

City of Prairie City
Council Meeting
June 10, 2020

1. **Attendance**

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

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10. **Visitors**

11. Carol Garrison
12. Chris Camarena, Public Works Director
13. Bobbie Brown, City Recorder
14. Anna Bass, Solutions CPA
15. Marvin Rynearson, Fire Chief

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17. Mayor Hamsher opened the regular council meeting at 6:00pm and roll call was taken. Mayor Hamsher
18. took roll call for Go-to-Meeting attendees. Councilor McClung arrived at 6:25 pm.

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20. Mayor Hamsher opened the budget hearing at 6:050 pm, and asked if there are any questions and/or
21. comments regarding the budget resolution to pass.

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23. **Minutes:**

24. The minutes of May 13, 2020 council meeting were considered.

25. **MSP: To approve the minutes of May 13, 2020 council meeting with corrections. Councilor**

26. **Patterson/Councilor Officer. All members voted unanimously.**

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28. The minutes of May 21, 2020 budget meeting were considered.

29. **MSP: To approve the minutes of May 21, 2020 budget meeting. Councilor**

30. **Patterson/Councilor Officer. All members voted unanimously.**

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32. Mayor Hamsher gave a brief update on the COVID-19 status. The State of Oregon has approved Grant

33. County to move into phase two of the reopening phases. Indoor gatherings are approved for up to 50

34. people as long as the building will allow that size of gathering with social distancing, outdoor is

35. approved for up to 100 people with social distancing, and large venue up to 250 with social distancing.

36. Mayor Hamsher discussed possibly a grant opportunity that would help the residents with their utility

37. bills by paying them in full, and the remaining grant funds could be split up between the Prairie City

38. businesses equally. Mayor Hamsher said he will get more information soon.

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40. **Fire Report:**

41. Mayor Hamsher called on Chief Marvin Rynearson for any updates he would like to share with the

42. council. Marvin said that as of June 1, 2020 there will be no open burning allowed due to fire dangers of

43. the dry summer season.

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45. **Public Works Report:**

46. Mayor Hamsher called on Public Works Director, Chris Camarena for his report. Chris said that Public

47. Works staff are doing shoulder work on North Johnson and clean up. Clackamas Construction is still

48. waiting on Tidewater to start mixing asphalt to patch the roads where the sewer line was replaced. Chris
49. is working with the Prairie City School for the Safe Route to School Program. Councilor Patterson
50. informed the council that she is putting a letter recommendation in for Public Works Director, Chris
51. Camarena for Operator of the Year award.

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53. **Payables:**

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

55. **All members voted unanimously.**

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57. Mayor Hasher asked the council and the public if there were any comments or questions regarding the
58. Prairie City Budget for the fiscal year 2020-2021. There were no questions or comments from the
59. council or audience. Mayor Hamsher closed the budget hearing at 6:21 pm.

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61. **Resolution:**

62. Resolution 2020-08: A resolution of the City of Prairie City declaring a state of emergency in response
63. to the COVID-19 pandemic; and authorizing the mayor to take actions necessary and appropriate to
64. protect the health, safety, and welfare of the city and city's citizens. The council will revisit this during
65. the July 8, 2020 council meeting. **MSP: To approve Resolution 2020-08: A resolution of the City of
66. Prairie City declaring a state of emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and
67. authorizing the mayor to take actions necessary and appropriate to protect the health, safety, and
68. welfare of the city and city's citizens. Councilor Patterson/Councilor Officer. All members voted
69. unanimously.**

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71. Resolution 2020-09: A resolution to adopt fiscal year 2020-2021 budget. **MSP: To approve Resolution 2020-09:
72. A resolution to adopt fiscal year 2020-2021 budget. Councilor Patterson/Councilor Officer. All
73. members voted unanimously.**

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75. Resolution 2020-10: A resolution to appropriate fiscal year 2019-2020 budget. **MSP: To approve Resolution
76. 2020-10: A resolution to appropriate fiscal year 2020-2021 budget. Councilor Patterson/Councilor
77. Officer. All members voted unanimously.**

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79. Resolution 2020-11: A resolution to impose and categorize taxes for the fiscal year 2020-2021 budget. **MSP:
80. Resolution 2020-11: A resolution to impose and categorize taxes for the fiscal year 2020-2021 budget.
81. Councilor Patterson/Councilor Officer. All members voted unanimously.**

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83. Resolution 2020-12: A resolution of the City of Prairie City, Grant County, Oregon approving participating in the
84. State Revenue Sharing Program. **MSP: Resolution 2020-12: A resolution of the City of Prairie City, Grant
85. County, Oregon approving participating in the State Revenue Sharing Program. Councilor Officer/
86. Councilor Patterson. All members voted unanimously.**

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88. Resolution 2020-13: A resolution extending Workers' Compensation coverage to the volunteers of the City of
89. Prairie City for the fiscal year 2020-2021. **MSP: Resolution 2020-13: A resolution extending Workers'
90. Compensation coverage to the volunteers of the City of Prairie City for the fiscal year 2020-2021.
91. Councilor Patterson/Councilor Officer. All members voted unanimously.**

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93. Resolution 2020-14: A resolution of the City of Prairie City, Grant County, Oregon, authorizing the
94. issuance of a Wastewater Revenue bond. **MSP: Resolution 2020-14: A resolution of the City of Prairie
95. City, Grant County, Oregon, authorizing the issuance of a Wastewater Revenue bond.
96. Councilor Officer/Councilor Phippen. All members voted unanimously. 7 yay/0 nay**

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102. **Other Business:**

103. Mayor Hamsher moved on to discuss the first amended personnel policy that the city attorney drafted.
104. Mayor Hamsher asked that the council look over this draft and then address it on July 24, 2020 special
105. meeting. Mayor Hamsher asked that if the council has any changes or comments please have their
106. questions, changes, or comments in before June 18, 2020, so our city attorney would have time to
107. address questions or change the draft.

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109. Mayor Hamsher moved on to discuss the City Hall floor replacement and asked the council to approve
110. moving forward with the process to replace the floors due to the flood damage from the water heater.
111. The consensus of the council was to move forward with the process to replace the floors.

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113. Mayor Hamsher moved on to the next item on the agenda, to discuss the flower beds in front of City
114. Hall. Mayor Hamsher explained that the flower beds are getting over grown with weeds and looking
115. unsightly, and would like the council to think about what they would like to do with the flower beds.
116. He suggested that we take everything out and put in bark mulch with a half
117. whiskey/wine barrel with simple flowers or if a council member would like to volunteer to weed the
118. flower bed and leave the flowers that are there? He asked that the council make a decision during the
119. July 24, 2020 special meeting.

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121. A special meeting was set for June 24, 2020.

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123. **Mayor Hamsher adjourned the regular council meeting at 6:41 pm.**

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Bobbie Brown, City Recorder

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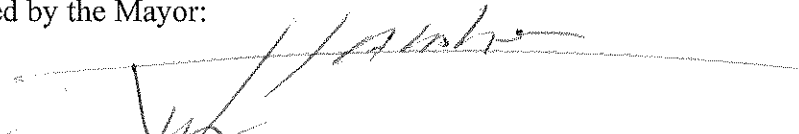
130. Approved by the City Council this 8th day of July, 2020

131. and signed by the Mayor:

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Jim Hamsher, Mayor