

City of Prairie City

Council Meeting

November 15, 2023

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6. **Attended:**

7. Mayor Scott Officer
8. Councilor Jenny Shaw
9. Councilor Ed Clark
10. Councilor Candy Reagan
11. Councilor Brook Williams
12. Councilor Pam Gangler
13. Public Works Director, Chris Camarena
14. Shonalie Oakes, City Recorder
15. Jennifer Kingsford, City Clerk
16. Rob Gaslin, CPA
17. Marvin Rynearson, Fire Chief

18. **Guests:**

19. Mary Brown
20. Sue Malaney
21. Rose Shay
22. Russ Denton

23. Mayor Officer called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. The pledge of allegiance recited. The

24. roll was called. Councilor McClung was absent.

25. **Minutes:** The meeting minutes of October 11, 2023 were considered. **MSP: To approve the**

26. **meeting minutes of October 11, 2023 Councilor Williams/Reagan**

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28. Sign Board: The lady currently running the sign board in front of the public works building no

29. longer wants to manage it. All of the Council present agree the City will resume responsibility for

30. the sign.

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32. The Carrie Young Memorial sent the City a donation request. The Council discussed the

33. importance of the Carrie Young Memorial to the senior citizens in our community.
All present
34. agreed for the City to Donate \$1000. All present agreed to give Shonalie Oakes, the
City
35. Recorder permission to write and send the check immediately.
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37. Camping Ordinance: If the City doesn't designate a place for people to camp, the
City would
38. then be unable to designate a time limit. A workshop was scheduled to discuss this
issue in more
39. depth on December 06, 2023. All of the City Councilors present agreed that HB
3115 to be a
40. gross overreach by the State of Oregon, placing an unfair burden on small cities
across the state.
41. Councilor Ed Clark requested the City ask the City's attorney how the City might
42. legally push back against the State of Oregon. The Councilors discussed putting
together a
43. petition for residents to sign requesting our Representatives to repeal HB 3115.
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45. Shonalie Oakes, City Recorder shared with the Council her research of the
surrounding cities
46. water rates and feed schedules. Mayor Officer asked all of the Councilors to take
home the
47. information to study, along with the Draft Water Ordinance.
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49. GPCCA has taken the lead on organizing Christmas On The Prairie. The Ornament
contest is a
50. community wide event. Each business in town donated goods or gift certificates.
The Council
51. decided to donate a \$30.00 Gift Certificate for the winner to apply to their monthly
utility bill at
52. the City.
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54. **Ratify payment of the bills. MSP: To pay the City's bills Councilor
Williams/Gangler**
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56. Chief Marvin Rynearson reported a small structure fire.
57. Public Works Director, Chris Camarena, reported that he located 50 water meters
missing in the

58. City's Utility Billing System. Most were vacant lots or vacant homes. This is being corrected.

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60. **Adjourn. MSP: To adjourn the City Council Meeting at 7:47**

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62. Approved by the City Council this 13th day of December 2023, and signed by the mayor.

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Scott Officer, Mayor

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Shonalie Oakes, City Recorder

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