

City of Prairie City

Council Meeting

September 13, 2023

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5. **Attended:** Scott Officer, Mayor
6. Jenny Shaw, Councilor
7. Candy Reagan, Councilor
8. Brook Williams, Councilor
9. Pam Gangler, Councilor
10. Chris Camarena, Public Works Director
11. Shonalie Oakes, City Recorder
12. Marvin Rynearson, Fire Chief
13. Jennifer Kingsford, City Clerk
14. Rob Gaslin, CPA
15. **Guests:** Scott Knepper
16. Amy Giandomenico
17. Mary Brown
18. Susan Maloney
19. Don Conard
20. Ryan Williams
21. Sandy Murray
22. Donna Becker
23. Frances Preston

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25. Mayor Officer called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

26. The roll was called, Councilors Ed Clark and Chase McClung were gone with an excused absence.

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28. **Minutes:** The meeting minutes of August 9, 2023 were considered. **MSP: To approve the minutes**

29. **of August 9, 2023 Councilor Williams/Reagan.**

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31. **Cyber Mill:** The Cyber Mill provided flyers to show the Council the statistics of the data they have

32. collected on which ages are utilizing the Cyber Mill the most. They will be providing computer type

33. classes for seniors interested in advancing their skills. The Cyber Mill also wanted to share the one

34. year anniversary celebration of being open is on October 18, 2023, the event will

- be catered and
35. all are welcome to attend.
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 37. Mayor Officer amended the agenda to include Mary Brown and an update on the Camping
 38. Ordinance.
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 40. **Mary Brown:** Mary brown expressed concerns that people in the community have been dumping
 41. kittens at the City's burn pile. She suggested that the City post a sign at the location that states
 42. "No Animal Dumping". Public Works Director Chris Camarena chimed in that animal dumping
 43. hasn't been the only issue at the City's burn pile, that the public have been dumping garbage,
 44. cardboard and deer carcasses. If people keep dumping unpermitted items and don't follow the
 45. rules, it could cause the City to receive a DEQ violation, which will force the City to close the burn
 46. pile. There is currently a sign with the rules, and encouraged everyone to read it and please follow
 47. the rules in place so that we can keep the site open to the public.
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 49. **Friends of the Planters:** Sandy Murray represented Friends of the Planters, reading aloud a letter
 50. for all present expressing the importance of the maintaining the appearance of downtown's Front
 51. Street. She was concerned that the City removed access to the frost free water spicket for the
 52. businesses to water the flowerbeds. Mayor Officer explained that the pipe feeding the spicket was
 53. broken which was why it is turned off, and that there is no way to fix the pipe without tearing up
 54. the sidewalks belonging to those businesses. Mayor Officer suggested that Friends of Planters
 55. coordinate a workshop meeting with the Front Street business owners along with Public Works
 56. from the City to put together a plan.
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 58. **Don Conard:** Don would like the City to vacate the street by his house. Mayor Officer said to move
 59. forward, Mr. Conard would need to have a surveyor do an assessment and that the cost inflicted to

60. vacate the street would be at Mr. Conard's expense. Mayor Officer also addressed Mr. Conard's
61. concerns about FEMA and the changes they want for Dixie Creek. Officer stated that the City has
62. already taken the steps to follow the proper channels to dispute FEMA's plans to implement
63. Statewide of no altering of any vegetation of ANY water-way within 150 feet. This would not just be
64. a detriment to Prairie City residents residing along Dixie Creek, but adversely affect people across
65. the entire State of Oregon, especially farmers and ranchers.
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67. **Patrol Services:** The City Council discussed what they would like to see on the invoices we receive
68. from the Sherrif's Department. The Council would like the report to show how many calls are
69. received within city limits of Prairie City. How many hours spent within city limits of Prairie City.
70. What type of calls they responded to, domestic, speeding, theft, etc.
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72. **Museum:** Mayor Officer suggested we re-write the Resolution allocating funds from Depot Park
73. revenue to the museum, allocating \$1 per night for monthly guest not just nightly.
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75. **Camping Ordinance:** Mayor Officer updated the Council on the camping ordinance. Shonalie
76. emailed the City attorney asking they return the Ordinance to us with the edits the Council
77. previously made. The City's attorney said there is pending lawsuits in the State of Oregon that may
78. change how the City should word this ordinance.
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80. **Accounts Payable:** Rob Gaslin, CPA read aloud the monthly overview, appropriations and check
81. detail. **MSP: To pay the bills Councilor Williams/Reagan**
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83. **Public Works:** Chris Camarena, Public Works Director, said we won't need Faiman Well this year.
84. The Welcome to Prairie City sign from Eli Wright's senior project turned out great and will be
85. installed soon. Other Public Works business to include the water meter project to begin after the
86. thaw in the spring.

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88. **Fire Report:** Fire Chief Marvin Rynearson reported a fire at the mill 09/12/2023 a loader caught on
89. fire, luckily the operator had the sense to remove the loader off the wood chip pile, disconnect the
90. battery cables, and park it next to the water source, using the fire extinguisher to put out the fire.
91. The Elk's lodge donated a \$1000 dollars benefactor to the Prairie Fire District. They purchased new
92. wildland fire helmets and fire shelters. Also, the new radios arrived and will be able to reach
93. dispatch properly.
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95. **Adjourn. MSP: To adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m. Councilor Williams/Reagan**
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97. Approved by the City Council this 11th day of October 2023, and signed by the mayor.
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104. Scott Officer, Mayor
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113. Shonalie Oakes, City Recorder
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