

# City of Prairie City

## Council Meeting

October 14, 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. Mike Springer
13. Fran Bunch
14. Frances Preston
15. Tori Stinett
16. Pam Gangler
17. Chris Camarena, Public Works Director
18. Bobbie Brown, City Recorder
19. Marvin Rynearson, Fire Chief
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22. At 6:00 p.m. Mayor Hamsher announced the Prairie City Council would be moving to executive session  
23. pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(e): A governing body may go into executive session to deliberate with  
24. person designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transaction. Real property  
25. transactions are not limited to the purchase or sell of real property. Mayor Hamsher excused the  
26. audience members from the executive session.

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28. Adjourned at 6:20pm

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30. Mayor Hamsher opened the regular council meeting at 6:30pm and roll call was taken. Mayor Hamsher  
31. took roll call for Go-to-Meeting attendees.

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33. Mayor Hamsher called on Tori Stinett from Grant County Economic Development to talk about CARES  
34. ACT grant that the City can apply for to help residents and businesses who have been affected by the  
35. COVID pandemic. For the business portion of the grant, Community Lending Works can help filter and  
36. administer funds for a fee of 6% and GREAT could help filter and administer utility grant funds for  
37. residents that were affected by COVID. It is recommended that the City use a 3<sup>rd</sup> party to accept  
38. applications and administer funds for the CARES ACT grant. Mayor Hamsher recommends that the  
39. grant funds be split between Prairie City businesses and utility accounts. The City will design an  
40. application and set an amount for max benefit to be awarded. Tori talked to the council about another  
41. grant for businesses up to \$25,000 and they could get in contact with Tori at Economic Development in  
42. John Day. Tori said that there is grant funding for small businesses and to visit the County's website at  
43. grantcountyoregon.net to get the application. There are two different applications, one application for  
44. businesses that have received grant funding from Business Oregon and the other application is for  
45. businesses that have not received any funds. If businesses have a 25% loss due to COVID they can  
46. qualify for this grant; there is a deadline of November 16, 2020.

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48. Mayor Hamsher called on Mike Springer who is representing Fran Bunch. She is requesting a partition  
49. at her property on 158 6<sup>th</sup> Street here in Prairie City, tax lot 5000, and plot map 13S 33E 02CD. She is  
50. wanting to separate her lot into two separate tax lots. Her property qualifies for two lots and meets all  
51. requirements to do so. **MSP: To approve Fran Bunch partition with the condition that it be**  
52. **surveyed. Councilor Officer/Councilor Packard. Yay: 7 Nay: 1**  
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54. **Minutes:**

55. The minutes of September 9, 2020 council meeting were considered.

56. **MSP: To approve the minutes of September 9, 2020 council meeting. Councilor**

57. **Primoic/Councilor Packard. All members voted unanimously.**

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59. Mayor Hamsher gave a short update on the COVID-19 status. Mayor Hamsher said that Representative  
60. Mark Owens has now made it possible for Abit quick testing that takes 15 minutes for results. This will  
61. be a huge help for all Oregonians and businesses who wish to be tested and will help with the numbers  
62. reported.

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64. **Fire Report:**

65. Mayor Hamsher called on Chief Marvin Rynearson for his fire report. Marvin said that we are still in  
66. fire season even though State has lessened the burn ban. He said at this time, he is allowing burn barrels  
67. from 6am to 10am and fire pits, but they must be attended at all times. He is looking at November 1<sup>st</sup> for  
68. lifting the restriction on open burning.

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70. **Public Works Report:**

71. Mayor Hamsher called on Public Works Director, Chris Camarena for his report. Chris said that  
72. there will be a bid opening at 2pm at City Hall for the Landfill Closure Project. Chris said that he will be  
73. working with ODOT on ADA approved curbs and approaches for sidewalks in Prairie City. He said he is  
74. working on trying to get some safety devices, such as strobes and ODOT approved radars for speed for  
75. some crosswalks on Front Street and by the park on Main Street. There was discussion on ownership of  
76. curb and sidewalks on State Hwy 26.

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78. **Payables:**

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

80. **All members voted unanimously.**

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82. **Resolution:**

83. Resolution 2020-19: A resolution of the City of Prairie City declaring a state of emergency in response  
84. to the COVID-19 pandemic; and authorizing the mayor to take actions necessary and appropriate to  
85. protect the health, safety, and welfare of the city and city's citizens. The council will revisit this during  
86. the November 10, 2020 council meeting. **MSP: To approve Resolution 2020-19: A resolution of the**  
87. **City of Prairie City declaring a state of emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and**  
88. **authorizing the mayor to take actions necessary and appropriate to protect the health, safety, and**  
89. **welfare of the city and city's citizens. Councilor McClung/Councilor Packard. All members voted**  
90. **unanimously.**

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92. **Other Business:**

93. Mayor Hamsher called on City Recorder, Bobbie Brown to discuss relief help in City Hall office.  
94. Bobbie said that in times that the office is busier than normal, she would like to be able to have someone  
95. come in to help with daily tasks. She has worked with Anna Bass from Solutions to go through the  
96. current budget to look at funds to support relief help with office tasks. The current budget could not  
97. support hiring a City Clerk this fiscal year due to a lack of funds which leaves the City Recorder to do  
98. 70+ hours of work a week within their 40 hours budgeted. This would only be relief when needed and  
99. would not have set hours. The consensus of the council was in favor of hiring for relief help.

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101. Councilor Patterson asked to pass a motion on the Aqua Center due to her hearing an interview with  
102. City Manager, Nick Green on KJDY stating that he wants to go ahead and put the pool on the ballot.  
103. Mayor Hamsher recused himself due to a conflict of interest because he is a County Commissioner.  
104. Councilor Patterson made the motion to opt out. **MSP: Voting out of the pool for a pool. Councilor  
105. Patterson/Councilor Officer. Yay: 6 Nay: 0**

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108. Mayor Hamsher asked if anyone had anything else to discuss. Nothing further was discussed.

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110. **Mayor Hamsher adjourned the regular council meeting at 7:47 pm.**

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Bobbie Brown, City Recorder

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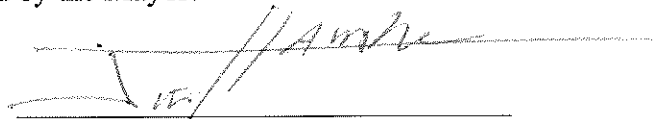
117. Approved by the City Council this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020

118. and signed by the Mayor:

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Jim Hamsher, Mayor