

City of Prairie City
Council Meeting
October 12, 2022

1. **Attendance:**

2. Mayor Jim Hamsher
3. Councilor Scott Officer
4. Councilor Jenny Shaw
5. Councilor Candy Reagan
6. Councilor Brooke Williams
7. Councilor Chase McClung
8. Public Works Director, Chris Camarena
9. Fire Chief, Marvin Rynearson
10. City Recorder, Shonalie Oakes

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12. **Visitors:**

13. Pam Gangler
14. Fran Bunch
15. Georgia Patterson
16. Sue Malaney
17. Mike Springer
18. Nancy Hitz
19. Mary Brown
20. Kyle McKern
21. Kimberly McKern

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23. Mayor Hamsher called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm the pledge of allegiance was done, and

24. roll call taken.

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26. **Minutes:**

27. The minutes of the September 14, 2022 were considered.

28. **MSP: To approve the minutes of**

29. **September 14, 2022. Councilor Williams/Councilor Reagan.**

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31. **Mike Springer:** Explains the needed lot line adjustment for the property of the McKern's and
32. Jones's.

33. **MSP: To approve the lot line adjustment for the McKern's and Jones's property. Councilor**

34. **Officer/Councilor Reagan.**

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36. **Stock Water Agreement:**

37. Mayor Hamsher explained to all present the stock water agreement between the City of Prairie

38. City and Elmwood Ranches. Public Works Director Chris Camarena stated that a "Home Pack

39. Test” was conducted, and that the water sample results determined that Faiman Springs and
40. Faiman Well, are from two different water sources.

41. **MSP: To approve and sign the Stock Water Agreement. Councilor Williams/Councilor Officer**
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43. **Comp Time:**

44. Mayor Hamsher and the Council discussed the importance to the city of paying down the comp
45. time.

46. **MSP: To approve paying down 300 hours of the Public Works Director comp time. Councilor**
47. **Officer/Councilor Reagan.**

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49. **Cell Tower:**

50. Mayor Hamsher and the City Council discuss the second cell tower lease and working toward
51. negotiations with US Cellular. The City Council authorized Mayor Hamsher to begin negotiating
52. the lease on Dixie Creek cell tower site.

53. **MSP: To approve the beginning negotiations on the second cell tower. Councilor**
54. **Williams/Councilor Officer**

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56. **ARPA:**

57. Mayor Hamsher reminded everyone that the council had previously appropriated the first
58. payment from the ARPA funds for contingency on the Faiman Well Project. Mayor Hamsher
59. shared that the city received the second ARPA funds payment, in the amount of approximately
60. \$97,000 totaling about \$194,000. All ARPA funds must be appropriated by December 31, 2024
61. and spent by December 31, 2026. Mayor Hamsher asked the council to reach a consensus to
62. appropriate the ARPA funds to the Faiman Well Project. Water projects are an allowable use for
63. ARPA funds. Appropriating these funds at the proper time will reduce the amount of the loan
64. from Business Oregon.

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66. **Public Works Report:**

67. Public Works Director, Chris Camarena said he is researching the most cost-effective route to
68. change out the City’s water meters, if radio or cellular meters are the best option.

69. Crosswalks will be one project in 2023.

70. Radar signs will be installed soon at each end of town on highway 26, in hopes traffic through
71. town will slow down.

72. Chris shared that Engineer Joe Hitz is continuing to work on the City’s I/I project.

73. Recently, Fritz Voight did a great job fixing the City’s water fountain.

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75. **Fire Report:**

76. Fire Chief Marvin Rynearson said Prairie City is still in significant fire danger and that fire
77. restrictions will remain in effect.

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79. **Payables:**

80. To ratify the payment of the bills.


81. **MSP: To pay the bills. Councilor McClung/Councilor Williams.**

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83. Mayor Hamsher adjourned the meeting at 7:00 pm.

84. MSP: To adjourn the meeting at 7:00 pm. Councilor Officer/Councilor Williams.

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86. Attested: 

87. Shonalie Oakes, City Recorder

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89. Approved by the City Council this 9th day of November, 2022 and signed by the Mayor.

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92. Jim Hamsher, Mayor

