

City of Prairie City  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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November 9th, 2016, 6:00pm

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5. Attended: Jim Hamsher, Mayor

6. Georgia Patterson, Councilor

7. Dottie Miller, Councilor

8. Carole Garrison, Councilor

9. Butch Goslin, Councilor

10. Les Church, Councilor

11. Taci Philbrook, City Recorder

12. Liz Bate, Museum Operations Supervisor

13. Marvin Rynearson, Fire Chief

14. Carlos Bortell, resident

15. Luann Bortell, resident

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18. The Mayor opened the regular meeting at 6:00pm. Roll Call was taken. All

19. councilors present, except Councilor Rose.

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21. The minutes of October 11th, 2016, regular Council meeting was considered for

22. approval. **MSP: To approve the minutes with corrections to a word on line**

23. **#72. Councilor Garrison/ Councilor Patterson. All in favor.**

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25. **Museum:** Written report submitted by Bob Shive, Museum Director. (See

26. attached). Taci explained the events planned for Christmas on the Prairie,

27. scheduled for the 19<sup>th</sup> of November. The events include a train exhibit featuring

28. several model trains, and a Christmas Tree will be decorated and auctioned

29. during the event. Admission to the museum will be by donation only for the

30. event. Councilor Garrison spoke of the assessment that was done for a Grant;

31. during that assessment the museum personnel was told not to allow living plants,

32. feathers, animals because of dust mites. She also recommended we check with

33. the fire marshal for restrictions. It was suggested they display the tree outside.

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35. No other reports were presented. Chris Camarena, the Public Works Director,

36. was excused from the meeting as he is attending a class for Cross Connection

37. training in Portland.

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39. **Public Safety:** Taci explained due to a change of positions in John Day there had

40. been no invoices or reports for policing. They are behind two months. She also  
41. stated Clark's Disposal was behind in their franchise fees. Taci has made contact  
42. with both of them, and hopes to see them caught up by the next council meeting.  
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44. The mayor announced he will be attending a Commissioners Conference in  
45. Salem, and to please contact Mayor Pro-tem, Councilor Patterson, in his absence.  
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**47. Accounts Payable: MSP: To ratify payment of the bills. Councilor Church /  
48. Councilor Miller. All in favor.**

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**50. Other Business:**

51. The council began a discussion about the partnership between The City and  
52. ODOT for the Mortality Facility. A site visit with ODOT was decided upon.  
53. Councilor Patterson, and Joe Phippen, asked to be included in the tour. The  
54. council discussed the easement up to the lagoons. Taci presented the written  
55. history of the easements to the councilors. After they reviewed the documents, it  
56. was decided ODOT would not have easement through the city's agreement with  
57. Russell Ricco. Everyone agreed it was best to speak with Russell to get ODOT  
58. added to the list of entities that had permission to use the easement. The council  
59. asked Taci to get it recorded once it was documented.

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61. Taci introduced the Wastewater Revenue Bond to the council. She included a  
62. recap of the highlights of the agreement that she had from the city attorney's  
63. review. Taci asked the councilors to review it, and to report any necessary  
64. changes to Taci so that the Bond could be voted on at one of the upcoming  
65. meetings. Councilor Garrison confirmed this bond was drawn up by K&L Gates.  
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67. The Mayor began a discussion about creating a Community, or Neighborhood,  
68. Watch Program. The councilors agree; presence in the community may cut down  
69. on crime in Prairie City. The mayor will check with the police or sheriff about  
70. programs available to communities. After the mayor gathers information he will  
71. set up a committee to get the program started.

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73. Taci reported on Christmas on the Prairie. She spoke of the Tree Lighting being a  
74. community event, not just for the shoppers who are visiting that day. She hopes  
75. to see a lot of residents at the tree lighting. There will be a movie at the  
76. community center, vintage campers in the Texaco Lot, and a dance team  
77. performance before the tree lighting. Santa will be at the Teen Center for photos  
78. all day.

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80. The council discussed having a Special Meeting this month if ODOT had their  
81. document(s) ready, and was ready to proceed. They decided as a whole to let

82. Chris Camarena, and Councilor Patterson, as a committee to proceed with the  
83. planning of the proposed Mortality Facility. If the documents are done before the  
84. next regular session we can hold a Special Meeting.

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86. **Fire Dept.:** Chief Rynearson expressed his frustrations with the 2017 Eclipse  
87. camping. He stated he has spoken to legal counsel. The Chief is suggesting a fee  
88. be charged to the ranchers outside the city limits who intend on renting out  
89. lodging on their property. That fee would cover expenses should the Rural Fire  
90. Dept., be called for services. He expressed his need to be included in the  
91. planning. The Chief will be requiring Insurance Certificates from the property  
92. owners who intend on allowing camping on their property. The certificates will  
93. have to name the Rural District. He is going to require a site plan from all the  
94. property owners who intend on renting spaces to visitors that weekend. The site  
95. plan will have to include showing all exits and entrances, and where all fire  
96. extinguishing apparatus available to campers would be located on the property.  
97. Taci explained to Marvin she is planning on having a workshop with the ranchers  
98. to get their site designs and all necessary requirements met. She reminded the  
99. chief he, and the Chief of police Richard Gray, are invited to that workshop.

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101. Chief Rynearson also requested the council look into the fence ordinance  
102. and to make sure residents are adhering to it. He is seeing too many corner  
103. lot residents with fences taller than the ordinance allows making it difficult,  
104. when in a firetruck, to see around them. He also spoke of the tree next to  
105. the electronic sign obstructing the view of traffic on Hwy. 26. Marvin  
106. thinks the tree should be removed.

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108. **The Mayor adjourned at 6:45 pm.**

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Taci Philbrook, City Recorder

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Approved by the City Council this \_\_\_\_\_  
day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016 and  
signed by the Mayor:

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Jim Hamsher, Mayor