

1 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

2 January 14, 2009

3

- 4 Attended: Stan Horrell, Mayor
- 5 Frank Primozic, Councilor
- 6 Tim Coe, Councilor
- 7 Bill Harrington, Councilor
- 8 Carole Garrison, Councilor
- 9 Jim Munyon, Councilor
- 10 Georgia Patterson
- 11 Randy Oxford
- 12 Lynn Findley
- 13 Tim Lovell
- 14 Doug Lovell
- 15 Linda Harrington
- 16

17 The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The roll was called, Roger McKinley  
18 being absent. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

19  
20 Stan Horrell was sworn in as Mayor and Council members Jim Munyon and Tim Coe were  
21 also sworn in by the City Recorder. Councilman elect Roger McKinley was not present to  
22 be sworn in.

23  
24 The minutes of the December 10, 2008 meeting were considered. **MSP: To approve the**  
25 **December 10 minutes, Carole Garrison/Tim Coe.** All members voted in favor.

26  
27 It was noted that Gunther Clark was not present at the meeting regarding his request to  
28 address a dog complaint. Chief of Police Randy Oxford said he had been in contact with  
29 the dog owner (Doug Lovell) and said that measures were being taken to correct the  
30 barking problem. He said no citation had been issued because the owner is  
31 conscientiously trying to correct the problem.

32  
33 **Planning:** No Report

34  
35 **6:10p.m. Public Safety:** The Mayor reported that he and the Chief had been working on  
36 his schedule. He said there would be at least 3 hours of patrol per day and that the Chief  
37 could use the police vehicle for personal errands in Prairie City and John Day in order to  
38 increase visibility. He said the departmental policies are approximately 30% complete and  
39 that Reserve candidates are being sought. He also added that a school patrol will be done

1 in the morning at least 2 times per week. He explained that the Chief usually has to attend  
2 court once a week and again if he has to turn in a ticket in case anyone is concerned over  
3 why he is going to John Day. Bill Harrington asked if the Mayor was basically outlining a  
4 work plan for the Chief. Chief Oxford interjected that it was not a work plan and felt it  
5 inappropriate to be discussed in an open meeting.

6 The issue of the dog problem was brought up and it was agreed that it is a concern of  
7 many citizens. Chief Oxford said he is initiating an education program to make the  
8 community aware of the ordinance first and then will follow up with enforcement. It was  
9 noted that only a handful of people currently have their dogs licensed compared to the  
10 past and that many dogs are allowed to run loose or bark continually. There was  
11 discussion of contacting a veterinarian to possibly hold a rabies vaccination clinic and then  
12 setting a date by which all dog owners must have their dogs licensed. Chief Oxford said  
13 he would check with the veterinarian about conducting a clinic. He also said he would  
14 utilize the radio, newspaper and flyers to get the word out.

15

16 Councilman Coe asked if Oxford was now a certified Chief of Police after attending the  
17 DPSST trainings. Oxford said he is and was congratulated by the Council.

18

19 There was then discussion of where he is at with the Reserve Officer program. Oxford  
20 said the he had two people interested but upon doing some checking they turned out to  
21 be unacceptable. He said he would be advertising for candidates and was encouraged to  
22 put an ad in the paper.

23

24 **6:45 p.m. Landfill:** A Landfill report was received. It was reported that no methane has  
25 been detected. Georgia Patterson said that another trench will have to be opened this  
26 summer along with additional road work to access it. It was noted that the tipping fee  
27 analysis needs to be completed prior to renewal of the franchise agreement in April. It  
28 was also noted that the old equipment left by the former operator will be removed in the  
29 spring.

30

31 **Public Works:** Georgia Patterson reported that the City had received the SCA Grant of  
32 \$25,000 toward the \$40,000 Bridge Street chip-sealing project. She said she would review  
33 the contract and present it at the next meeting for signature. It was also reported that  
34 Roger McKinley was taking the backhoe to Boise the following day for needed repairs.

35

36 **Water System Improvement Project:** The Council was asked to consider change order  
37 #2 presented by Bodiford Construction. The change order included Fire Hydrant  
38 Installation for \$2,279, Connection of Well No. 1 for \$2,480, a Filter Water Level Control  
39 Position Transmitter for \$2,949.79, Additional Contract time of 49 days, and the inclusion  
40 of an addition 1 year of warranty due to the extended schedule. There was discussion of  
41 the project status, testing schedule and estimated time of substantial completion. Lyn  
42 Findley said they are stressing a completion date of January 30. There was discussion and  
43 clarification that the approved completion date of December 31 could not be reached and

1 that an additional month was being authorized. **MSP: To accept change order #2, Bill**  
2 **Harrington/Frank Primozic.** Findley said there would be one more change order  
3 regarding Well #2.

4  
5 **7:15 p.m. Accounts Payable: MSP: To pay the bills, Bill Harrington/Frank Primozic.**

6  
7 The City Recorder presented the Council with a mid-year Revenue and Expense Report and  
8 addressed areas of concern. She said she would be drafting resolutions for budget  
9 transfers to bring the deficient fund categories into compliance. It was noted that  
10 spending \$16,000 for watering in Depot Park had exhausted the entire budget for the  
11 Parks fund and that there is only \$9,000 in the General Fund Contingency. It was stressed  
12 that some kind of conservation must be implemented next summer to avoid another such  
13 situation. It was agreed that the County should be approached to discuss putting in a well  
14 for irrigation.

15  
16 **7:45 p.m. Property Development:** Carole Garrison asked the City Council to approve  
17 spending some of the budgeted consulting fees to assess to possibility of receiving grant  
18 funds for expansion of the fire hall and construction of the fire training facility. It was  
19 noted that as the economy gets worse the monies available may be harder to get. She  
20 said the City would need the assistance of a professional and that the City Recorder had  
21 the name of a good prospect. Bill Harrington recommended the Council approve  
22 Garrison's request to move forward. He also noted that along with the \$10,000 budgeted  
23 by the City, there is \$2,000 committed by the community association. Garrison said Fire  
24 Chief Dean Hicks had indicated that the Fire Department also has some funds available.  
25 **MSP: To authorize the approval to explore the feasibility and costs related to the**  
26 **projects, Frank Primozic/Jim Munyon.**

27  
28 **7:50 p.m.** Jim Munyon suggested the Council approve the purchase of two tanks of gas  
29 per month for the Mayor because of all the maintenance and repair he does for the City.  
30 It was agreed that he could have one tank of gas the 1<sup>st</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup> and one tank of  
31 gas the 16<sup>th</sup> through the end of each month. **MSP: To authorize the purchase of two**  
32 **tanks of gas for the Mayor each month, Jim Munyon/Tim Coe.** The City Recorder  
33 reminded the Mayor that he may have to include it on the ethics reporting forms.

34  
35 **7:55 p.m. It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting.**

36  
37  
38 Respectfully submitted:

39  
40  
41 \_\_\_\_\_  
42 Diane M. Clingman, City Recorder

1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10

Approved this date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Stan Horrell, Mayor