



**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PRAIRIE VILLAGE
AUGUST 2, 2021**

The City Council of Prairie Village, Kansas, met in regular session on Monday, August 2, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Councilmembers attended a virtual meeting via the Zoom software platform. Mayor Mikkelsen presided.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called by the City Clerk with the following Councilmembers in attendance remotely via Zoom: Chad Herring, Jori Nelson, Inga Selders, Ron Nelson, Sheila Myers, Piper Reimer, Dan Runion, Courtney McFadden, Ian Graves and Terrence Gallagher. Staff present via Zoom: Byron Roberson, Chief of Police; Keith Bredehoeft, Public Works Director; City Attorney David Waters, attorney with Lathrop & Gage; Wes Jordan, City Administrator; Jamie Robichaud, Deputy City Administrator; Tim Schwartzkopf, Assistant City Administrator; Meghan Buum, Assistant City Administrator; Nickie Lee, Finance Director; Adam Geffert, City Clerk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mrs. Myers made a motion to approve the agenda for August 2, 2021. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No requests to address the Council were received.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Mikkelsen asked if there were any items to remove from the consent agenda for discussion:

1. Approval of regular City Council meeting minutes - July 19, 2021
2. Consider approval of 2022 Mission Hills contact and 2022 Mission Hills budget
3. Consider approval of purchase of winter covers for city statuary



Mrs. McFadden made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. A roll call vote was taken with the following votes cast: “aye”: Herring, J. Nelson, Selders, R. Nelson, Myers, Reimer, Runion, McFadden, Graves, Gallagher. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Ms. Selders stated that planning for the annual JazzFest event continued.
- Ms. Nelson said that the Shawnee Mission School District School Board had approved a masking requirement for all elementary schools, and a recommendation to wear masks in both middle and high schools.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- The Mayor provided an update on the COVID-19 pandemic, stating that the vaccination rate in Johnson County had increased to 56.6% of those aged 12 and older, per the County Health Department. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) indicated that the number of vaccinated residents in the county was actually closer to 70%. New cases in the county were spiking as a result of the Delta-variant of the virus.
- The Mayor noted the passing of Pastor Dr. Robert Meneilly, founder of the Village Presbyterian Church.
- The Mayor reported that grant funding had been received for the pool mural project, which was a joint project sponsored by the Arts Council, Parks and Recreation Committee and Diversity Committee.
- A tour of the new Public Works facility for Councilmembers was scheduled for August 9. Public Works staff will move into the building in late August.
- The Mayor attended a webinar on LEED building certification hosted by the Green Building Council.
- The Mayor reported that Scratch Gourmet Express had opened in the Prairie Village Shops, and that a ribbon-cutting event would be held on August 26. Additionally, Glitters Fine Jewelry was planning to open a storefront at the Somerset Plaza Shopping Center, and Sopra Salon had moved to its new location in Corinth Quarter.
- A Corinth Quarter ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held on September 16.
- The Mayor reported that an ad-hoc housing committee was being formed, and will be co-chaired by Mr. Graves and Planning Commission member Jon Birkel. Ms. Limbird and Mr. Nelson also volunteered to serve on the committee.
- The Mayor stated that the City's net financial position was very good. At the end of 2020, assets over liabilities increased to \$97 million.
- The Planning Commission will meet on August 3 to discuss proposed redevelopment plans for the Meadowbrook Shopping Center at 95th and Nall.
- The next Johnson County Charter Commission meeting will be held on August 25.
- The Mayor will attend the Prairie Ridge Homes Association “FunFest” on August 21 at Bennett Park.



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- The final “Clocktower Concert” of the season will be held at the Village Shops on August 5.
- The Village at Mission Senior Living facility will hold its grand opening on August 17.

STAFF REPORTS

- Mr. Jordan noted that the August Plan of Action was included in the agenda packet.
- Chief Roberson said the Police Department’s “National Night Out” will be held at Weltner Park on August 3. Free food and beverages will be provided by Hy-Vee.
- Mr. Bredehoeft reported that Johnson County Wastewater was in the process of repairing a sewer blockage underground at Wassmer Park, forcing the temporary closure of the zip line. He added that a public open house for the new Public Works facility would likely be held in November.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Nelson shared concern over the rising number of COVID infections due to the Delta-variant, and made a motion directing staff to draft a local mask ordinance similar to the state mandate that was in place in 2020, limited to indoor public spaces. Council will consider the ordinance at its next meeting on August 16. Ms. Reimer seconded the motion.

After further discussion, a roll call vote was taken with the following votes cast: “aye”: Herring, J. Nelson, Selders, R. Nelson, Reimer, Runion, Graves, Gallagher; “nay”: Myers, McFadden. The motion passed 8-2.

Mr. Herring moved to declare the position of the Prairie Village City Council that Prairie Village is currently in an area of high transmission, and therefore urges that individuals and businesses follow recent CDC guidance as of July 27, 2021, regarding masking indoors for both vaccinated and unvaccinated people. The motion was seconded by Ms. Nelson and passed 9-1, with Mrs. Myers in opposition.

NEW BUSINESS

COU2021-57

Consider approval of a contract with Superior Bowen for the 2021 concrete repair program

Mr. Bredehoeft stated that two bids were received for the 2021 program:

- Superior Bowen \$518,856.30
- Kansas Heavy Construction \$544,509.00
- Engineers Estimate \$599,030.00



He noted that the locations of repairs would be increased to utilize \$595,000 of the budgeted total for the project, and that the remaining funds would be used for testing. The program would include repairs to deteriorated concrete sidewalks, curbs and ADA ramps.

Mr. Nelson made a motion to approve the contract with Superior Bowen as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Herring, and passed unanimously.

Ms. Reimer made a motion that the City Council move to the Council Committee of the Whole portion of the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Nelson and passed unanimously.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

COU2021-58 Consider change to animal enumeration process

Mr. Geffert reported that City Clerk staff coordinated a yearly animal enumeration project in an effort to ensure all pets in the City were licensed and current on rabies vaccinations (per Municipal Code Section 2-115, "Enumeration of Animals"). Historically, a certain area of the City was selected for enumeration each year, and temporary employees were hired to walk the neighborhood and knock on doors of homes at which pets were not currently licensed.

Mr. Geffert added that in 2020, the City Council voted to have staff send a postcard reminder to residents rather than perform a door-to-door survey, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In January 2021, 1,900 postcards were mailed out to residents that did not currently have pets registered with the City. As of July 27, 2021, 458 new animals have been licensed, which is higher than in past years. Additionally, the total cost of the project was reduced, and staff time has decreased significantly.

Due to the successful results achieved in 2021, the reduction in staff time, and the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, staff recommends shifting the animal enumeration project to a postcard-based system going forward, rather than sending temporary employees door-to-door each year.

Mr. Gallagher moved to approve the change to the animal enumeration process as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Reimer and passed unanimously.

Ms. Reimer moved that the City Council end the Council Committee of the Whole portion of the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nelson and passed unanimously.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements were included in the Council meeting packet.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Herring made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Nelson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mayor Mikkelsen declared the meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Adam Geffert
City Clerk