

City of Prairie City

Council Meeting

January 13, 2021

1. Attendance

2. Mayor Jim Hamsher
3. Councilor Brook Williams
4. Councilor Chase McClung
5. Councilor Candy Reagan
6. Councilor Scott Officer
7. Councilor Tish Packard
8. Councilor Jenny Shaw

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10. Visitors

11. Marvin Rynearson, Fire Chief
12. Chris Camarena, PW Director
13. Bobbie Brown, City Recorder

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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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20. Mayor Hamsher welcomed the new council members and moved on to appoint council members to
21. Council President, Budget Officer and IGC board for the year 2021.

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23. Mayor Hamsher asked Councilor Scott Officer to consider being Council President for 2021. **MSP: To
24. appoint Councilor Scott Officer to Council President. Mayor Hamsher/Councilor Packard. All
25. members voted unanimously.**

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27. Mayor Hamsher asked the council to consider Anna Bass as the Budget Officer for the fiscal year
28. 2021/2022. **MSP: To appoint Anna Bass as Budget Officer for the fiscal year 2021/2022. Mayor
29. Hamsher/Councilor Packard. All members voted unanimously.**

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31. Mayor Hamsher moved on to discuss the IGC Board representative. This appointment will only be a
32. one-year term and the council will elect a new member at the beginning of the year. **MSP: To appoint
33. Brook Williams to the IGC board. Mayor Hamsher/Councilor Packard. All members voted
34. unanimously.**

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36. Mayor Hamsher moved on to discuss an agenda request from Kevin Zemmer for an all-class reunion and
37. street dance on June 25th, 26th, and 27th of 2021. Kevin is requesting the use of the Texaco parking lot,
38. restrooms, and access to power. Due to Covid the class reunion was put on hold until a later date last
39. year in 2020. Kevin would like to try and have the reunion this year in hopes that Covid restrictions
40. don't delay the class reunion again. **MSP: To approve Kevin Zemmer request to use the Texaco
41. parking lot, restrooms, and access to power for the all-class reunion on June 25th, 26th, and 27th of
42. 2021. Councilor Officer/? . All members voted unanimously.**

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44. Minutes:

45. The minutes of December 29, 2020 council meeting were considered.

46. **MSP: To approve the minutes of December 29, 2020 council meeting with corrections. Councilor
47. Packard/Councilor Officer. All members present voted unanimously.**

48. **Public Works Report:**

49. Mayor Hamsher called on Public Works Director Chris Camarena for his report. Chris said that the
50. Landfill Project was almost finished. Chris reported that the DEQ year-end report on the Wastewater
51. Project had outstanding results. Chris said that within the six months the project has ended, there has
52. been a 30-million-gallon reduction being pumped to the sewer lagoons. He said he is hopeful in another
53. 6 months that it will be closer to 50–60-million-gallon reduction in pumping. Chris said that if any of the
54. new council members would like to take a tour of our facilities, he would be happy to take them.
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56. **Payables:**

57. To ratify the payment of bills. **MSP: To pay the bills. Councilor Packard/Councilor Officer.**

58. **All members voted unanimously.**

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60. **Resolution:**

61. Resolution 2021-01: A resolution of the City of Prairie City declaring a state of emergency in response
62. to the COVID-19 pandemic; and authorizing the mayor to take actions necessary and appropriate to
63. protect the health, safety, and welfare of the city and city’s citizens. The council will revisit this during
64. the February 10, 2021 council meeting. **MSP: To approve Resolution 2021-01: A resolution of the**
65. **City of Prairie City declaring a state of emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and**
66. **authorizing the mayor to take actions necessary and appropriate to protect the health, safety, and**
67. **welfare of the city and city’s citizens. Councilor Officer/Councilor McClung. All members**
68. **voted unanimously.**

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70. **Other Business:**

71. Mayor Hamsher moved on to discuss ATV’s on Hwy 26. Mayor Hamsher said that he reached out to
72. ODOT about allowing ATV’s on Hwy 26 which would allow parking at businesses and travel down
73. Front Street without being ticketed by State Police. Mayor Hamsher asked the council to allow him to
74. proceed working with ODOT if that was something of interest. **MSP: To approve Mayor Hamsher to**
75. **work with ODOT on an agreement to allow ATV’s on Hwy 26. Councilor Williams/Councilor**
76. **McClung. All members voted unanimously**

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78. Mayor Hamsher moved on to the audit agreement through Accuity. This agreement would be for the
79. 2021/2022 audit year. **MSP: To approve Mayor Hamsher to sign agreement with Accuity for the**
80. **2021/2022 audit. Councilor Officer/Councilor McClung. All members voted unanimously.**

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82. Mayor Hamsher mentioned that there will be a vaccination clinic at the Grant County Fair Grounds on
83. January 19, 2021 between 3pm-6pm for those that qualify for the Covid vaccine.

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87. **Mayor Hamsher adjourned the regular council meeting at 6:38 pm.**

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90. Bobbie Brown, City Recorder

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93. Approved by the City Council this 10th day of February, 2021

94. and signed by the Mayor:

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Jim Hamsher, Mayor