

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FOLLOWED BY PRYOR PUBLIC WORKS AUTHORITY MEETING
CITY OF PRYOR CREEK, OKLAHOMA
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5TH, 2021 AT 6:00 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Pryor Creek, Oklahoma met in regular session on the above date and time in the Council Chamber upstairs at City Hall, 12 North Rowe Street in Pryor Creek, Oklahoma. This meeting was followed immediately by a meeting of the Pryor Public Works Authority. Notice of these meetings was posted on the East bulletin board located outside to the South of the entrance doors and the City website at www.pryorcreek.org. Notice was also e-mailed to The Paper newspaper and e-mailed to the Council members.

1. CALL TO ORDER, PRAYER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL.

Mayor Lees called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Kim Ritchie. Roll Call was conducted by Deputy Clerk Darla Coats. Council members present included: Jon Ketcher, Choya Shropshire, Steve Smith, Randy Chitwood, Briana Brakefield, Jimmy Tramel, Yolanda Thompson. Members absent: Dennis Nance.

Department Heads and other City Officials present: City Attorney Kim Ritchie, Assistant Police Chief James Willyard, Street Superintendent Buddy Glenn, Library Director Cari Rerat, Recreation Center Director Jessica Long.

Others present: Police Officer Dustin VanHorn, Animal Control Officer Becki Sams-Benham, Park Board members Bill Kannegiesser, Melinda Marks and Lori Siever, Municipal Utility Board General Manager Jared Crisp and Travis Willis, Hillcrest Pryor Hospital Administrator Doug Weaver, Carole Martin, Robert Taylor, Kemie Shropshire and Terry Aylward.

2. PETITIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE. (LIMITED TO 5 MINUTES, MUST REQUEST IN ADVANCE.)

There were no petitions.

3. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS IF NEEDED:

a. Building Inspector

No report.

b. Emergency Management

No report.

c. Fire

No report.

d. Golf

No report.

e. Library

Rerat reported that remodel construction has begun at the library, and they are very excited about that.

f. Parks / Cemetery

No report.

g. Police

No report.

h. Recreation Center

Long reported that the awning is up and looks great. She met with Steve Powell and they are getting started on the roofing project.

i. Street

Glenn reported that they have been doing some sidewalk work on Irving and some street repair on Cherry Point.

4. MAYOR'S REPORT:

a. Healthcare Report, Hillcrest Hospital Pryor - Doug Weaver.

No action. Mr. Weaver gave a healthcare report for the Mayes County area. He stated that in the last 16-17 months, more than 4,000 people have been tested for COVID in their emergency room. This shows the impact that Hillcrest Pryor has on the surrounding area. Mayes County has seen 99 deaths. Currently, Pryor

has 69 active cases and Mayes County has a total of 179. Numbers are going down since there are half as many cases now as there were a month ago. The hospital is being granted approximately \$1 million from the government, which is being used for replacement of air handlers. He stated that less than 40% of Mayes County residents have been vaccinated. The vaccine has proven to be 95% effective, and the people who have recently been hospitalized with COVID were not vaccinated.

b. Discussion and possible action regarding Pryor Arts & Humanities Council to use the Graham Community Building at a reduced rate for a Christmas Parade/Santa Village on December 1st – 3rd, 2021. (Robert Taylor and Carole Martin will have a presentation)

Motion was made by Ketcher, second by Smith to approve Pryor Arts & Humanities Council to use the Graham Community Building at a reduced rate for a Christmas Parade/Santa Village on December 1st – 3rd, 2021. Ketcher and Smith then amended their motion and second to waive all fees and allow them to use the Graham Community Building from November 30th – December 3rd if the dates are available. Voting yes: Ketcher, Shropshire, Smith, Chitwood, Brakefield, Tramel, Thompson. Voting no: none.

c. Discussion and possible action regarding maintaining the culture of an outdoor public swimming pool in Pryor Creek, Oklahoma, whether it be renovation of the present park pool, demolition of the present park pool and building a new park pool at Whitaker Park or invite the Recreation Center Board to consider construction of a public pool on the Recreation Center property.

