

City of Prairie City  
Council Meeting  
August 12, 2020

1. **Attendance**

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

11. Carol Garrison
12. Chris Camarena, Public Works Director
13. Bobbie Brown, City Recorder
14. Marvin Rynearson, Fire Chief
15. Andy Hutsell, Public Works
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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.

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21. **Minutes:**

22. The minutes of June 24, 2020 special meeting were considered.

23. **MSP: To approve the minutes of June 24, 2020 special meeting. Councilor Patterson/Councilor**

24. **Primozić. All members voted unanimously.**

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26. The minutes of July 6, 2020 workshop were considered.

27. **MSP: To approve the minutes of July 6, 2020 workshop. Councilor Phippen/Mayor Hamsher.**

28. **All members voted unanimously.**

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30. The minutes of July 8, 2020 council meeting were considered.

31. **MSP: To approve the minutes of July 8, 2020 council meeting. Councilor Patterson/Councilor**

32. **Officer. All members voted unanimously.**

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34. Mayor Hamsher gave a brief update on the COVID-19 status. There have been 4 cases for Grant County

35. to date. Mayor Hamsher said that there is \$50,000 of funding to help residents with past due utilities or

36. to help businesses through the CARES ACT funds, and the City will be pursuing that. The council

37. discussed updating the front office to comply with the Governors COVID-19 requirements.

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39. **Fire Report:**

40. Mayor Hamsher called on Chief Marvin Rynearson for his fire report. Marvin said that he will be

41. holding an extrication class on August 28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> and asked if anyone knew of a vehicle that could be

42. donated for the class. Councilor Patterson said that she may have a vehicle that the Fire Dept. could use.

43. Marvin said that the burn ban is in effect for all burning.

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45. **Public Works Report:**

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

47. Clackamas is done with the Wastewater Project and they are working on patching around town. Chris

48. informed the council of an upcoming chip seal project on Front Street.

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50. **Payables:**

51. To ratify the payment of bills. **MSP: To pay the bills. Councilor McClung/Councilor Packard.**

52. **All members voted unanimously.**

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55. **Resolution:**

56. Resolution 2020-18: A resolution of the City of Prairie City declaring a state of emergency in response

57. to the COVID-19 pandemic; and authorizing the mayor to take actions necessary and appropriate to

58. protect the health, safety, and welfare of the city and city's citizens. The council will revisit this during

59. the September 9, 2020 council meeting. **MSP: To approve Resolution 2020-18: A resolution of the**

60. **City of Prairie City declaring a state of emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and**

61. **authorizing the mayor to take actions necessary and appropriate to protect the health, safety, and**

62. **welfare of the city and city's citizens. Councilor McClung/Councilor Packard. All members voted**

63. **unanimously.**

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65. **Other Business:**

66. Mayor Hamsher moved on to discuss the covered wagon on HWY 26 east of Prairie City. Mayor

67. Hamsher said that the Grant County Chamber of Commerce is overseeing the wagon and the Commerce

68. and City will need a MOU (memorandum of understanding). In the past, the City had an MOU with the

69. Greater Prairie City Community Association to care for the covered wagon. Mayor Hamsher asked for

70. approval to move forward with the Commerce on a MOU. **MSP: To move forward with a MOU with**

71. **the Grant County Chamber of Commerce for the covered wagon. Councilor Primozie/Councilor**

72. **Patterson. All members voted unanimously.**

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75. Councilor Patterson asked to discuss making a motion on the Aquatic Center to have a final decision on

76. record. Recently, John Day City Council withdrew moving forward with the Aquatic Center proposal for

77. the 2020 ballot. There was discussion about city employees paying for their overage for water

78. use that the council passed last summer.

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83. **Mayor Hamsher adjourned the regular council meeting at 6:20 pm.**

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Bobbie Brown, City Recorder

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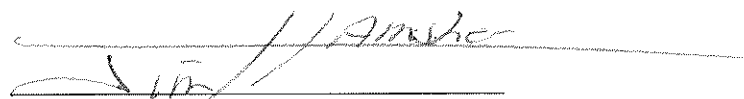
90. Approved by the City Council this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020

91. and signed by the Mayor:

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Jim Hamsher, Mayor