

1 City of Prairie City

2 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

3 December 14, 2011

4 Attended: Alvan Cooley, Mayor
5 Gary Waterhouse, Councilor
6 Carole Garrison, Councilor
7 Tim Coe, Councilor
8 Roger McKinley, Councilor
9 Les Church, Councilor
10 Georgia Patterson
11 Jerry Franklin
12 Sally Bartlett
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14 Mayor Pro-Tem Gary Waterhouse called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of
15 Allegiance was recited and roll call taken, Mayor Cooley being absent for jury duty.
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17 The minutes of the November 9 meeting were considered. **MSP: To approve the minutes as**
18 **written, Tim Coe/Roger McKinley. Waterhouse, Garrison, Church, McKinley and Coe voted**
19 **in favor, none opposed.**
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21 Sally Bartlett and Jerry Franklin were recognized and the funding of the Grant County Economic
22 Stabilization Budget issue was moved to the top of the agenda. Bartlett gave the Council a brief
23 history of when and why the position was created and how the County and cities contribute to the
24 budget. She also gave an account of the people in Prairie City she assisting in developing business
25 plans and other help she is providing to various groups to encourage economic development. Mr.
26 Franklin addressed the Council and praised her efforts. He asked the Council to consider
27 supporting the program as an investment in the community and noted that all the other cities pay
28 their share.
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30 It was noted that the Budget Committee had approved funding the position but it was up to the
31 Council to approve the actual payment of \$4,944 to the County. **MSP: To approve funding the**
32 **program this year, Carole Garrison/Tim Coe. Garrison, Church, Coe and Waterhouse voted**
33 **in favor, McKinley opposed.**
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35 The Council was encouraged to attend the GREAT meetings held the 1st Monday of the month at
36 the airport.
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38 **Museum:** Carole Garrison reported that the Museum had been opened for the Christmas on the
39 Prairie event with the help of volunteers. She said it went very well and that they received 45
40 visitors.
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42 **Landfill:** It was noted that a Landfill report had been turned in the previous week. Georgia
43 Patterson reported that the CAT needs some repairs.
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1 6:25 pm Mayor Cooley arrived.
2 **Public Works:** Georgia Patterson asked the Council to consider adoption of updated job
3 descriptions for the Public Works crew. It was explained that the major change in them was the
4 addition of the physical requirements of the jobs as recommended by workman's compensation.
5 The Recorder said that all the job descriptions should have included the physical requirements and
6 that the rest of them should be updated as well. Patterson said the job descriptions had been
7 reviewed by the City Attorney. **MSP: To approve the job descriptions for the Public Works**
8 **Director, Maintenance Worker I and Maintenance Worker II, Carole Garrison/Les Church.**
9 **Cooley, McKinley, Waterhouse, Church, Garrison, and Coe voted in favor, none opposed.**

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11 **Accounts Payable: MSP: To pay the accounts payable, Tim Coe/Les Church. Cooley,**
12 **McKinley, Waterhouse, Church, Garrison, and Coe voted in favor, none opposed.**

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14 **Well Drilling:** Georgia Patterson reported they are still working on the change order so that
15 Marciel can put in the piping.

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17 It was noted that Patterson and Joe Hitz are continuing to work on funding for sewer system
18 improvements.

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20 The email from Les Zaitz was considered and it was generally agreed the City would not contribute
21 \$50 for banners.

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23 It was noted that the Branding Iron owners had not yet provided any information on the proposed
24 outdoor smoking area they want to build.

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26 **6:45 p.m. It was moved and seconded to adjourn, all members voted in favor.**

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28 Submitted by:

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31 Diane Clingman, City Recorder

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33 Approved by the City Council this ____
34 day of _____, 2011 and

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36 signed by the Mayor.

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39 Alvan F. Cooley, Mayor

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