Motion was made by Shropshire, second by Ketcher to approve maintaining the culture of an outdoor public swimming pool in Pryor Creek, Oklahoma, whether it be renovation of the present park pool, demolition of the present park pool and building a new park pool at Whitaker Park or invite the Recreation Center Board to consider construction of a public pool on the Recreation Center property.

The different options were discussed. Shropshire would like to restore the pool we have. Jessica Long spoke regarding the option of having a new outdoor pool at the Recreation Center. She stated that her board is all in favor of the city having an outdoor pool, but there are concerns with having it at the Recreation Center. She asked if it would be possible to have financial assistance from the General Fund, since the public pool loses money every year. Her board does not want their fund to be negatively impacted by this.

It was pointed out that, in order to get the current pool back up and functional, it would cost more than \$180,000.00 - \$200,000.00. That money would simply get the pool “swimmable.” It does not begin to pay for the Health Department’s requirements for ADA compliance. The \$3 million that was mentioned to build a new pool would actually build a smaller one than we currently have.

Voting yes: Shropshire, Smith, Chitwood, Brakefield, Tramel, Thompson, Ketcher. Voting no: none.

d. Discussion and possible action regarding an increase in the natural gas rates inside the Corporate City Limits of Pryor Creek from \$6.176 per MCF to \$8.306 per MCF, effective October 2021 billing.

Motion was made by Thompson, second by Tramel to approve an increase in the natural gas rates inside the Corporate City Limits of Pryor Creek from \$6.176 per MCF to \$8.306 per MCF, effective October 2021 billing. Crisp spoke and answered Council members’ questions. Voting yes: Smith, Chitwood, Brakefield, Tramel, Thompson, Ketcher, Shropshire. Voting no: none.

e. Discussion and possible action regarding an increase in the water rates inside the Corporate City Limits of Pryor Creek from \$4.52 per 1,000 gallons to \$4.56 per 1,000 gallons effective, October 2021 billing.

Motion was made by Shropshire, second by Smith to approve an increase in the water rates inside the Corporate City Limits of Pryor Creek from \$4.52 per 1,000 gallons to \$4.56 per 1,000 gallons effective, October 2021 billing. Crisp answered questions and stated that this does not affect sewer rates within city limits. Voting yes: Chitwood, Brakefield, Tramel, Thompson, Ketcher, Shropshire, Smith. Voting no: none.

5. CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT:

No report.

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA.

(Items deemed non-controversial and routine in nature to be approved by one motion without discussion. Any Council member wishing to discuss an item may request it be removed and placed on the regular agenda.)

- a. Approve minutes of the September 21st, 2021 Council meeting.
- b. Approve payroll purchase orders through October 15th, 2021.
- c. Approve claims for purchase orders through October 5th, 2021.

<u>FUNDS</u>	<u>PURCHASE ORDER NUMBER</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
GENERAL	2120210831 - 911264B	63,307.66
FEE IN LIEU	2120210759	51.98
STREET & DRAINAGE	911255B - 2120210743	9,687.37
GOLF COURSE	2120210847 - 2120210853	11,346.18
CAPITAL OUTLAY	2120210757 - 2120210400	15,422.43
REAL PROPERTY ACQUIS.	911265B - 2120210821	1,515.95

RECREATION CENTER	2120210844 - 2120210749	26,618.12
PPWA	2120210860 - 2120210861	4,600.00
E-911	2120210814	2,983.74
DONATIONS AND EARMARKED	2120210398 - 2120210787	5,079.77
TOTAL		140,613.20
NO BLANKETS		

