

1 City of Prairie City

2 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

3 March 27, 2013

4 Attended: Alvan Cooley, Mayor  
5 Carole Garrison, Councilor  
6 Gary Waterhouse, Councilor  
7 Dennis Lynch, Councilor  
8 Georgia Patterson  
9 Chris Camarena  
10 Scott Moore

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12 The meeting was called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.  
13 Roll call was taken, Les Church, Butch Goslin and Viola Rose being absent. It was noted that Les  
14 Church had telephoned and said he would not be able to attend. The minutes of the February 13  
15 meeting were considered. **MSP: To approve the minutes as written, Carole Garrison/Dennis  
16 Lynch. All members voted in favor.**

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18 **Economic Development:** Dennis Lynch presented a draft letter to the Council for approval. He  
19 said the letter of approval for him to represent the City is needed for the various agencies he has  
20 been in contact with regarding economic development and the development of the industrial site.  
21 He read the letter aloud. **MSP: To approve the letter in order to pursue options of  
22 development of the industrial site in Prairie City, Carole Garrison/Tim Cooley. All members  
23 voted in favor.** Lynch also said there are other ideas for the site such as using it for a shooting  
24 range or exchanging the land for a more suitable site. Georgia Patterson reminded the Council that  
25 the city's main sewer transmission line goes through the property. It was noted that the property  
26 has been surveyed although some of the markers are difficult to locate. Lynch also mentioned the  
27 idea of a greenbelt or walking/cycling path as potential attraction for the city.  
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29 **Museum:** Carole Garrison reported that \$715 had been awarded to the museum from the Oregon  
30 Cultural Trust Coalition to help pay for the exhibits being made by the students.  
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32 **Public Safety:** Mayor Cooley referred to the letters received from Mr. Keeton complaining about  
33 his neighbor and pointed out the response he sent to Keeton regarding the issues. Nothing further  
34 has transpired. The Mayor praised Deputy Moore for his efforts and said he has been receiving  
35 positive feedback from citizens regarding Moore's presence in the community.  
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37 **Landfill:** A landfill report was received. Mayor Cooley said the Council would make a decision at  
38 the April 10 meeting as to whether or not to continue operation of the landfill when the current  
39 trench is full.  
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41 **Public Works:** Georgia Patterson reported that they have begun reading meters again. She said  
42 the backhoe had needed some repairs and that they are getting ready to open Depot Park. There is a  
43 couple interested in being park hosts for the month of May and she will continue to advertise the  
44 position.  
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1 The Council was asked to consider implementing a fee for turning water off or on after regular  
2 working hours. There was discussion of establishing a clear policy and it was decided that other  
3 cities be contacted regarding what they do.  
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5 **Accounts Payable: MSP: To pay the bills, Dennis Lynch/Gary Waterhouse. All members**  
6 **voted in favor**  
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8 **Resolutions:** The Council considered Resolutions 2013-01 and 2013-02 authorizing budget  
9 transfers. It was explained that the public works director had budgeted the wrong amount for the  
10 reservoir painting project (too low) and that a transfer is needed to cover the total cost of the  
11 project. The budget transfers are allowed by budget law and are a tool to avoid budget violations  
12 when expenses exceed budgeted estimates. **MSP: To approve Resolutions 2013-01 and 2013-02**  
13 **authorizing budget transfers, Carole Garrison/Gary Waterhouse. All members voted in**  
14 **favor.**  
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16 **Other Business:** Mayor Cooley addressed the Council and asked to correct a procedural error  
17 regarding the appointment of a Mayor Pro-Tem. He said he should have nominated a candidate and  
18 called for a vote instead of appointing. He then nominated Gary Waterhouse as Mayor Pro-Tem  
19 and asked if there were any other nominations. There being none, he asked for a second. The  
20 nomination was seconded by Carole Garrison. All members voted in favor of Gary Waterhouse to  
21 serve as Mayor Pro-Tem.  
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23 Carole Garrison reported that she had attended the County budget meeting where Secure Schools  
24 Funding was discussed regarding whether or not any monies would be distributed to the cities. She  
25 said the cities were well represented and that the Mayor of John Day did a very good job in  
26 stressing the cities' need for additional funds. Each city was asked to submit a prioritized list of  
27 street projects and improvements to the County and Garrison said the Public Works Director had  
28 done so. Dennis Lynch had also attended the meeting and he asked the Council to consider writing  
29 to the legislators and the Forest Service regarding the funding and to encourage timber sales. He  
30 said the more letters the better and said he urged the other entities to get all the eastern Oregon  
31 counties and cities involved. It was suggested that perhaps a sample letter could be included with  
32 the water bills or in the newsletter that citizens could use as a template and customize. The Mayor  
33 asked Carole Garrison and Dennis Lynch to draft a letter for consideration. Mayor Cooley said he  
34 thought visiting with the Forest Supervisor is a good idea.  
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36 **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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2013 and  
42 signed by the Mayor.  
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45 Alvan F. Cooley, Mayor

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