

# City of Prairie City

## Council Meeting

December 29, 2020

1. **Attendance**

2. Mayor Jim Hamsher
3. Councilor Georgia Patterson
4. Councilor Chase McClung
5. Councilor Joe Phippen
6. Councilor Scott Officer
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9. **Visitors**

10. Digit McCracken
11. Alison Fields
12. Tori Stinnett
13. Bobbie Brown, City Recorder
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19. Mayor Hamsher opened the regular council meeting at 6:30pm and roll call was taken. Mayor Hamsher
20. took roll call for Go-to-Meeting attendees. Councilor Primozić was absent.
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22. **Minutes:**

23. The minutes of November 11, 2020 council meeting were considered.
24. **MSP: To approve the minutes of November 11, 2020 council meeting. Councilor**
25. **Patterson/Councilor Officer. All members voted unanimously.**
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27. Mayor Hamsher moved on to discuss the business grant and utility grant options for the unused funds.
28. After all the approved utility grant funds were dispersed, there was a total of \$11,475.00 of unused
29. funds. Mayor Hamsher asked the council their thoughts on where to spend the unused portion of the
30. grant money left. He said that there are a few options for the unused funds that could be used for the
31. business grants or to use the funds for Grant County Co-Works program to help set up a computer lab
32. station for the public to use in one of the empty businesses on Front St. He said that the council could
33. decide to hold the funds for the future also. The council discussed options with Didgit, Allison and Tori.
34. The council decided to keep \$1,475 for COVID related supplies. **MSP: To dedicate \$10,000 of grant**
35. **funding to Grant County Co-Works for a computer lab station. Councilor Phippen/Councilor**
36. **McClung. The motion passed unanimously. Scott Officer recused himself due to a conflict of**
37. **interest, he will be the owner of the rented building for the computer lab.**
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39. Mayor Hamsher moved on to discuss a COVID grant agreement between the State of Oregon (DAS) and
40. the City to receive funds for the business grant and utility grant. This will allow the State to deposit
41. requested funds to the City's LGIP account for refund. **MSP: To allow Mayor Hamsher to sign the**
42. **grant agreement between the City of Prairie City and the State of Oregon (DAS). Councilor**
43. **Packard/Councilor McClung. All members present voted unanimously.**
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45. **Payables:**

46. To ratify the payment of bills. **MSP: To pay the bills. Councilor Packard/Councilor Officer.**
47. **All members present voted unanimously.**

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49. **Resolution:**

50. Resolution 2020-20: A resolution of the City of Prairie City declaring a state of emergency in response  
51. to the COVID-19 pandemic; and authorizing the mayor to take actions necessary and appropriate to  
52. protect the health, safety, and welfare of the city and city's citizens. The council will revisit this during  
53. the November 10, 2020 council meeting. **MSP: To approve Resolution 2020-20: A resolution of the  
54. City of Prairie City declaring a state of emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and  
55. authorizing the mayor to take actions necessary and appropriate to protect the health, safety, and  
56. welfare of the city and city's citizens. Councilor Officer/Councilor McClung. All members present  
57. voted unanimously.**

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59. Councilor Patterson reminded the mayor and council that they will need to appoint a councilor to the  
60. IGC board at the next council meeting.

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64. **Mayor Hamsher adjourned the regular council meeting at 6:25 pm.**

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74. Bobbie Brown, City Recorder

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77. Approved by the City Council this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021

78. and signed by the Mayor:

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Jim Hamsher, Mayor