275 would also include Reserve Officer Chris Camarena.

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35 **Landfill Report:** Bob Titus commented that they are unable to use the tarps to cover the solid
36 waste during freezing weather and have been using sand.

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38 **Public Works:** Bob Titus reported that one of the wastewater pumps is being repaired and the
39 vendor is having trouble getting parts. He said that when the pump is returned he will pull all the
40 pumps and perform the required maintenance.

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42 In other business, he reported that due to new residences on West Seventh, the street is in need of
43 maintenance. He said he would measure it to determine the amount of rock needed. It was
44 reported that the City Hall roof repairs have been completed and that Public Works has repaired
45 the damage to the ceilings. Titus expressed the need to repair the bridge on the east end of Depot

1 Park and said he would use the Trex material he has on hand for park benches. He also reported
2 that he is working on the written emergency plan for the sewer lagoons.

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4 **6:45 p.m. Well Drilling:** Roger McKinley said the landowner agreement negotiations with
5 John Coombs are still being worked out and that it should be signed in the next 2 weeks. Mike
6 Springer was recognized and addressed the Council regarding the previous Council's decision to
7 keep him on the Water Committee. He expressed the concern that he would like to have the
8 blessing of the new Council as well due to the fact that the committee had been given a certain
9 amount of authority, i.e., to contact the attorney, meet with the landowners (John Coombs and
10 Fred Winegar) and to establish negotiations. There was discussion of the committee's progress
11 and the feasibility of the City meeting the May 30, 2007 deadline for completing the project.

12 **MSP: To keep the committee and allow them to continue in the same capacity, Bill**
13 **Harrington/Pam Woodworth. Harrington asked Springer if he could set a date for**
14 **completion of the landowner agreements. Springer agreed to the date of February 28.**

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16 **7:10 p.m. Accounts Payable:** The City Recorder presented the list of payables and explained
17 the method of how to determine which fund and department the expense is charged to. She also
18 said the claims were available if anyone wanted to look at a bill. **MSP: To pay the bills, Tom**
19 **McAuslan/Roger McKinley.**

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21 **Ordinances:** The Council was asked to consider the adoption of a revised dog ordinance. The
22 City Recorder outlined the proposed changes. Bill Harrington suggested re-wording section
23 6.05.030 C to refer to "service animals" rather than "seeing eye dogs." There being no other
24 recommendations, the Recorder said she would revise the language and submit the ordinance for
25 adoption at the next meeting. She advised the Council that according to the City Charter,
26 ordinances must be read once by title and once in entirety in order to be adopted.

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28 An amendment to the Solid Waste Franchise Agreement was considered. It was noted that the
29 change was approved by the prior Council at the December 13 meeting. The ordinance was read
30 once by title and once in its entirety. **MSP: To adopt the Amendment to Ordinance 13.20-**
31 **2004, 3.1.14, Bill Harrington/Frank Primoic.**

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33 **Other Business:** Joe Hitz of Sisul Engineering addressed the Council regarding the bids for
34 repair of the wastewater lagoon. He noted that the bids came in higher than the City's budgeted
35 amounts and that they had looked at trimming down the project. He proposed fixing only the
36 east side and the worst parts of the other side and stressed that it would be best to do the work
37 during the winter months while the ground is frozen. He distributed copies of the original bids
38 and noted that since it was bid on a per unit basis, the City could award at a lower amount by
39 submitting a change order and will not have to re-advertise. There was discussion of the DEQ
40 requirements and that the lagoons are getting to the age that more repairs will probably be
41 needed in the coming years. **MSP: To award the contract to Dice Construction and to**
42 **submit a change order reducing the amount of work needed, Roger McKinley/Bill**
43 **Harrington. A vote was taken by roll, Tom McAuslan, Frank Primoic, Bill Harrington,**
44 **Roger McKinley voted in favor. Pam Woodworth and Don Strong opposed.**

1 Pam Woodworth referred to correspondence from the attorney regarding the land sale to DR
2 Johnson and her request to have permission for Mike Springer of Bagett Griffith and Blackman
3 to complete the deeds. Springer explained the need to develop three legal descriptions for the
4 adjacent properties in order to complete the sale and it was noted that approval had already been
5 given by the former Mayor in December.

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7 8:10 p.m. It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

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Diane Clingman, City Recorder

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Approved this Date: _____

Stan Horrell, Mayor