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City of Prairie City
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 10, 2010

Attended: Stan Horrell, Mayor
Frank Primozic, Councilor
Tim Coe, Councilor
Carole Garrison, Councilor
Richard Gray, Councilor
Georgia Patterson, Public Works

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

The minutes of the January 27, 2010 meeting were considered. **MSP: To approve the January 27 minutes as written, Carole Garrison/Richard Gray.** Horrell, Coe, Garrison, Gray and Primozic voted in favor.

Museum: Frank Primozic reported that he is working on training materials for museum personnel and volunteers.

Public Safety: The City Recorder said she had submitted a draft agreement to the Sheriff and Undersheriff based on their last meeting and is waiting for a response. Richard Gray said the new batteries in the radar trailer are working well.

Landfill: The Council was given a summary of costs to operate, expand and close the landfill. The Recorder said the recommended increase to the tipping fee is \$11.00 based on that information. **MSP: To increase the tipping fee from \$55.00 per ton to \$66.00 per ton upon renewal of the franchise, Richard Gray/Frank Primozic.** Horrell, Coe, Garrison, Gray and Primozic voted in favor.

Public Works: Georgia Patterson reported that she, the Mayor and the City Recorder had met with Brad Baird of Anderson Perry regarding well drilling and that the recommendation is for the City to drill at the gallery site on City property. Well design is estimated to be approximately \$7 to \$8 thousand and the project itself should be around \$165,000 if water is found. The City will ask OECD for additional funding of \$200,000 to finance the project. The Mayor reported that he

1 is still looking into acquiring a partial senior water right as a temporary measure
2 against water shut downs during irrigation season.

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4 The Council was shown a plaque and picture from Anderson Perry for the award
5 they received for the City's water project. It was suggested and agreed that they
6 should be displayed in the meeting room at the Public Works Building along with
7 other pictures of City projects.

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9 There was discussion of bringing LOC supervisory training to Prairie City under
10 their "Training to Go" program. The Recorder noted she had not yet received a
11 reply from the League regarding the request for information. Richard Gray said he
12 has been attending leadership training in Mount Vernon and would provide
13 additional information if anyone was interested.

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15 Accounts Payable: **MSP: To pay the bills, Tim Coe/Carole Garrison.** Horrell, Coe,
16 Garrison, Gray and Primozić voted in favor.

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18 Resolutions: Resolution 2010-01 amending the Personnel Policy was considered for
19 approval. **MSP: To adopt Resolution 2010-01, Richard Gray/Frank Primozić.**

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21 Other Business: The Recorder asked the Council if they had any questions
22 regarding the mid-year Revenue and Expense Report they had been given. Carole
23 Garrison noted that she had not received hers. It was also determined that she
24 had not received other information sent to her via the mail. There were no
25 questions or comments on the report.

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27 The Council addressed the idea of developing Council Rules and also touched on
28 the subject of Bill Harrington now residing in Burns and not having attended
29 meetings for quite some time. It was noted that the charter lays out the rules for
30 removal from office which basically says a member cannot be gone from the City
31 for more than 60 days without permission from the Council. It was noted that
32 nothing was really determined when Harrington took a job in Burns. The Mayor
33 said he had spoken with Harrington and was given the impression that he would be
34 resigning his seat on the Council. It was suggested that a letter be written to
35 Harrington asking him to give the Council the courtesy of letting them know his
36 intentions. The Mayor said he would also contact Harrington regarding the
37 situation.

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39 Tim Coe asked the Council to consider making one of the monthly meetings a
40 workshop to address various tasks that need to be completed. It was generally
41 agreed that the first meeting of the month would be to take care of business and
42 the second meeting of the month would be for work sessions. The accounts
43 payable will continue to be paid with copies being provided to the Council just as

1 when there aren't two meetings held in a month. The Recorder noted that the
2 Mayor usually signs off on the payable list in those circumstances.

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4 It agreed that the first workshop (February 24) will be to develop Council Rules. It
5 was noted that the Council had been provided with some examples from other
6 cities and suggested that they not adopt rules they don't intend to enforce. It was
7 agreed that they should go through the rules one by one and determine which
8 would be effective for them in conducting business.

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10 Richard Gray suggested the Council consider re-classifying the City Recorder's job
11 to include City Administrator/City Recorder. Carole Garrison said perhaps it would
12 be better to wait until the City has hired a City Attorney in order to proceed
13 correctly or contact other cities that have made the transition.

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15 Mayor Horrell said Dianne Lesniak had contacted him regarding Camp Logan Days
16 and that she would be holding the event at the City's industrial site (rock pit). Since
17 the Council had approved the use in past years he had given permission contingent
18 upon receiving proof of liability insurance. The Recorder noted that the City should
19 make sure there are no hazards to the public that could be construed as negligence
20 in case of an injury. There was some confusion that HOWDY and Camp Logan are
21 one and the same organization and that the Howdy Town false fronts would be
22 moved to the site, however it was noted that HOWDY will remain where it is.

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24 7:40 p.m. It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

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26 Respectfully submitted;

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30 Diane Clingman, City Recorder

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32 Approved by the City Council this ____
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34 day of _____, 2010 and
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36 signed by the Mayor.

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41 Stan Horrell, Mayor