- d. Acknowledge receipt of deficient purchase orders.
There were no deficient purchase orders.
- e. Discussion and possible action regarding closing South Adair to 1st Street on Friday, October 29th, 2021, from 2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. for Downtown Trick-or-Treating.
- f. Discussion and possible action regarding closing Graham Avenue from Hogan to Adair Street, North to NE 1st Street and back to Hogan for a Homecoming Parade on Thursday evening, October 7th, 2021, from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
- g. Discussion and possible action regarding closure of East Graham Avenue from Hogan Street to North Adair Street on November 11th, 2021 for the Annual Veteran’s Day Parade from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.
- h. Discussion and possible action regarding the surplus of:
 - 1. Pryor Police Department Detective badge/shield (Badge #32)
 - 2. Remington 870 12-Gauge shotgun (Serial #: C822366M)
 - 3. Rock River Arms LAR15 .223 rifle (Serial #: CM48093)
Per FOP Lodge #116 Collective Bargaining Agreement Article 28 Sec. 9 - EQUIPMENT (CBA pg. 21).
- i. Discussion and possible action regarding Doug Barham’s purchase of:
 - 1. Pryor Police Department Detective badge/shield (Badge #32)
 - 2. Remington 870 12-Gauge shotgun (Serial #: C822366M)
 - 3. Rock River Arms LAR15 .223 rifle (Serial #: CM48093)
Per FOP Lodge #116 Collective Bargaining Agreement Article 28 Sec. 9 – EQUIPMENT (CBA pg. 21).
- j. Discussion and possible action authorizing Mayor to sign the Emergency Management Performance Grant 2021 Request for Reimbursement Form for Quarter 4.
- k. Discussion and possible action regarding hiring Jessica Reger for the Receptionist / Front Desk position at the Pryor Creek Recreation Center at Range A, Step 1 (annual wage - \$28,217.00), pending Recreation Center Board approval.
- l. Discussion and possible action regarding accepting bid from Tibbets Trucking in the amount of \$3,250.00 as lowest and best bid for the demolition and abatement of property at 54 Pine from Real Property Acquisition Reserve – Nuisance Abatement Account #46-465-5450. Other bid received: Wades Wrecker Service - \$3,800.00.

Motion was made by Brakefield, second by Chitwood to approve items a – l, less items a and j. Voting yes: Brakefield, Tramel, Thompson, Ketcher, Shropshire, Smith, Chitwood. Voting no: none.

a. Approve minutes of the September 21st, 2021 Council meeting.

Motion was made by Shropshire, second by Smith to approve minutes of the September 21st, 2021 Council meeting. Voting yes: Tramel, Thompson, Shropshire, Smith, Chitwood. Abstaining, counting as a no vote: Ketcher and Brakefield. Voting no: none.

j. Discussion and possible action authorizing Mayor to sign the Emergency Management Performance Grant 2021 Request for Reimbursement Form for Quarter 4.

Motion was made by Chitwood, second by Smith to approve authorizing Mayor to sign the Emergency Management Performance Grant 2021 Request for Reimbursement Form for Quarter 4. Voting yes: Thompson, Ketcher, Shropshire, Chitwood, Brakefield, Tramel. Abstaining, counting as a no vote: Smith. Voting no: none.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a. Budget and Personnel (Brakefield)

Brakefield had no report other than to state that the next meeting will be on October 12th, 2021, at 5:30 p.m.

b. Ordinance and Insurance (Shropshire)

Shropshire reported that they will have a meeting on Thursday, October 14th, 2021, at 5:30 p.m.

c. Street (Smith)

Smith had nothing to report at this time.

8. UNFORESEEABLE BUSINESS.

(ANY MATTER NOT REASONABLY FORESEEN PRIOR TO POSTING OF AGENDA.)

There was no unforeseeable business.

9. ADJOURN.

Motion was made by Ketcher, second by Smith to adjourn. Voting yes: Ketcher, Shropshire, Smith, Chitwood, Brakefield, Tramel, Thompson. Voting no: none.

PRYOR PUBLIC WORKS AUTHORITY

1. CALL TO ORDER.

Meeting was called to order at 6:58 p.m.

2. APPROVE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 21ST, 2021 MEETING.

Motion was made by Chitwood, second by Shropshire to approve minutes of September 21st, 2021 meeting. Voting yes: Shropshire, Smith, Chitwood, Tramel, Thompson. Abstaining, counting as a no vote: Brakefield and Ketcher. Voting no: none.

3. UNFORESEEABLE BUSINESS.

(ANY MATTER NOT REASONABLY FORESEEN PRIOR TO POSTING OF AGENDA.)

There was no unforeseeable business.

4. ADJOURN.

Motion was made by Ketcher, second by Smith to adjourn. Voting yes: Smith, Chitwood, Brakefield, Tramel, Thompson, Ketcher, Shropshire. Voting no: none.

MINUTES APPROVED BY MAYOR / P.P.W.A. CHAIRMAN LARRY LEES

MINUTES WRITTEN BY DEPUTY CLERK DARLA CRAFT COATS
