

1 City of Prairie City
2 Re-Scheduled City Council Meeting
3 December 30, 2024
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5 **Attendance:**

6 Mayor Ed Clark
7 Councilor Pam Gangler
8 Councilor Chase McClung
9 Councilor Colby Bradford
10 Marvin Rynearson, Fire Chief
11 Shonalie Oakes, City Recorder

12 Rob Gaslin, CPA
13 **Visitors:**

14 Frances Preston
15 Fran Bunch
16 Kahlie Clark
17 Ferrell Clark

18 Mayor Clark called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm, the pledge of allegiance was recited,
19 and the roll was called. Mayor Clark amended the agenda to include an announcement
20 from Councilor Gangler, also amending the agenda for item number IV to remove the
21 part including the water project.

22 **Minutes:** The minutes from October 16, 2024, were considered. **MSP: To approve the**
23 **minutes of October 16, 2024, Councilor McClung/Bradford. All present voted in**
24 **favor.**

25 The minutes of November 6, 2024, Workshop meeting were considered. **MSP: To**
26 **approve the minutes of November 6, 2024, Workshop meeting Councilor**
27 **McClung/Bradford. All present approved.**

28 **Recognition of Visitors:** Mayor Clark read out loud agenda item number III, Recognition
29 of Visitors, for all present so that the public may understand how the public comment
30 period is run.

31 **RESOLUTION No. 2024-09:** A RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE, OBLIGATE, APPROPRIATE
32 AND EXPEND THE ARPA FUNDS AS REVENUE REPLACEMENT. **MSP: TO APPROVE**
33 **RESOLUTION No. 2024-09 Councilor McClung/Gangler. All present voted yes.**

34 **Accounts Payable:** Rob Gaslin the City's CPA, read aloud the City's financial overview,
35 and the appropriations review. The Council review the check detail. **MSP: To pay the**
36 **City's bills for November & December Councilor McClung/Gangler**

37 **Councilor Pam Gangler:** Councilor Pam Gangler announced that she is resigning from
38 her position on City Council as of January 1, of 2025. Mayor Clark said he was sorry to
39 hear that and thanked Councilor Gangler for her time and service on the council.

40 **Clark's Disposal:** Mayor Clark gave Ferrell from Clark's Disposal the floor. Ferrell
41 addressed the council saying that Clark's Disposal hasn't raised their rates since 2019,
42 asking the council to adopt the fuel surcharge rate as the new rate. In summary
43 requesting a rate increase in lieu of the fuel surcharge. Ferrell's request would not change
44 the monthly bill for Prairie City residents. All council members present agree to Clark's
45 request.

46 **Public Works:** Not present.

47 **Fire Report:** Fire Chief Marvin Rynearson said legislature didn't fund the staffing fire
48 prevention grant that the City has received in previous years, because of the cost from all
49 the catastrophic wildfires that Oregon had last summer. Chief Rynearson reminded
50 everyone that the New Year's Eve fireworks celebration will be once again on the 31st at
51 7:00 pm, the same location at the City's Industrial property.

52 **January's City Council Meeting:** Per Rob Gaslin's request, Mayor Clark asked the council
53 to consider moving January's monthly City Council Meeting back a week because it falls
54 on the 8th of the month and is too short of turnaround time for the City to receive all the
55 invoices and get them paid. The meeting was scheduled for January 15, 2025, the third
56 Wednesday of the month instead of the second Wednesday. All the council present
57 agreed.

58 **Speaker's Roster:** Mayor Clark addressed visitor Frances Preston who had signed up on
59 the speaker's roster. Preston requested Clark's Disposal credit or refund customer
60 accounts residing in Prairie City for the monthly fuel surcharge rate for the months of
61 July, to current. Preston stated that fuel has not been above \$4 gallon since July of 2024.
62 Mayor Clark asked Clark's Disposal what they felt about that. Kahlie Clark said that she
63 thought our franchise ordinance stated that they couldn't remove the fuel surcharge
64 until the council voted to approve removing it. The mayor said that they will have to
65 review the ordinance for clarification. Ferrell Clark addressed the council saying that the
66 fuel may be under \$4 a gallon here in Prairie City, but that doesn't mean prices are lower
67 in other parts of the county, (Clark's Disposal comes from Mount Vernon to pick up
68 Prairie City's garbage) and that the Statewide average is still \$4 per gallon.

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70 **Adjourn: MSP: To adjourn the meeting at 6:26 pm Councilor McClung/Bradford. All**
71 **present in favor of adjourning the meeting.**

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74 Approved by the City Council on this 15th day of January 2025 and signed by the Mayor.

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Ed Clark, Mayor

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Shonalie Oakes, City Recorder

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