

1 City of Prairie City

2 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

3 October 10, 2012

4 Attended: Alvan Cooley, Mayor  
5 Les Church, Councilor  
6 Carole Garrison, Councilor  
7 Gary Waterhouse, Councilor  
8 Georgia Patterson  
9 Richard Gray  
10 Zach Mobley  
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12 Mayor Cooley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and  
13 roll call taken, Roger McKinley being absent. The minutes of the September 12 and September 19,  
14 2012 meetings were considered. **MSP: To approve both sets of minutes as written, Carole**  
15 **Garrison/Les Church. All members voted in favor.**  
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17 The Mayor recognized Richard Gray who identified himself as a candidate for the office of Grant  
18 County Sheriff. Gray said he has been paying close attention to the operation of the sheriff's office  
19 the past two years. Being in law enforcement, he said other officers see more than the public does  
20 as to how things are being run and that there is a lack of leadership and communication within the  
21 department and other agencies. As a former sheriff's deputy and currently an officer of 8 years  
22 with the John Day Police Department, Gray said he would use his experience to improve in those  
23 areas. He said that law enforcement is needed in Prairie City and supports the continued use of a  
24 law enforcement agreement between the city and the county, and also vowed to improve  
25 communication with the city and be accountable with regard to the contract. There were questions  
26 regarding Gray's stance on BLM and Forest Service road closures and Gray stated he is not in favor  
27 of closures. He said it is important to collaborate with the agencies ("get the Forest Service on the  
28 ball") to work out fair contracts because money is available to the county and the general fund  
29 needs it. In summation Gray said he is willing to step up to the plate if elected and address the  
30 important issues facing the county.  
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32 **Museum:** Carole Garrison reported that the museum will close for the season after the 14<sup>th</sup> but that  
33 off season activities will continue. The museum will be open for Christmas on the Prairie  
34 November 17. She said volunteers will be needed to prep and paint the walkways and platforms.  
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36 **Public Safety:** Mayor Cooley said the sheriff still has not responded to his requests for a meeting  
37 and accounting of the amount of time the contracted deputy spends out of the area. He  
38 recommended not addressing the request for additional fuel money or the addition of another  
39 officer until the original issues are resolved; the council generally agreed. Cooley said he would  
40 make another attempt to contact the sheriff the next day.  
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42 **Landfill:** Report received.  
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1 **Public Works:** Georgia Patterson said the painting of the reservoir had been completed and  
2 provided pictures. She said the contractor had done an excellent job that should last for 10 to 15  
3 years. It was reiterated that the lead in the original paint had been dealt with by power washing  
4 and sealing the surface prior to painting.

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6 **Accounts Payable: MSP: To approve the payables, Les Church/Carole Garrison. All**  
7 **members voted in favor.**

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9 Mike Cosgrove entered the meeting and asked to be briefly recognized. He complimented the city  
10 by mentioning the positive comments being received by visitors regarding the friendliness of the  
11 merchants.

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13 **Resolutions/Ordinances:** The council was asked to sign their forms of acknowledgement and  
14 agreement to abide by the adopted Council Meeting Procedural Rules and City Council Policies of  
15 Conduct and Communication. It was suggested that the meeting rule portion of the resolution be  
16 amended to include Roberts Rules of Order. The Recorder said she would present the amendment  
17 at the next meeting for passage. All members signed the forms except Roger McKinley who was  
18 absent.

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20 The Council was asked to consider approval of a liquor license application for the new owners of  
21 Maria’s (formerly The Branding Iron.) **MSP: To approve the application, Carole Garrison/Les**  
22 **Church.** All members voted in favor.

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24 The Council was asked to consider writing a letter of support for PCCA to help with their efforts to  
25 obtain a grant to remodel and upgrade the community center. **MSP: To provide a letter of**  
26 **support to PCCA, Les Church/Dennis Lynch.** All members voted in favor.

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28 Dennis Lynch asked the Council to consider thinking about economic development and the future  
29 of the community. It was noted that the City pays a portion of the Grant County Economic  
30 Development salary and that Sally Bartlett would be the person to contact for direction. Carole  
31 Garrison also noted that the Recorder has attended some seminars provided by the Oregon Main  
32 Street program that provides some good information about community branding. Lynch said he  
33 would contact Bartlett to set up a meeting and report back.

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35 **6:40 pm** It was moved and seconded to adjourn, all members voted in favor.  
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39 Diane Clingman, City Recorder

40 Approved by the City Council this \_\_\_\_  
41 day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012 and

42 signed by the Mayor.

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44 Alvan F. Cooley, Mayor

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