

City of Prairie City
Council Meeting
September 11, 2019

1. **Attendance**

2. Mayor Jim Hamsher
3. Councilor Georgia Patterson
4. Councilor Tisha Packard
5. Councilor Chase McClung
6. Councilor Scott Officier
7. Councilor Phippen
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9. **Visitors**

10. Carlos Bortell
11. Luanne Bortell
12. Sue Malany
13. Tina Willet
14. Jodi Cook
15. Carole Garrison
16. France Preston
17. Chris Camarena, Public Works Director
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19. Mayor Hamsher opened the regular council meeting at 6:00pm and roll call was taken. Councilor Frank
20. Primozić was absent.

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22. Mayor Hamsher asked the council to approve and motion for an addition to the agenda to discuss the
23. audit and to allow the US cell tower construction crew to stay on site. **MSP: To approve the agenda as
24. amended. Councilor Patterson/Councilor Phippen. All members present voted in favor**
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26. **Minutes:**

27. The minutes of August 14, 2019 council meeting were considered.
28. **MSP: To approve the minutes of August 14, 2019 council meeting. Councilor
29. Phippen/Councilor McClung. All members present voted in favor**
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31. The minutes of August 29, 2019 special meeting were considered.
32. **MSP: To approve the minutes of August 29, 2019 special meeting. Councilor
33. Patterson/Councilor Officer. All members present voted in favor.**
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35. **Public Works Report:**

36. Chris reported that Clackamas Construction is back in town working on Wastewater Project, and they
37. will be starting repair work on East 6th Street continuing their way up South Washington Street to Front
38. Street.
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40. **Payables:**

41. To ratify the payment of bills. **MSP: To pay the bills. Councilor Patterson/Councilor Packard. All
42. members present voted in favor.**
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44. **Executive Session:**

45. Mayor Hamsher announced at 6:04pm the council will now be meeting in Executive Session
46. pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2)(i): To review and evaluate the job performance of the chief executive

47. officer, other officers, employees, and staff, if the person whose performance is being reviewed and
48. evaluated does not request an "open hearing."

49. Mayor Hamsher read aloud that "Representatives of the news media and designated staff shall be
50. allowed to attend the executive session. All other members of the audience are asked to leave the room.
51. Representatives of the news media are specifically directed not to report on any of the deliberations
52. during the executive session, except to state the general subject of the session as previously announced.
53. No decisions may be made in executive session. At the end of the executive session, we will return to
54. open session and welcome the audience back into the room.
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56. At 6:11pm Mayor Hamsher invited the audience back to the regular open session council meeting.
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58. **MSP: To approve Tina Willet to permanent employment status and approve a pay increase
59. of .50¢. Councilor Officer/Councilor Phippen. All members present voted in favor.**
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61. **Other Business:**

62. Mayor Hamsher moved on to the next item on the agenda, the 2019 Prairie City Street Improvement
63. Project. There was a Schedule A and Schedule B portion of the project that the City received bids on.
64. The lowest bidder on Schedule A was Winegar Excavating, Inc for a total of \$67,800.00, and Schedule B
65. lowest bidder was Harney Rock and Paving Co. for a total of \$41,350.00; making the total project cost
66. of \$109,150.00.

67. **MSP: To issue notice of intent to award with no objections after the protest ending period of one
68. week for Schedule A and B for the 2019 Prairie City Street Improvement Project. Councilor
69. Patterson/Councilor Phippen. All members present voted in favor.**
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71. Mayor Hamsher moved on to a request to hold a town hall meeting at the senior center for Airlink life
72. flight services. Airlink representatives would like to discuss the services they have available for rural
73. communities in a medical emergency. Mayor Hamsher said it would be a good opportunity to get
74. residents signed up and ask questions. The general consensus of the council was to support a town hall
75. meeting hosted by Airlink.
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77. Mayor Hamsher moved on to discuss a rate increase request from Clark's Disposal, Inc. Nancy Moffitt
78. sent a letter at the end of August requesting that the city council approve a \$2.30 increase to the monthly
79. cost for garbage services in Prairie City. Mayor Hamsher said that he would like to table the decision
80. until Nancy could attend a meeting and explain the need for the increase. This matter was tabled until
81. the next council meeting on October 9, 2019. There was discussion on the garbage service with the
82. audience about Franchise Fee's and where Clark's Disposal haul the garbage from John Day.
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84. Mayor Hamsher moved on to discuss the 2018/2019 audit. The City had its annual audit and it was
85. reported that it went very well with no discrepancies. The audit team had a few suggestions that would
86. benefit the City, and they will include those suggestions in their audit report for the council to review.
87. Overall it was one of the better audit years for the City.
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89. Mayor Hamsher asked the council to approve the US Cellular construction crew to stay on site with their
90. RV's by the saw mill on City property. The Depot RV Park will be temporarily closed October 1, 2019
91. for an upgrading project. The construction crew will be on site putting the cell tower together after the
92. October date. The consensus of the council was to allow the construction crew to stay on site with their
93. RV's.
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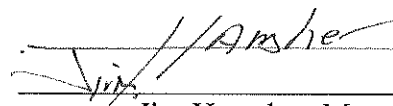
95. There was discussion about the Depot Park upgrade explaining what needs to be done and if the current
96. campers who stay long term would be affected by the construction.
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98. **Mayor Hamsher adjourned the regular council meeting at 6:33pm.**
99. **MSP: To adjourn the regular council meeting. Councilor Packard/Councilor Officer. All members
present voted in favor.**

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Attested: 
Bobbie Brown, City Recorder

Approved by the City Council this 9th day of October, 2019
and signed by the Mayor:


Jim Hamsher, Mayor