

1 City of Prairie City

2 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

3 January 8, 2014

4 Attended: Gary Waterhouse, Mayor  
5 Carole Garrison, Councilor  
6 Les Church, Councilor  
7 Viola Rose, Councilor  
8 Butch Goslin, Councilor  
9 Dennis Lynch, Councilor  
10 Chris Camarena, Public Works Director  
11 Ray Wenger, Public Works  
12 Kathy Smith, Museum Director  
13 Lyn McDonald, Utility Billing Clerk  
14 Mike Springer  
15 Levi Voigt  
16 Deann Negus  
17 Kevin Dahlen  
18 Jordan Dahlen  
19 Bryan Askew  
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21 The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and roll  
22 call taken, all members being present. The minutes of the December 11 and December 17, 2013  
23 meetings were considered. **MSP: To approve the minutes as written, Carole Garrison/Les**  
24 **Church. All members voted in favor.**  
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26 The Council recognized Mike Springer who addressed them regarding the application for beneficial  
27 use of well #3. Springer said in looking into the matter, he came across a document that says the  
28 City has until 2050 to complete the process so it is not as crucial to get the application submitted  
29 immediately as first thought. He did not recommend waiting that long however as it would  
30 probably get forgotten about. He did say that by waiting a year or two the City would have the  
31 option of incorporating one or more of the other well sites that permits had been issued for. He  
32 expressed concern that no one really seems to know the status of the other sites and undeveloped  
33 wells. If the City were to move forward with the beneficial use application on well #3, they would  
34 be giving up pursuit of the other ones.  
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36 There was discussion of the various well locations and whether or not there is a map depicting  
37 them. It was agreed that the locations and status of the sites should be identified be established  
38 within a 30 to 60 day time frame. Springer said wells #2 and #3 can be used to the capacity water  
39 resources allows in the meantime. He again urged the Council not to wait too long as fees could  
40 change as well as the implementation of new restrictions. Chris Camarena suggested getting it  
41 done within two years. Springer noted that before a final certificate is issued, wells have to be  
42 finished and incorporated into the water system. There was other discussion and questions about the  
43 wells drilled near Faiman Springs. The conversation went back to identifying the location and  
44 status of the other permitted well sites. Chris Camarena said he would gather the information he  
45 can find and Springer said he could put an assessment together in 90 days. **MSP: To have a 90**

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1 **day or sooner review and from there move on with no deadline yet, Viola Rose/Carole**  
2 **Garrison. All members voted in favor.** Springer also presented a bill for progress work on the  
3 claim of beneficial use in the amount of \$960.00.  
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5 In other business, Springer said the water rights for the well at Depot Park still need to be  
6 developed. He said he had outlined the steps in a letter to the former Public Works Director but  
7 wasn't sure how far she had gotten in the process. Because the property belongs to the County, it is  
8 important to know if they will be applying for the water rights themselves or if they will authorize  
9 the City to be the applicant. There was also the question as to who would pay the fees of  
10 approximately \$1,000. It was agreed that the process needs to be completed and that Depot Park is  
11 in need of additional water for irrigation. Chris Camarena said Public Works will pursue the issue.  
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13 There being a number of visitors, the Mayor asked if anyone wanted to speak. No one stepped  
14 forward.  
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16 **Museum:** Kathy Smith gave the Council a written museum report and briefed them on a grant she  
17 would like the County to pursue to do repairs to the depot building. The grant is due in April and  
18 she said she would be addressing the County Court in January about applying for it. She also said  
19 the project management class she took has been very beneficial to her. Carole Garrison pointed out  
20 that a copy of the CAP grant that was meant for the County is in the files at the museum.  
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22 **Law Enforcement Services:** The Mayor reported that the County has supposedly agreed to sign  
23 the finalized dissolution agreement. The contract with John Day will hopefully be ready by the  
24 February 12 meeting.  
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26 **Landfill:** Written report received.  
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28 **Abatement:** Dennis Lynch brought up the abatement issue regarding the (Gill) house with a blue  
29 tarp on the burned out roof and said the tarp is all but gone. He wanted to know if the City plans to  
30 follow through with the abatement process. The Mayor said Butch Goslin had been appointed to  
31 look into their progress and asked him about it. Goslin said the City doesn't want to go there  
32 because they would probably in for a lawsuit. The Mayor referred to the Nuisance Ordinance and  
33 said that the process had been initiated due to complaints about the building by members of the  
34 public. When asked by the Mayor to look into the matter, Goslin refused. There was discussion of  
35 the difficulty in enforcing the ordinance when the owners claim to have no means to fix the house.  
36 It was also noted that they had been given a lot of leniency but still refused to cooperate. It was  
37 again stated that the public had come to the Council insisting that the City enforce the Nuisance  
38 Ordinance, but also agreed that there is no effective means to enforce it.  
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40 **Public Works:** Chris Camarena presented a draft of a Safety Manual for the Council's review and  
41 adoption. He said it is very important the Council familiarize themselves with it and endorse it by  
42 adoption. There was question of whether or not there is a draft resolution available and Camarena  
43 said he would find out.  
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45 **Accounts Payable: MSP: To pay the bills, Carole Garrison/Dennis Lynch.** The Recorder said  
46 she had also provided the Council with a mid-year Revenue & Expense Report for their review and  
47 that a copy of the 2013 Audit was in their inboxes.  
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1 **Other Business:** The Mayor reminded everyone that the amended City Charter was now in effect.  
2 Per the charter, a president of the Council is to be elected each January. **The Mayor nominated**  
3 **Carole Garrison.** Garrison said she would consider it, although had some concern over possible  
4 time limitations due to her husband's health issues. There were no other nominations. Dennis  
5 Lynch seconded the nomination. **Waterhouse, Church, Rose and Lynch voted in favor. Goslin**  
6 **voted no.**

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8 The Council members were asked to sign and turn in their annual acknowledgement forms stating  
9 they have received, read and agree to abide by the previously adopted City Council Meeting  
10 Procedural Rules and City Council Policies of Conduct and Communications policies. All  
11 members signed and turned in the forms.

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13 The Council was asked to consider the application from Kevin Dahlen for the vacant council  
14 position. There was a question about another application that had been received after the agenda  
15 deadline and whether it should also be considered. **Butch Goslin made a motion to have Kevin**  
16 **Dahlen sit in on Council, Viola Rose seconded.** Goslin was asked if he meant to appoint Dahlen  
17 to the Council? Goslin said yes. Dahlen was asked if he was part of any community volunteer  
18 programs; he said no. He was also asked his reasons for wanting to be on the Council because of  
19 concern of people getting on the Council for negative reasons or because they are totally against  
20 something, but Dahlen said he was simply volunteering to fulfill the vacant position and said he  
21 wanted to help the community. The Mayor called for the vote. **Garrison, Church and Waterhouse**  
22 **voted against; Goslin, Rose and Lynch voted in favor. The appointment failed.** It was agreed  
23 the other application would be considered at the February meeting.

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25 Dennis Lynch asked if Omega Morgan had given the City a donation. No one was aware of any  
26 donation.

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28 The Recorder said the new charter calls for an ordinance prescribing the manner for a person to be  
29 nominated to run for mayor or a council position, and that the City Attorney said he would have one  
30 ready for adoption at the February meeting.

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32 **7:15 pm: It was moved and seconded to adjourn, all members voted in favor.**

33 Submitted by:

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37 Diane Clingman, City Recorder

38 Approved by the City Council this \_\_\_\_  
39 day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014 and  
40 signed by the Mayor.

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42 Gary Waterhouse, Mayor