

City of Prairie City
City Council Meeting
March 14, 2018

1. **Attendance**

2. Mayor Jim Hamsher
3. Councilor Carole Garrison
4. Councilor Georgia Patterson
5. Councilor Joe Phippen
6. Councilor Les Church
7. Councilor Frank Primozić
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9. **Visitors**

10. Carlos Bortell
11. Luanne Bortell
12. Pam Gangler
13. Lindy Cruise
14. Julie Gurczynski
15. Frances Preston
16. Marvin Rynearson, Fire Chief
17. Dale Mosier
18. Chantal DesJardin
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20. Mayor Hamsher opened the regular council meeting at 6:05pm, and roll call was taken.

21. All councilors were present except Councilor Dottie Miller.

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23. **Approval of Minutes**

24. The minutes of February 14, 2018 regular council meeting were considered. **MSP: To approve**

25. **the minutes of February 14, 2018 regular council meeting. Councilor Garrison/Councilor**

26. **Primozić. All members present voted in favor.**

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28. **Visitors**

29. Mayor Hamsher called on Julie Gurczynski, the Prairie City, School Principle, who is asking
30. the council for approval to move forward with vacating a portion of property behind the school
31. where they are wanting to put a FFA barn. The school received a grant to build a barn to offer
32. Veterinary Science and FFA programs to students. The council would like to leave all of 9th
33. Street open for a fire access road. The school will need to get signatures from all abutting
34. neighbors who are directly affected by the vacation, and will need to complete a cover letter
35. stating the purpose of vacating the property the school is asking for.

36. **MSP: To proceed forward with vacating property behind the school, and leaving 9th St.**

37. **open for fire access. Councilor Patterson/Councilor Garrison. All Members present voted**
38. **in favor.**

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40. **Fire Report**

41. Marvin Rynearson discussed with the council that the 911 Dispatch Center may relocate to
42. the Condon Regional Dispatch Center. The John Day Police Department, and John Day City
43. Hall are looking at closing the Dispatch Center due to the cost of running the department.
44. The cost has increased rapidly over the years, and is costing more than can be made to support
45. the Dispatch Center. Prairie City contributed to the 911 fund last year, but Prairie was the
46. only city willing to budget to help the Dispatch Center with rising costs. No decision has been
47. made yet whether to close the Dispatch Center permanently.

48. **Public Works**

49. Public Works Director, Chris Camarena, informed the council the pre-bid conference went well
50. with a great turn out. There will be a special meeting set for 2:30pm March 7, 2018 to open
51. bids on the Wastewater Project. The bids will no longer be accepted after 2:00pm on
52. Wednesday March 7, 2018. The work on Well #2 has been started and is almost complete.
53. Kevin Moles who owns and operates Oregon Trail Well Service is completing the work on
54. Well #2. Chris informed the council there were a lot of rocks in Well #2, and it may need to
55. be T.V. again to be sure they got all the rocks and debris out of the bottom. Chris said, they may
56. need to put in a screen to help catch debris and rocks to protect the pump from getting
57. clogged or damaged. John Marciel will be in town at the end of February as planned to do work
58. on Well #3. The water level is low for this time of year.
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60. **Payables**

61. To ratify the payment of bills. **MSP: To pay the bills. Councilor Garrison/Councilor**

62. **Patterson. All members present voted in favor.**

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64. **Other Business**

65. Mayor Hamsher moved on to discuss the fireworks contract that the City does every year.

66. **MSP: To proceed with our contract with Western Fireworks. Councilor**

67. **Patterson/Councilor Garrison. All members present voted in favor.**

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69. A committee for the interview panel for the position of City Recorder was set. Councilor

70. Patterson, and Public Works Director, Chris Camarena, and a Prairie City resident will be on the

71. interview panel.

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74. Mayor Hamsher adjourned the regular council meeting at 7:08pm.

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Bobbie Brown, City Recorder

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82. Approved by the City Council this 14th day of March, 2018

83. and signed by the Mayor:

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Jim Hamsher, Mayor