

1 City of Prairie City  
2 Council Meeting  
3 March 13, 2024  
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6 **Attendance:**

- 7 Mayor Ed Clark
- 8 Councilor Chase McClung
- 9 Councilor Candy Reagan
- 10 Councilor Pam Gangler
- 11 Councilor Brook Williams
- 12 Shonalie Oakes, City Recorder
- 13 Rob Gaslin, CPA
- 14 Chris Camarena, Public Works Director
- 15 Jennifer Kingsford, City Clerk

16 **Visitors:**

- 17 Sue Malaney
- 18 Steve Patterson
- 19 Colin Kolb
- 20 Joe Flynn
- 21 Sherrie Flynn
- 22 Ginger Shive
- 23 Nancy Harris
- 24 Karen Jacobs

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26 Mayor Clark Called the City Council Meeting to order at 6:00 pm, the Pledge of Allegiance  
27 recited, and roll call taken. Councilor Jenny Shaw was not present.  
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29 **Public Hearing:**

30 Mayor Clark opened the 2<sup>nd</sup> Public Hearing regarding the 2021 Water Hauling and asked  
31 Shonalie Oakes the City Recorder to read aloud the Public Hearing Notice as required by  
32 Business Oregon for the CDBG grant. Mayor Clark stated that the City had not received  
33 any previous written comment and then asked if anyone present would like to make  
34 public comment, and if so, please state your name and mailing address for public record.  
35 There was no public comment made. Mayor Clark than closed the Public Hearing at 6:03  
36 pm and the regular council meeting resumed.  
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38 **Minutes:**

39 The minutes of the February 15, 2024 meeting were considered. **MSP: To approve the**  
40 **meeting minutes of February 15, 2024, as written. Councilor Brook Williams/Pam**  
41 **Gangler. All present in favor, none opposed.**

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43 Mayor Clark welcomed all of the Visitors and thanked them for being involved and  
44 attending the monthly city council meeting.

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47 **Fiber Fest:**

48 Fiber Fest requested the City to make special accommodations to allow people attending  
49 the Fiber Festival Event to make reservations at the Depot RV Park just for the weekend  
50 of Fiber Fest, also asking the City to go to the next County Court Meeting and ask the  
51 county permission to do so.

52 Mayor Clark asked the Council to consider the letter of request from Fiber Fest. The letter  
53 included to the Council provided details as to why they need the ability to do so. Mayor  
54 Clark stated that he has concerns about taking reservations, but would like to hear input  
55 from the Council until he voices his.

56 The Council worried that if the City were to take reservations for the park that there  
57 wouldn't be availability for first responders. The Council read the letter that was  
58 presented to them from Fiber Fest. The Council attempted to discuss the contents of the  
59 letter, but had difficulty doing so, because of the continuous interruptions from Ginger  
60 Shive. Mrs. Shive was there to represent Fiber Fest. Mrs. Shive was very aggressive in  
61 communicating her demands, was disrespectful to the Council, and went on to verbally  
62 abuse a City Employee. Councilor Reagan then addressed Ginger, stating that she doesn't  
63 understand her anger, that we have to do what's best for Prairie City and the people that  
64 live here. We don't work and cater to one establishment but are here for the betterment  
65 of the City. You can't expect us to cave to every whim or request made to us, of course  
66 Council needs to talk about it first and to make sure that the decision made will benefit  
67 the City, we can't just say yes without discussing potential outcomes. You can't come at us  
68 with anger, because that is not the way to present yourself when you want something.

69 Mrs. Shive then said she didn't mean to come across angry. Mayor Clark then stopped the  
70 discussions and said the Council has some things to consider before making a decision.

71 Mrs. Shive asked the Council to expedite their decision. Mayor Clark said they don't want  
72 to be pushed into making a decision right now. The Council agreed that in order to be fair  
73 to everyone, if they choose to start taking reservations that they would need to take  
74 reservations from everyone. If the Council goes that route reservations software would  
75 be a must.

76 Mayor Clark said at this point the City will not be taking reservations, and won't be until  
77 the Council decides otherwise.

