

1 City of Prairie City
2 Council Meeting
3 April 9, 2025

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5 **Attendance:**

6 Mayor Ed Clark
7 Councilor Bradford
8 Councilor McClung
9 Councilor Davis
10 Councilor Whale-Murphy
11 Shonalie Oakes, City Recorder
12 Chris Camarena, Public Works Director
13 Marvin Rynearson, Fire Chief
14 Rob Gaslin, CPA
15 Trish Coburn, City Clerk
16 Ben Richardson, Museum

17 **Visitors:**

18 Jon Cannon, Rally Networks
19 Frances Preston
20 Kady Nelson
21 Sue Malaney
22 Juan Rubio
23 Loreli Clapp
24 Colin Kolb
25 Fran Bunch
26 Rusty Wright
27 Mary Brown
28 Pam Gangler
29 Georgia Patterson
30 Steve Patterson
31 Mike Cearns
32 Mike Workman
33 Larry Johnson
34 John McCarthy
35 Betsy Koncerak

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37 Mayor Clark called the meeting to order at 6:06pm, the Pledge of
38 Allegiance recited, and the roll call was taken. Councilor Scott
39 Clark was gone with an excused absence.

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41 **Minutes:**

42 **March 6, 2025, Workshop Meeting Minutes:** The Workshop Meeting
43 Minutes of March 6, 2025, were considered. **MSP: To approve March**
44 **6, 2025, Workshop Meeting Minutes. Councilor McClung/Bradford.**

45 **YES: 5**

NO: 0

46 **March 12, 2025, City Council Meeting Minutes** were considered.
47 **MSP: To approve March 12, 2025, City Council Meeting Minutes.**
48 **Councilor McClung/Davis. YES: 5 NO: 0**

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50 **March 27, 2025, Workshop Meeting Minutes** were considered.
51 **MSP: To approve the Workshop Meeting Minutes of March 27, 2025.**
52 **Councilor McClung/Bradford. YES: 5 NO: 0**

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54 **Public Comment:**

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56 **Fran Bunch:** Concerns about a burnt trailer needing demolition;
57 discussions of potential city action. The trailer in question
58 was repossessed by an east coast bank, so there have been
59 difficulties getting them to communicate with us.

60 **Mary Brown:** Spoke on past city council decisions affecting the
61 community, specifically regarding a former police chief and the
62 importance of finding a way to continue having a police
63 presence.

64 **Frances Preston:** Inquired about the proposed budget availability
65 before committee meetings.

66 **Loreli Clapp:** Questioned the water rate changes and how it will
67 affect residents. Once the water resolution is passed there will
68 be a letter to all residents that will go out with their next
69 utility bill outlining those changes.

70 **Larry Johnson:** Discussed the sustainability of the City
71 continuing to fund law enforcement.

72 **Mike Workman:** Criticized the survey on law enforcement funding.
73 Workman said property owners are taxed enough, and that the
74 County should pay for the patrol.

75 **Juan Rubio:** Inquired if the Legion will be charged for water.

76 **Trish Coburn:** Expressed concerns about the "availability charge"
77 being exorbitant for residents and questioned the fairness.

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79 **Water Resolution:** Ongoing edits discussed, including
80 availability fees and late fees. Consensus to continue reviewing
81 and finalize in a special meeting. The meeting was scheduled for
82 6pm, April 14, 2025, at City Hall.

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84 **Rally Network Franchise Agreement: ORDINANCE NO.2025-01** IS AN
85 ORDINANCE GRANTING OREGON TELEPHONE CORPORATION, AN OREGON
86 CORPORATION D/B/A RALLY NETWORKS, THE RIGHT AND PRIVILEGE TO
87 PROVIDE AND OPERATE A TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION
88 SERVICES NETWORK WITHIN CITY OF PRAIRIE CITY, AND TO PLACE,
89 ERECT, LAY, MAINTAIN, AND OPERATE IN, UPON, OVER, AND UNDER THE
90 PUBLIC STREETS, ALLEYS, AVENUES, THOROUGHFARES, HIGHWAYS,
91 PLACES, AND GROUNDS WITHIN CITY OF PRAIRIE CITY, POLES, WIRES,

92 WIRE CENTERS, CABINETS, AND OTHER APPLIANCES AND CONDUCTORS FOR
93 A TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION SERVICES NETWORK.

94 **Ordinance No.2025-01** was read out loud for all present and was
95 approved unanimously. **MSP: To approve Ordinance No.2025-01.**

96 **Councilor McClung/Whale-Murphy YES: 5 NO: 0**

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98 **Fourth of July Event:** Call for volunteers and planning
99 assistance; chamber funding and community participation
100 discussed.

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102 The agenda was amended to include OPRD:

103 **OPRD:** Councilor McClung said community members have been asking
104 him about Catalyst involvement with the City. Mayor Clark
105 clarified that Catalyst would not have any decision-making power
106 and would only work a the direction of the council. Consensus of
107 Council to move forward working with Catalyst. All in agreement.

108 **Donations:** Councilor Bradford, Councilor McClung and Mayor Clark
109 donated \$50 each of their own money to the Nursing Home for the
110 community Easter Egg Hunt.

111 Councilor Davis, Mayor Clark, and Trish Coburn, each donated \$50
112 of their own money to Grad Night.

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114 **Reports:**

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116 **Public Works:**

- 117 • P Works had to tear out part of the road to fix a major
118 leak.
119 • CCR Reports are complete. The public can anticipate those
120 included with their next water bill
121 • Working on fixing the compost facility to get in compliance
122 with ODOT.

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124 **Accounts Payable & Budget Discussion:**

- 125 • **Budget:** Rob Gaslin, CPA, requested the Council add
126 appointing the Budget Committee members to the special
127 meeting scheduled April 14, 2025: Five spots are open;
128 encouragement for community participation.

- 129 • **Budget Meeting:** Scheduled for April 29, 2025, at 6 PM.

130 **Accounts Payable:** Rob Gaslin, read aloud the appropriations
131 review, and the financial overview; road fund noted for
132 potential budget amendment. The Council reviewed the check
133 detail. **MSP: To pay the bills. Councilor Whale-Murphy/Davis.**

134 **Approved unanimously. YES: 5 NO: 0**

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136 **Fire Department:** Fire Chief Marvin Rynearson is now also the
137 Grant County Fire Defense Board Chief.

138 A meeting with the state fire marshal is scheduled for the 21st
139 to discuss summer expectations and for fire disaster
140 preparations. Also, the department is seeking volunteer
141 firefighters.

142 **Adjourn: MSP: To adjourn the meeting. Councilor McClung/Davis at**
143 **7:59 pm.**

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145 Approved by the City Council on this 14th day of May 2025, and
146 signed by the Mayor.

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Ed Clark, Mayor

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Shonalie Oakes, City Recorder

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