

City of Prairie City
Council Meeting
January 8, 2020

1. **Attendance**

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

11. Frances Preston
12. Carole Garrison
13. Marvin Rynearson, Fire Chief
14. Chris Camarena, Public Works Director
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16. Mayor Hamsher opened the regular council meeting at 6:00pm and roll call was taken.

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18. Mayor Hamsher had a sad announcement about Business Oregon associate Scott Fairley who had passed away the night before while on vacation in Mexico. Mayor Hamsher asked that members of the council keep his family in their thoughts and prayers.

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22. **Minutes:**

23. The minutes of December 11, 2019 council meeting were considered.

24. **MSP: To approve the minutes of December 11, 2019 council meeting. Councilor**

25. **Patterson/Councilor Phippen. All members voted unanimously.**

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27. Mayor Hamsher made an amendment to the agenda to add a discussion about medical transport.

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29. **Fire Report:**

30. Chief Rynearson mentioned that he has 5 firefighters going to fire school over the next few months.

31. Marvin informed the council that the CPR training and certification will be held at Blue Mountain

32. Hospital instead of here at City Hall. The City will pay for any members of the council that wishes to

33. take the training.

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35. **Public Works Report:**

36. Public Works Director Chris Camarena reported that Clackamas Construction is still working on North

37. Johnson Street for the Wastewater Project. He reported that the sections of town that have been fixed

38. have seen huge reductions in ground water in the sewage lines. Chris reported that he is currently

39. working on DEQ Wastewater permit, and Harney Rock and Paving finished the first part of the Small

40. City Allotment patch work to city streets that will continue and finish in the Spring. Public Works is

41. also working on getting a transducer on Well #2 with ASC and John Marciel.

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43. **Payables:**

44. To ratify the payment of bills. **MSP: To pay the bills. Councilor Patterson/Councilor Primozić. All**

45. **members voted unanimously.**

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47. Mayor Hamsher announced that SRS funding has been approved in the amount of \$94,353.00 that will help with road and bridge work.

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50. **Resolution:**

51. Resolution 2020-01 is a resolution authorizing expenditure of the DEQ agreement #067-20 for the closer of the Prairie City Landfill. **MSP: Resolution 2020-01: A Resolution to authorize expenditures of the DEQ agreement #067-20. Councilor Phippen/Councilor Officer. All members voted unanimously.**

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57. **Other Business:**

58. Mayor Hamsher moved on to ask the council to approve the USDA Faiman grant agreement RUS Bulletin 1780-12. This agreement will allow the City to receive grant funding for the Faiman Project.

60. **MSP: To approve Mayor Hamsher to sign the ECWAG Grant Agreement with USDA for the Faiman Project. Councilor Primozi/Councilor Patterson. All members voted**

62. **unanimously.**

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64. Mayor Hamsher moved on to the next item on the agenda, neighborhood watch. Mayor Hamsher said that with the increasing theft and break-ins he has contacted Sheriff Glenn Palmer for information on starting a neighborhood watch program in Prairie City. Mayor Hamsher said that County Court authorized a reward for information that leads to an arrest and conviction for those responsible for the thefts and break-ins. Mayor Hamsher would like to make a donation to the program in an effort with surrounding cities to help stop the thefts. Mayor Hamsher would like the approval of the council to have the Sheriff's Department come and talk to the council and residents to promote the program.

71. **MSP: To approve a \$300 donation and moving forward with the neighborhood watch with the Sheriff's Department. Councilor Patterson/Councilor Officer. All members voted unanimously.**

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74. Mayor Hamsher moved on to appoint the mayor pro-tem for the year 2020 in accordance to City Charter. **MSP: To approve Councilor Joe Phippen as mayor pro-tem for the 2020 year in accordance with City Charter. Councilor McClung/Councilor Officer. All members voted unanimously.**

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79. Mayor Hamsher moved on to discuss medical life flight for employees. This is an insurance that would be offered at the employees' expense for medical transport for any company coming in the area or with in the United States. Coverage for International can be included at a higher expense. The cost for this insurance would cost \$14.00 per month. Mayor Hamsher will get more information and policies they offer.

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85. **Mayor Hamsher adjourned the regular council meeting at 6:39pm.**

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Bobbie Brown, City Recorder

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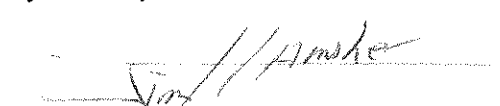
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94. Approved by the City Council this 12th day of February, 2020 and signed by the Mayor:

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Jim Hamsher, Mayor