

City of Prairie City

Council Meeting

April 11, 2018

1. **Attendance**

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

9. Anna Bass- OPG
10. Dan Becker
11. Taci Philbrook
12. Chantal DeJardin
13. Nick Green
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15. Mayor Hamsher opened the regular council meeting at 6:00pm and roll call was taken.

16. Councilor Primozic and Councilor Miller were absent.

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18. **Approval of Minutes**

19. The minutes of March 7, 2018 special meeting were considered. **MSP: To**

20. **approve the minutes of March 7, 2018 special meeting. Councilor**

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

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23. The minutes of March 14, 2018 council meeting were considered. **MSP: To approve**

24. **the minutes of March 14, 2018 council meeting. Councilor Patterson/Councilor**

25. **Phippen. All members present voted in favor.**

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27. The minutes of March 26, 2018 special meeting were considered. **MSP: To approve**

28. **the minutes of March 26, 2018 special meeting. Councilor Patterson/Councilor**

29. **Garrison. All members present voted in favor.**

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31. The minutes of March 26, 2018 city council workshop were considered. **MSP: To**

32. **approve the minutes of March 26, 2018 city council workshop. Councilor**

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

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35. **Visitors**

36. Mayor Hamsher called on Dan Becker who wanted to address the council about the

37. City's website and other information sharing. Mr. Becker is concerned about the rumor

38. mill in Prairie City, and those concerns are not being addressed. Mayor

39. Hamsher informed Mr. Becker that the City is looking into posting meeting minutes on

40. the City's website. Mr. Becker had concerns about the pot ash that's being buried on the

41. lumber mill property.

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43. Mayor Hamsher called on Nick Green to discuss the 911 Dispatch Center and answer any questions

44. the council had. The 911 Dispatch Center is located at John Day City Hall and employs 6 Grant

45. County residents. The City of John Day has decided to close the Dispatch Center and

46. relocate it to the Regional Dispatch Center in Condon, Oregon. The cost to keep the Dispatch Center has
47. becoming too great for the City of John Day. There have been meetings to discuss the best outcome for
48. the Dispatch Center who included Councilor Garrison and Councilor Patterson from the Prairie City
49. Council. The City of Prairie City is the only city besides John Day to help fund the 911 Dispatch Center.
50. Mayor Hamsher is still in favor of giving relief funding to the 911 Dispatch Center to help keep it local
51. and save the employee's jobs. Mayor Hamsher told Mr. Green that the City of Prairie City would be
52. happy to donate the Public Works building to house the Dispatch Center at no rent cost, but they would
53. be responsible for paying their utilities.

54. **MSP: To approve keeping the 911 Dispatch Center local and offering the Public Works building**
55. **free of charge to use, but dispatch would be responsible for utilities or extra costs. Councilor**
56. **Garrison/Councilor Patterson. All members voted in favor.**

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58. Public Works

59. Public Works Director, Chris Camarena updated the council on the Well #3 project. John Marciel with
60. Marciel Well Drilling has been contracted to work on Well #3 and should begin work on Monday
61. April 16, 2018. Chris discussed the work that was finished on Well #2. The cleaning of the Well #2 went
62. well and the transducer on the pump which was stopping full production of water flow on Well #2 was
63. replaced. On average Well #2 produces around 100 gallons per minute.

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65. Payables

66. To ratify the payment of bills. **MSP: To pay the bills. Councilor Garrison/Councilor**
67. **Patterson. All members present voted in favor.**

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69. Other Business

70. Mayor Hamsher moved on to discuss the contracting code drafted by the City's lawyer Jeremy Green.
71. This is an Ordinance amending, restating, repealing, and superseding ordinance number 2018-01 in its
72. entirety, which ordinance concerns public contracting rules and procedures in the city of Prairie City.
73. This contracting code will make the process faster and smoother.

74. **MSP: To approve Ordinance 2018-01; an ordinance concerning public contracting rules and**
75. **procedures. Councilor Patterson/Councilor Church. All members voted in favor.**

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77. A meeting for a supplemental budget for the water fund loan has been set for 4:30pm on April 30, 2018.
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79. Mayor Hamsher moved on to Frances Preston, a Prairie City resident who would like to be on this year's
80. budget committee.

81. **MSP: To approve Frances Preston applications for the Prairie City Budget Committee. Councilor**
82. **Church/Councilor Patterson. All members present voted in favor.**

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84. Mayor Hamsher then addressed the City's policing contract through the City of John Day. The John
85. Day Police Department is reducing its size due to the high costs associated with running the
86. department. The City of Prairie City currently contracts with the John Day Police
87. Department. Mayor Hamsher wanted to bring the council up to speed on all the discussions he's been
88. having with City Manager, Nick Green, and would like to know how the City of Prairie City should
89. move forward on this matter. The City of John Day signed a memorandum with the Sheriff's office to
90. help with calls and policing duties on an hourly rate. Mayor Hamsher would like to have a council
91. member talk to the Sheriff's office to see if the City of Prairie City could get the same memorandum set
92. in place temporarily until the council can make a final decision on what they would like to do
93. about permanent policing for the City of Prairie City. Mayor Hamsher believes it would present a
94. conflict of interest if he was to talk to the Sheriff's Office due to being the current County
95. Commissioner. Councilor Patterson said she would volunteer to negotiate a policing contract for the
96. time being with the Sheriff's Office. Councilor Patterson will have a report prepared for the next council
97. meeting on May 9, 2018.

98. Mayor Hamsher called on Chris Camarena to discuss replacing the roof on a small building out at the
99. sewer plant by the City's shop that is in need of a new roof. Chris talked about the different options the
100. City could go with for replacing the roof. They could use TPO roofing, Metal Roofing, or a traditional
101. style roof. Chris is interested in the TPO roofing which is a rubber type material with a life time
102. warranty. Councilor Church is also in favor of this type of roofing and would like to bid on the project.
103. Mayor Hamsher informed Councilor Church that he would have to recuse himself from any decision
104. making on the project. Councilor Church went on record and recused himself, but would be
105. available to answer any questions the council may have. The City has received two bids one from Mike
106. Voigt Construction located here in Prairie City and one Double C Construction also located here in
107. Prairie City. Public Works recommendation would be to accept Double C Construction's bid which
108. came in at a lower price for the materials and labor performed.

109. **MSP: To accept the proposal from Double C Construction for replacing the roof on the sewer
110. plant building in the amount of \$2500 and any cost for unseen damages that may have occurred.
111. Councilor Garrison/Councilor Phippen. All Members except Councilor Church who recused
112. Himself, voted in favor.**

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114. The council discussed the Wastewater Project coming up in later summer/early fall.

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117. Mayor Hamsher adjourned the meeting at 6:50pm

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Bobbie Brown, City Recorder

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124. Approved by the City Council this 9th day of May, 2018

125. and signed by the Mayor:

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Jim Hamsher, Mayor

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