

City of Prairie City

Council Meeting

May 10, 2023

1. **Attendance:**

2. Scott Officer, Mayor
3. Pam Gangler, Councilor
4. Chase McClung, Councilor
5. Chase Bloom, Councilor
6. Candy Reagan, Councilor
7. Brook Williams, Councilor
8. Councilor Jenny Shaw
9. Chris Camarena, Public Works Director
10. Bob Shive, Museum Director
11. Shonalie Oakes, City Recorder

12. **Visitors:**

13. Jennifer Kingsford
14. Fran Bunch
15. Sue Malaney

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17. Mayor Officer called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and the pledge was done and roll call taken.

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19. **Minutes:** The minutes of April 12, 2023 were considered. **MSP:** To approve the minutes of April

20. 12, 2023 Councilor Williams/Gangler

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22. Councilor Bloom turned in his letter of resignation due to his new job promotion being a potential

23. Conflict of interest.

24. The City Council discussed the council seat vacancy, and agreed to advertise the position immediately

25. in the newspaper, the city website, and to post fliers here at City Hall and the Post Office.

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27. Mayor Officer requested permission to begin negotiations with the Grant County Sherriff's Office
28. for the law enforcement contract between the Sherriff's Department and the City of Prairie City.
29. The City plans to dedicate the funds to pay one full time police officer at \$100,000 per year.
30. **MSP: To approve Mayor Officer begin negotiations with the Grant County Police**
31. **Department, Councilor Reagan/Shaw** 4 Yays 1 Nay **Councilor Williams abstained**
32. **from voting, stating that the costs are too expensive and believes won't fix the issues at hand.**
33. **Everyone else present voted Yes.**
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35. The Budget Hearing will be June 14, 2023
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37. The Prairie City FFA Alumni asked the City to donate to their program. Councilor Brook William
38. recused herself because she is on the committee. The council agreed to donate \$500 to the FFA.
39. **MSP: To approve the City donating \$500 to the FFA Alumni Councilor**
Gangler/Shaw
- 40.
41. Mayor Officer read the financial overview to everyone present.
42. Fire Chief, Marvin Rynearson applied for another wildfire prevention grant on behalf of the City.
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44. **Payables:** Council read through the budget and expenditure report. **MSP: To pay the bills**
45. **Councilor Williams/Gangler.**
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47. Public Works Director, Chris Camarena reported that the City has been inundated with groundwater
48. in the sewer. Booster Site not keeping up and experiencing some overflow, DEQ is aware and will be
49. issuing a small violation but said it will help the City show the need for the updates on the
50. wastewater grant that we are going after.
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52. Museum to open May 15, 2023, Museum Director, Bob Shive announced that the City is desperate

53. for volunteers at the museum. Councilor Candy Reagan offered to volunteer.

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55. Shonalie Oakes, City Recorder will order the ribbons for this year's 4th of July Celebration.

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57. **Adjourn: MSP: To adjourn the City Council Meeting, Councilor Williams/Gangler**

58. **7:16 pm**

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60. Approved by the City Council this 14th day of June, 2023 and signed by the mayor.

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Scott Officer, Mayor

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69. Shonalie Oakes, City Recorder

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