

# City of Prairie City

## Council Meeting

July 10, 2019

1. **Attendance**

2. Mayor Jim Hamsher
3. Councilor Phippen
4. Councilor Georgia Patterson
5. Councilor Tisha Packard
6. Councilor Scott Officer
7. Councilor Chase McClung
8. Councilor Frank Primozić
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10. **Visitors**

11. Carlos Bortell
12. Loreli Clapp
13. Bob Shive, Museum Director
14. Dan Becker
15. Susan Harris
16. Judy Jacobs
17. Marin Rynearson, Fire Chief
18. Carole Garrison
19. Katy Nelson
20. Frances Preston
21. Kristie Titus
22. Storie Moosier
23. Michelle Ray
24. Chris Camarena, Public Works Director
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26. Mayor Hamsher opened the regular council meeting at 6:00pm and roll call was taken.

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28. **Mayor's Update:**

29. Mayor Hamsher addressed the council and audience on the status of the projects the City is working on.
30. The Wastewater Project will be continued, but the completion date has pushed back due to high ground
31. water making it difficult to continue on schedule.
32. U.S. Cellular has obtained permits to start the project through Grant County and will be putting the
33. project out to bid soon.
34. The Front Street ordinance has been drafted by the city's attorney, and when it's finalized, Mayor
35. Hamsher will present it to the council at a future council meeting.
36. The Faiman Water Project has had some issues with the environmental permitting due to native
37. obsidian chippings and a 50-year-old sardine can that was found by one of the wells. A storm water drain
38. plan has been engineered for the small out building that houses the pumps for the wells. Some of the
39. comment periods for the studies have been reduced to 15 days making it easier for the City to move
40. forward at a faster pace. The City has put in for the permit to build the pump house building, but there
41. was an objection that stopped the permit process. Mayor Hamsher is confident that he can have the
42. objector redact his comment because their complaint is not about the building itself, but about a water
43. source for their cattle on the property adjacent to the wells.

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45. **Minutes:**

46. The minutes of June 12, 2019 council meeting were considered.

47. **MSP: To approve the minutes of June 12, 2019 council meeting with corrections. Councilor**

48. **Primoic/Councilor Phippen. All members present voted in favor.**

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50. **Museum Report:**

51. Museum Director Bob Shive reported that 63 people had visited the Museum during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July

52. celebration. Bob reported that a Washington State Representative has an original document of when

53. Prairie City was incorporated into an official town and he would like to display the document at the

54. Museum. Bob is still working with Bonneville Power on the restoration project and grant.

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56. **Fire Report:**

57. Chief Marvin Rynearson thanked all that helped during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. He reported that he

58. completed flow tests on 7 hydrants, and has some new trainings schedule for the volunteer firefighters.

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60. **Public Works Report:**

61. Chris reported that he is working on getting the new equipment that was budgeted for the deer

62. composting site and street sweeping. He has also been working on the new structure at Depot Park for

63. storage for the maintenance crew and Bob at the museum. The structure will be a 40ft x 14ft storage

64. building that will house the parks mowers and a storage room for the Dewitt Museum. Chris said that

65. they will paint it the same as the Dewitt Museum, so that it matches the color scheme of the park. Chris

66. said that he found a skid steer and mini excavator through Western States Cat dealership to lease the

67. equipment and buy them out right at the end of the lease for \$1.00. The funds were budgeted during this

68. year's budget meeting.

69. **MSP: To approve the purchase of the 40' x 14' storage building for Depot RV Park and the Dewitt**

70. **Museum. Councilor Patterson/Councilor Officer. All members voted in favor.**

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72. **Payables:**

73. To ratify the payment of bills. **MSP: To pay the bills. Councilor Patterson/Councilor Packard. All**

74. **Members voted in favor.**

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76. **Other Business:**

77. Mayor Hamsher moved on to discuss the new hiring process through CIS. The attorney with CIS has

78. made a new spread sheet that is based on a point system. This is the policy that the City's insurance

79. company recommends have in place.

80. **MSP: To approve the new procedure for hiring. Councilor Patterson/Councilor Officer. All**

81. **members voted in favor.**

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83. Mayor Hamsher moved on to discuss a complaint about the deer in town. The deer population has come

84. to a growth that is becoming a concern for residents and their animals. The deer at times, get very

85. aggressive and invasive to residents around town. Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife suggested

86. passing an ordinance that will not allow feeding the deer from troughs or yards in town. Once an

87. ordinance is passed and enforced, the City could at that time, submit a kill permit through ODFW. It was

88. discussed moving the deer to another location, but ODFW said that this is a slow death to the deer due to

89. stress. Disease is also another concern with ODFW when relocating deer to different regions of the

90. County. Mayor Hamsher asked the council to take home and read the literature that ODFW has

91. provided. Changing the City's fence ordinance was also discussed as a solution.

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93. Mayor Hamsher moved on to discuss the Depot Park camp host. Earlier in the year, the previous camp

94. host resigned from the host position and Jodi Cook who has been staying in the park full time has been

95. filling the position of camp host until the position is filled. Mayor Hamsher discussed with the council

96. about reforming and adjusting the park host job description to better help with maintaining the park.

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98. Mayor Hamsher moved on to the ODOT deer composting agreement and asked the council if they are

99. ready to make a motion to approve the agreement. All councilors are in favor.

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101. **MSP: To approve the deer composting agreement between the City and Oregon Department of**  
102. **Transportation. Councilor Officer/Councilor Phippen. All members voted in favor.**

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104. Mayor Hamsher moved on to ask the council to approve the use of the City's range for a youth hunter  
105. safety course. **MSP: To approve the use of the City's range for Oregon Hunter Safety course.**

106. **Councilor**

107. **Patterson/Councilor Packard. All members voted in favor.**

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109. Mayor Hamsher moved on to discuss and approve a 2.55% COLA increase for all employees. **MSP: To**

110. **approve a 2.55% COLA increase for all employees. Councilor Patterson/Councilor Officer. All**

111. **members present voted in favor.**

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113. Mayor Hamsher called on Storie Moosier who lives on North Johnson Ave that came to make a  
114. complaint about his neighbor's junk and tires on their property. Mayor Hamsher asked if he had  
115. brought it to the property owner's attention and talked with them on how to resolve the situation. Storie  
116. said that he had not talked with his neighbor as of yet, but wanted to bring this matter to the City's  
117. attention. Mayor Hamsher suggested he talk with them and see if there was a way they could work  
118. together to fix the problem. Mayor Hamsher said that if he talked with them and nothing is resolved to  
119. come file an official complaint with the City.

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123. **Mayor Hamsher adjourned the regular council meeting at 7:07pm.**

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128. **Bobbie Brown, City Recorder**

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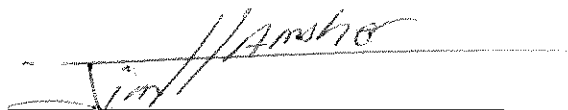
131. **Approved by the City Council this 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019**

132. **and signed by the Mayor:**

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**Jim Hamsher, Mayor**