

City of Prairie City
Council Meeting
September 9, 2020

1. **Attendance**

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

10. Carol Garrison
11. Chris Camarena, Public Works Director
12. Bobbie Brown, City Recorder
13. Marvin Rynearson, Fire Chief
14. Allison Field
15. Digit McCracken
16. Tori Stinett
17. Luann Bortell
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19. Mayor Hamsher opened the regular council meeting at 6:00pm and roll call was taken. Mayor Hamsher
20. took roll call for Go-to-Meeting attendees. Councilor Phippen was absent.
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23. **Minutes:**

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25. The minutes of August 12, 2020 council meeting were considered.
26. **MSP: To approve the minutes of August 12, 2020 council meeting with corrections. Councilor**
27. **Officer/Councilor Packard. All members voted unanimously.**
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29. **Business Oregon – Allison Fields:** Mayor Hamsher called on Allison Fields from Business Oregon
30. who was accompanied by Digit McCracken, and Tori Stinett. They are asking for support from the
31. council about internet access to local residents, and a possible location for a workstation within Prairie
32. City. Allison explained that she has a grant available through Business Oregon and Grant County
33. Economic Development to start a program for students, parents, and local residents who need access to
34. internet and computers. Covid has put a lot of students in a distant learning program and this program
35. could help students and parents have the tools they need to be successful. Not everyone in Grant County
36. has access to a computer and internet for work or school. Allison had a 5-year plan on how the program
37. would work and where the funding would go. 24-hour access to computers and internet is a big issue
38. within Grant County. **MSP: To support this program and grant opportunity in Prairie City.**
39. **Councilor Primozić/Councilor Patterson. All members present voted unanimously.**
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41. **Fire Report:**

42. Mayor Hamsher called on Chief Marvin Rynearson for his fire report. Marvin said that he is working on
43. an expansion program to get all volunteers to a level one fire fighting training by next year.
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45. **Public Works Report:**

46. Mayor Hamsher called on Chris Camarena for his report. Chris said they are wrapping the Wastewater
47. Project up with a few loose ends. Chris said that a stripping crew will be coming through town around the

48. 14th of the month to paint crosswalks, parking spaces, and lines on city road ways. Chris said that he has talked with ODOT on plowing this winter and they are working on a
49. plan to help preserve the chip seal work that was completed this summer. Chris said that he is helping
50. complete the deer composting site with the County to get that project started soon.
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52. **Payables:**

53. To ratify the payment of bills. **MSP: To pay the bills. Councilor Primozi/Councilor Officer.**

54. **All members voted unanimously.**

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57. **Resolution:**

58. Resolution 2020-18: A resolution of the City of Prairie City declaring a state of emergency in response
59. to the COVID-19 pandemic; and authorizing the mayor to take actions necessary and appropriate to
60. protect the health, safety, and welfare of the city and city's citizens. The council will revisit this during
61. the September 9, 2020 council meeting. **MSP: To approve Resolution 2020-18: A resolution of the
62. City of Prairie City declaring a state of emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and
63. authorizing the mayor to take actions necessary and appropriate to protect the health, safety, and
64. welfare of the city and city's citizens. Councilor Officer/Councilor Primozi. All members voted
65. unanimously.**

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67. **Other Business:**

68. Mayor Hamsher moved on to talk about the Texaco building on Front Street. The coffee shop in John
69. day by Len's Drug Store has donated the boards and lumber from the coffee building to the City for a
70. facelift to the Texaco building. Mayor Hamsher said that Huffman's would be willing to donate their
71. forklift to help with the project.

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73. The Grant County Chamber of Commerce has an exciting opportunity for businesses of Prairie City and Grant
74. County. They are offering a match fund 1:1 grant that could help businesses do upgrades to the inside and outside
75. of Prairie City businesses. There is no minimum cost requirement and the Commerce would match up to \$2500
76. for the project. They require a membership with the Commerce to be eligible to apply.

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81. **Mayor Hamsher adjourned the regular council meeting at 6:53 pm.**

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85. Bobbie Brown, City Recorder

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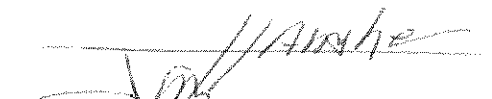
88. Approved by the City Council this 14th day of October, 2020

89. and signed by the Mayor:

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Jim Hamsher, Mayor