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79 **Blue Mountain Care Center Community Easter Egg Hunt:**

80 The City received a letter from the Blue Mountain Care Center requesting donations for  
81 the annual Community Easter Egg Hunt at the nursing home. The Council all agreed  
82 unanimously that the egg hunt brings a lot of joy to our local seniors that live in the  
83 nursing home. The Council decided to make a City Donation of \$250. **MSP: To approve a**  
84 **\$250.00 donation to the Blue Mountain Care Center for the Annual Community**  
85 **Easter Egg Hunt. Williams/Gangler All present voted unanimously.**

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87 **Executive Session:**

88 Mayor Clark announced the time, 06:50 p.m. and that the Council would now move into  
89 Executive Session and read aloud **ORS 221.120 (4)** The council shall fill by appointment  
90 vacancies in its membership **ORS 221.120 (5)** The term of office shall be the remainder of  
91 the term of office of the immediate predecessor of the appointee in the office. **NOTICE-**  
92 **ORS 221.120 (4)(5) WILL BE HELD IN CLOSED SESSION.** Pursuant to **ORS 192.640 (1)**  
93 this includes a list of the principal subjects anticipated to be considered or discussed at  
94 the above referenced meeting. This notice does not limit the ability of the council to  
95 consider or discuss additional subjects. This meeting is subject to cancellation without  
96 notice. The public will not be permitted to attend the executive session; provided,  
97 however, representatives of the news media and designated staff will be allowed to  
98 attend the executive session. Representatives of news media are specifically directed not  
99 to report on any of the deliberations during the executive session, except to state the  
100 general subject of the executive session are previously announced.

101 **No decision was made in executive session.**

102 **Executive Session closed at 07:07 p.m.**

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104 The public was invited back into the room and the regular City Council meeting resumed.

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106 **City Council Vacancy:**

107 Pursuant to Chapter VII, Section 32, of the 2013 City of Prairie City Amended Charter, a  
108 mayor or councilor vacancy will be filled by the appointment of a majority of the  
109 remaining council members.

110 Councilor Gangler moved to appoint Candidate #2 to the vacant city councilor position,  
111 and the motion died. Councilor Reagan moved to appoint Candidate # 3 for the Vacant  
112 City Councilor position, Councilor Williams seconded the motion, all were in favor. **MSP:**  
113 **To appoint Candidate #3 to the vacant City Council Position.** Councilor McClung made  
114 a motion to appoint candidate #2 as back up if candidate #3 decided not to accept.  
115 Councilor Williams seconded the motion. **MSP: To appoint candidate # 2 as back up**  
116 **for the Vacant City Councilor Position. Councilor McClung/Williams**

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118 **Surplus City Property:**

119 The City's red utility work truck has been continuously breaking down and costing the  
120 City an average of about \$1500.00 per month in repairs. Public Works Director, Chris  
121 Camarena, requested approval from the Council to dispose of the surplus property, the  
122 Red Utility Truck and the Durango and replace them with two vehicles from the Forest  
123 Service at a great price. The vehicles are valued at twice the amount of the purchase  
124 price. The funds would come from the City's capitol improvements budget line. **MSP: To**  
125 **approve the purchase of the two vehicles from the Forest Service. Councilor**  
126 **Williams/Reagan**

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128 Mayor Clark reminded the City Councilors to file their SEI.

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130 Mayor Clark also shared that the City's Cost Share Waiver with the EPA Grant was  
131 approved.

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133 **Museum:**

134 The City has moved forward advertising the Museum Curator/Director position, it is  
135 posted in the Blue Mountain Eagle Newspaper, the City's website, and listed with Work  
136 source Oregon. The application deadline is April 30<sup>th</sup>.

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138 **Fire Report:**

139 Assistant Fire Chief, Chris Camarena, reported that the department responded to an  
140 incident involving a car, pick-up and cow. The cow was killed, and he was unsure of the  
141 driver's injuries.

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145 **Public Works:**

146 Public Works Director Chris Camarena recently attended the County Emergency  
147 Management Meeting. There are some amazing grant opportunities coming up that  
148 would provide switch high powered radios, and a Connex full of supplies, each one  
149 would provide enough supplies for 250 people. The Connexs would include a generator,  
150 food, first aid supplies etc. 100% Grant funded.

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152 **Payables:**

153 Rob Gaslin, CPA, provided a financial overview to the City Council, also reading aloud the  
154 appropriations review. The City Council reviewed the check detail. **MSP: To ratify the**  
155 **payment of the bills. Councilor Williams/Gangler**

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157 Councilor McClung moved to adjourn the regular city council meeting and Councilor  
158 Williams seconded the motion. **MSP: To adjourn the City Council Meeting at 7:47 p.m.**  
159 **Councilor McClung/Williams**

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163 Approved by the City Council this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024, and signed by the mayor.

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Ed Clark, Mayor

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Shonalie Oakes, City Recorder

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