

1 City of Prairie City

2 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

3 June 8, 2011

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6 Attended: Alvan Cooley, Mayor  
7 Tim Coe, Councilor  
8 Gary Waterhouse, Councilor  
9 Roger McKinley, Councilor  
10 Georgia Patterson, Public Works  
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13 Mayor Cooley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and  
14 roll call taken, Les Church and Carole Garrison being absent.  
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16 The minutes of the May 11 meeting were considered. **MSP: To approve the minutes as written,**  
17 **Tim Coe/Roger McKinley. An audible vote was taken, Waterhouse, Coe, McKinley and**  
18 **Cooley voting in favor, none opposed.**  
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20 It was noted that John Nash had submitted an agenda request but was not in attendance. It was  
21 agreed that no decision will be made on his request for an outdoor serving area and horseshoe pit at  
22 **The New Branding Iron** until he addresses the Council in person.  
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24 **Planning:** Gary Waterhouse noted that an agreement had been reached with **AT&T** regarding the  
25 **contract** but is still contingent upon AT&T obtaining access through private property to the site. It  
26 was noted that Councilman Les Church had agreed to work with AT&T to provide **access** across  
27 his property in a separate agreement and has refrained from participating in discussions involving  
28 the City's contract.  
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30 **Public Safety:** Mayor Cooley said he and the City Recorder had met with Sheriff Palmer again  
31 regarding the Law Enforcement Contract and the services being provided. Palmer was cooperative  
32 in considering schedule changes to provide for more daily patrols. Due to the non-renewal of the  
33 Forest Patrol Agreement, Palmer said the deputy would be available to the City for an additional 10  
34 hours per week and asked the City to consider exercising its option to contract for 40 hours per  
35 week service. It was stressed to Palmer that the Council will want to see the deputy in the area  
36 much more than he has been if they are to contract for full time. **MSP: To contract with the**  
37 **County for Law Enforcement for 40 hours per week beginning July 1, Tim Coe/Gary**  
38 **Waterhouse. An audible vote was taken, Waterhouse, Coe, McKinley and Cooley voting in**  
39 **favor, none opposed.** The mayor noted that the deputy is now providing daily logs that provide  
40 documentation of where and when he is on duty. He said the logs are for management purposes  
41 only.  
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43 **Abatement:** The Council considered the complaint received regarding the accumulation of  
44 garbage and junk at a vacant residence located at **261 First Street.** The Mayor said he had driven  
45 by the property and concurred that it appears to be a health hazard as well as unsightly.

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1 Councilman Waterhouse said he had filed the complaint on behalf of a neighbor who was afraid to  
2 submit the complaint for fear of retaliation by the property owner. In an effort to address  
3 complaints, the Mayor said he was **appointing co-chairs Les Church and Tim Coe** to investigate  
4 complaints when received and make recommendations. The Mayor also noted that complaints need  
5 to be in writing for the sake of consistency, but that the identity of the person complaining does not  
6 have to be disclosed unless it becomes legally necessary. The Citizen Comment form created by  
7 the Recorder was considered and it was generally agreed that it would work well and could be  
8 changed as needed. It was pointed out that the form provides a choice as to whether or not the  
9 person filling it out wants their name disclosed. Regarding the property at 261 First Street, Tim  
10 Coe said he would conduct the investigation and give the report to the Recorder with his  
11 recommendation by Friday. It was agreed that a courtesy letter should be sent to the owner of the  
12 property. It was noted that the owner is believed to be living in North Powder and that a mailing  
13 address is available.

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15 **Landfill:** Georgia Patterson reported that the road to the landfill has been muddy due to the  
16 weather.

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18 **Well Drilling:** The City is waiting to hear when the pre-construction meeting with Marciel Well  
19 Drilling will be held.

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21 **Public Works:** Georgia Patterson reported that there is a large amount of **scrap metal** around the  
22 City shop that she would like to dispose of and since prices are good for scrap at this time the City  
23 could recoup a substantial amount. She said her husband, Steve Patterson, has **volunteered to haul**  
24 **it to Idaho free of charge** using one of the City's vehicles. A trailer is also available to rent for  
25 \$50 per trip. Patterson said there is also brass and copper to sell but that Portland offers better  
26 prices for it. The Recorder said she had contacted the City's insurance company to check on auto  
27 and workers' comp coverage for the volunteer and was waiting for a response. **MSP: To allow**  
28 **Steve Patterson to haul the scrap metal for the City contingent upon the City's insurance**  
29 **coverage, Gary Waterhouse/Tim Coe. Waterhouse, Coe and Cooley voted in favor, McKinley**  
30 **opposed.**

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32 **Accounts Payable: MSP: To pay the accounts payable, Tim Coe/Gary Waterhouse. An**  
33 **audible vote was taken, Waterhouse, Coe, McKinley and Cooley voted in favor, none opposed.**

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35 **Ordinances/Resolutions:** The Council considered Resolution 2011-4 Declaring the City's  
36 Election to receive State revenues. **MSP: To adopt Resolution 2011-4 Gary Waterhouse/Tim**  
37 **Coe. Waterhouse, Coe, McKinley and Cooley voted in favor, none opposed.**

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39 The **audit contract** with Oster Professional Group was considered. **MSP: To approve the audit**  
40 **contract, Roger McKinley/Tim Coe. Waterhouse, Coe McKinley and Cooley voted in favor,**  
41 **none opposed.**

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43 It was agreed that a **workshop** would be held **June 22** to review outstanding projects and prioritize  
44 them to be addressed throughout the year.

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46 Roger McKinley encouraged the Council to attend the informational event regarding constitutional  
47 rights being held June 14 at Grant Union High School in John Day.

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1 The Recorder reminded the Council that she would be attending required training the following  
2 week.

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4 **6:40 p.m. It was moved and seconded to adjourn, all members voted in favor.**

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6 Submitted by:

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Diane Clingman, City Recorder

Approved by the City Council this \_\_\_\_  
day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011 and

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signed by the Mayor.

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Alvan F. Cooley, Mayor