

City of Prairie City
Council Meeting
November 10, 2020

1. **Attendance**

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

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10. **Visitors**

11. Steve Lusch
12. Carole Garrison
13. Chris Camarena, Public Works Director
14. Bobbie Brown, City Recorder

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

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20. Ginger Shive submitted an agenda request to renew a three-year commitment to use the City Park and
21. facilities for the Fiber Fest for 2022, 2023, and 2024 during July. Ginger was unable to attend the
22. meeting, so Mayor Hamsher spoke on her behalf. Ginger provided the council with a folder that
23. included their pamphlet, activities and events, and a brief letter to the council. **MSP: To approve the**
24. **Fiber Fest event and use of the City Parks and facilities for July 2022, 2023, and 2024. Councilor**
25. **McClung/Councilor Officer. All members present voted unanimously.**

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27. Mayor Hamsher called on Steve Lusch who represents the Pacific Northwest Clean Water Associate.
28. Steve traveled from Roseburg to present Chris Camarena an award for Operator of the Year for our
29. section. Steve wanted to congratulate Chris in person on a job well done and for the efforts he puts into
30. his job here at the City.

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33. **Minutes:**

34. The minutes of October 10, 2020 council meeting were considered.
35. **MSP: To approve the minutes of October 10, 2020 council meeting. Councilor**
36. **Patterson/Councilor Officer. All members voted unanimously.**

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38. **COVID-19 Update:**

39. Mayor Hamsher said that there are 13 more cases as of Friday, November 6, 2020 and the County would
40. need 60 more cases for a shutdown order. Mayor Hamsher said that if the County were to shutdown
41. again, then we would have to follow the reopening guidelines in stage one and so on. He hopes that the
42. County will not be forced to shut down again.

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44. Mayor Hamsher discussed the business grant and asked the council to set guidelines for the grant.
45. Mayor Hamsher suggested that we use a first come first serve basis, allow nonprofits to be eligible to
46. apply, businesses within city limits only, and that the City use Community Lending Works as their 3rd
47. party for cutting checks to those that qualify. The council came to the consensus of \$20,000 for business

48. grants leaving \$5,000 for the Community Lending Works fee. Mayor Hamsher asked if the council
49. would like to allow a rollover of left-over funds from the utility grant to be allocated to businesses that
50. applied either for extra money or more qualified applicants. All council members gave a consensus for
51. the following \$20,000 with roll over from the utility grant, first come first serve and must be a business
52. in the city limits. This grant will allow \$2500 for 8 businesses that were affected by COVID-19.
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54. Mayor Hamsher discussed the utility grant with the council and asked for their input. The Council came
55. to the consensus to allow \$25,000 for the utility grant, first come first serve, must be a resident of Prairie
56. City and live within city limits, and must show proof that they were affected between March 1, 2020 and
57. December 31, 2020, and to roll left over funds to the business grant. This grant will allow \$500 for 50
58. residents that was affected by COVID-19.
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60. **Public Works Report:**

61. Mayor Hamsher called on Public Works Director, Chris Camarena for his report. Chris said that the deer
62. composting site has been approved. Chris said that he has put a sign up at the natural debris pile due to
63. residents dumping garbage. He hopes this will detour residents from dumping garbage in the future.
64. Chris reported that the landfill project was awarded to Iron Triangle. The council discussed the tree
65. lighting and Christmas on the Prairie. Chris said due to COVID restriction on gathering some of the
66. ideas that have been discussed are porch decorating contest, and Santa parade through town.
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68. **Payables:**

69. To ratify the payment of bills. **MSP: To pay the bills. Councilor Phippen/Councilor Officer.**
70. **All members voted unanimously.**

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72. **Resolution:**

73. Resolution 2020-20: A resolution of the City of Prairie City declaring a state of emergency in response
74. to the COVID-19 pandemic; and authorizing the mayor to take actions necessary and appropriate to
75. protect the health, safety, and welfare of the city and city's citizens. The council will revisit this during
76. the November 10, 2020 council meeting. **MSP: To approve Resolution 2020-20: A resolution of the**
77. **City of Prairie City declaring a state of emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and**
78. **authorizing the mayor to take actions necessary and appropriate to protect the health, safety, and**
79. **welfare of the city and city's citizens. Councilor McClung/Councilor Packard. All members voted**
80. **unanimously.**

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82. **Other Business:**

83. Mayor Hamsher went on to discuss disconnections for utility billing. During the COVID shutdown, the
84. council decided to suspend disconnections of the resident's utility services. Mayor Hamsher asked the
85. council when they would like the disconnection service to be reinstated. **MSP: To approved reinstating**
86. **the disconnect utility service for the January 2021 billing. Councilor Patterson/Councilor Officer.**
87. **All members voted unanimously**

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89. Mayor Hamsher asked the council to approve a COMP time payout for the Public Works Department for
90. 100 hours. **MSP: To pay 100 hours of COMP to the Public Works Department. Councilor**
91. **Patterson/Councilor Officer. All members voted unanimously.**

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95. **Mayor Hamsher adjourned the regular council meeting at 6:52 pm.**

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Bobbie Brown, City Recorder

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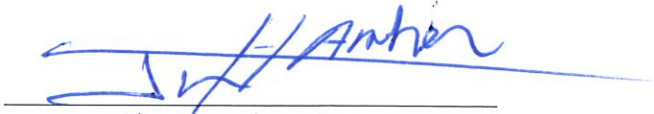
108. Approved by the City Council this 29th day of December, 2020

109. and signed by the Mayor:

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Jim Hamsher, Mayor