

**CITY OF PRAIRIE CITY
PRAIRIE CITY OREGON MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 13, 2021**

1) Attendance

- 2) Mayor Jim Hamsher
- 3) Councilor Scott Officer via phone
- 4) Councilor Chase McClung
- 5) Councilor Jenny Shaw
- 6) Councilor Candy Reagan
- 7) Councilor Chase Bloom

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9) Visitors

- 10) Sue Malaney
- 11) Anna Bass, Solutions
- 12) Dave Wildman, Anderson Perry
- 13) Kevin Boss
- 14) Frances Preston
- 15) Chris Camarena
- 16) Jim Angell via phone
- 17) Shonalie Oakes, City Recorder

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19) **Mayor Hamsher** opened the meeting at 6:00pm and roll call was taken

20) Councilor Williams was absent due to coaching

21) Minutes

22) The consideration of the minutes for September 8th, 2021

23) Mayor Hamsher amended number six from September 8th's minutes to read 3.5 not 2.5 months

24) MSP Councilor Reagan/Councilor Chase Bloom

25) All members present voted unanimously.

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27) Payables

28) Mayor Hamsher recused himself of the bills because of a conflict of interest (he had a relative

29) receiving a check)

30) Ratify payments of the bills.

31) MSP Councilor Shaw/Councilor Officer

32) All members present voted to approve unanimously except Mayor Hamsher who recused

33) himself.

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35) Carrie Young Memorial

36) Mayor Hamsher request the Council put together a basket for the Carrie Young Memorial

37) requesting the city donate \$100 for the project. Councilor Reagan volunteered to build the

38) basket on behalf of the city. **MSP Mayor Hamsher/Councilor Reagan**

39) **All members present voted unanimously.**

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41) **Kevin Boss** wanted to discuss the possibility of purchasing the City's old Recycle Center

42) All members of the council were interested in exploring this possibility.

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44) **RESOLUTION NO. 2021-14**

45) Engineer Dave Wildman explains to the Council and those present the details pertaining to the

46) Faiman Well Project so that everyone might thoroughly understand the challenges presented to

47) the city and the actions necessary to complete the projects that would solve our current water

48) emergency. Stating the urgency of why **Resolution 2021-13 and Resolution 2021-14** are

49) necessary to the success of this project in a timely manner.

50) Councilor Reagan asked if the city has looked into other contractors for bids?

51) Mr. Wildman updated the council on the difficulties of finding a contractor with enough

52) licensing and bonding for the job.

53) Mr. Wildman also expressed the difficulty in getting supplies, specifically piping, stating

54) that the contractor Winegar has the ability to obtain said piping to complete the project.

55) Mr. Wildman states the need for subcontractors to get an accurate bid from Winegar,

56) and requests any subs interested to please contact Winegar.

57) Mr. Wildman discussed the need for a meter at the wellsite.

58) As of 09/13/21 Anna Bass from Solutions stated that approximately \$363,000 has been spent on

59) water hauling.

60) Francis Preston states that Councilor Reagan may have a potential conflict of interest voting on

61) these resolutions, at this time Councilor Reagan recused herself.

62) **MSP: To approve the RESOLUTION NO. 2021-14 OF CITY OF PRAIRIE CITY ADOPTING FINDINGS**

63) **IN SUPPORT OF AN EMERGENCY DECLARATION AND APPROVING DIRECT APPOINTMENT OF A**

64) **CONTRACT FOR CERTAIN CONSTRUCTION SERVICES CONCERNING THE FAIMAN WELLS WATER**

65) **SYSTEM CONNECTION PROJECT. Councilor Officer/Councilor Shaw. All members present voted**

66) **unanimously. (Except for Councilor Williams who was not present, and Councilor Reagan who**

67) **recused herself.)**

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69) **RESOLUTION NO. 2021-13**

70) The engineer Dave Wildman shows the City Council and all people present an overview of the

71) maps and diagrams pertaining to the project.

72) **RESOLUTION NO 2021-13 A RESOLUTION OF CITY OF PRAIRIE CITY ADOPTING FINDINGS**

73) **IN SUPPORT OF AN EMERGENCY DECLARATION AND APPROVING DIRECT APPOINTMENT OF A**

74) **CONTRACT FOR CERTAIN ENGINEERING AND RELATED SERVICES CONCERNING THE FAIMAN**

75) **WELLS WATER SYSTEM CONNECTION PROJECT. MSP: Councilor Bloom/Councilor Shaw (Except**

76) **for Councilor Williams who was not present, and Councilor Reagan who recused herself.)**


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78) **The City discussed** needing to add its new City Recorder Shonalie Oakes and the City Council

79) President Councilor Scott Officer as signers to the bank of Eastern Oregon account.

80) **MSP: Councilor Officer/Councilor Bloom**

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82) **GCECA committee needs council members and residents to be on their committee.**
83) Frances Preston and Councilor Chase Bloom were nominated by Mayor Hamsher. Both
84) nominees accepted the position. **MSP: Mayor Hamsher/Councilor Shaw**
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86) **Anna Bass from Solutions request an additional \$6,000**
87) Anna requests the City to pay an additional hourly wage for hours worked when the city
88) recorder position was vacant.
89) Mayor Hamsher stated that there is unresolved contract confusion.
90) Mayor Hamsher clarifies to the Council that Solutions has been **operating** under the \$3500 all-
91) **inclusive** contract **proposal**, and that Solutions has not operated under the **actual**
92) **signed contract** between the City and Solutions. The **signed contract** and the **proposal** rates
93) fluctuate depending if it's a team member, manager, or partner, per billable hour.
94) Mayor Hamsher request that the City attorney review both the contract and the proposal, to
95) ensure that the duties performed are not outside the scope of work stated in the signed
96) contract/proposal.
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98) **Councilor Officer discussed the need for affordable housing within our community.** Councilor
99) Officer asked the Council to familiarize themselves with the current zoning and planning
100) documents to generate ideas for the best way to accommodate and implement
101) affordable housing within the community. Identify the needs of the citizens to shape any
102) future changes to the planning documents. Mayor Hamsher reminded the Council that he
103) sent in a letter of support for an application for a Technical Assistance Grant. This grant is
104) to include A Housing Needs Analysis and a buildable land inventory, to strategically plan
105) for the next steps in addressing the housing needs of Prairie City.
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107) **Francis Preston** spoke with Representative Owens and Senator Finley and they challenged
108) the Prairie City Council members to write a list of shovel ready projects for them.
109) The Council decided to use the fireworks for the City's New Years Eve Celebration
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111) **Meeting adjourned**
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114) **Attested:** _____
115) **Shonalie Oakes, City Recorder**
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118) **Approved by the City Council this 10th day of November, 2021**
119) **And signed by the Mayor**
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123) **Mayor Jim Hamsher**

