



**City Council
City of Prairie Village
June 15, 2026**

The City Council of Prairie Village, Kansas, met in regular session on Monday, June 15, at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Mikkelson presided.

Roll Call

Roll was called by the deputy city clerk with the following councilmembers in attendance: Shelby Bartelt, Ron Nelson, Jim Sellers, Nick Reddell (via Zoom), Betsy Lawrence, Terry O'Toole, Nathan Vallette, Cole Robinson, Inga Selders, Andy Logan. Staff present: City Administrator Wes Jordan, City Attorney Alex Aagen, Assistant City Administrator Meghan Buum, Assistant City Administrator Tim Schwartkopf, Police Chief Eric McCullough, Public Works Director Keith Bredehoeft, Finance Director Jason Hannaman, and Deputy City Clerk Ashley Freburg.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Nelson made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Logan and passed unanimously.

Introduction of Students and Scouts

Presentations

Juneteenth Proclamation

Trudy Williams accepted the Juneteenth proclamation of the Juneteenth Freedom Celebration organizing committee. She spoke about the history of the Juneteenth holiday and invited the community to participate in the 6th annual Prairie Village Juneteenth Freedom Celebration on June 19, 2026, at 6 p.m. in Harmon Park.

Secure Firearm Storage Awareness Month Proclamation

Carla Oppenheimer, on behalf of Grandparents for Gun Safety, accepted the proclamation. She spoke about the organization and about the importance of secure storage of firearms, which is one of the organization's primary initiatives. Mayor Mikkelson noted that the Prairie Village Police Department provides free gun locks for the secure storage of firearms.

Presentation of 2025 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR)

Shawn Gordon summarized the 2025 City of Prairie Village audit report. Finance Director Jason Hannaman reported that the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report would be published on the city's website.

Public Participation

- Jim Rosberg shared his opinions about the library's desire to build a new Corinth Library branch.
- Pam Justus spoke about the city's recent satisfaction survey, sharing her opinion of the results and her summary of the survey's open-ended comments.
- Anne Melia - Commended Shelby Bartelt, Kassie McClure and Kevin Kinsella on planning and executing the first Prairie Village Pride Festival. She expressed her support of city committees. She also spoke in support of keeping Corinth Library in Prairie Village. Ms. Melia expressed her support of the proposed 2027 budget.
- Maggie McClure spoke about Prairie Village's inaugural Pride festival. She expressed gratitude to the City Council, public works, and police department staff.
- Stacy Montgomery, with Eco Waste Solutions, said her company would like to be part of Prairie Village's solid waste conversation.
- Rob Kohl spoke about the use of the transient guest tax for the Pride event June 6. He also spoke about storm damage over the weekend, with a tree limb causing property damage and a power outage
- John Blessing, with Waste Management, encouraged the city to go out to bid for the solid waste contract
- John Anderson spoke about a video posted to a social media account.
- Barbara Cantrell spoke against the city issuing proclamations. She spoke about Pride signs being placed in the right-of-way near her home. She also spoke about the property at 7820 Mission Road being demolished for new city facilities.

After public comment, Ms. Lawrence spoke about the Prairie Village Diversity Committee's Pride event, and read the definition of the word "community." She thanked those who helped make the event possible.

Mayor Mikkelson stated he was unable to attend the Pride event but said he was glad to hear from multiple sources that it went well. He thanked those who made the event possible and read a letter in support of the event from Rev. Michael Vollbrecht, Senior Minister of The Colonial Church in Prairie Village.

Consent Agenda

Mr. O'Toole made a motion to approve the consent agenda. A roll call vote was taken with the following votes cast: "aye": Shelby Bartelt, Ron Nelson, Jim Sellers, Nick Reddell, Betsy Lawrence, Terry O'Toole, Nathan Vallette, Cole Robinson, Inga Selders, and Andy Logan; "nay": None.

Consider approval of regular City Council meeting minutes - June 1, 2026

Consider appointment of Arts Council youth representative

Consider approval of claims ordinance #3063

Committee Reports

Mr. Nelson expressed gratitude to the Prairie Village Diversity Committee and all those who helped plan and execute the inaugural Prairie Village Pride event on June 6. Mr. Nelson also noted that it is Juneteenth month and Prairie Village's annual celebration will be Friday, June 19 from 6-8 p.m. at Harmon Park.

Mr. Vallette provided an update from the Prairie Village Planning Commission. He noted that after lengthy discussion on the Price Brothers' plan for the former YMCA property, the application was granted conditional approval. Mr. Vallette announced that Teen Council will return for the 26-27 school year. More information will be available in August. Mr. Vallette said he and his family attended the Pride event and spoke complimentary of it.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Mikkelson announced that Team England has arrived for the World Cup. He noted that Prairie Village is the team's home base for the duration of the tournament and that the Prairie Village Police Department is providing security for the team. He noted that Team England's priority while they are here is winning games, and asked that everyone respect their privacy.

Mayor Mikkleson noted that he and the rest of the MARC board have identified a candidate for the position of next MARC director.

Mayor Mikkelson noted several recent events, including a Mayors' Council dinner, the Meadowbrook Park Festival, and a documentary viewing at the Nelson Atkins. He also noted upcoming events including the Community Gardens' Summer Solstice Party, Juneteenth, World Cup games, and VillageFest.

Mayor Mikkelson announced that the City has launched a new website at prairievillageks.gov with improved transparency and functionality.

Mayor Mikkelson noted several new businesses were opening in Prairie Village, including restaurants Big Grove Brewery and Casa.

Staff Reports

E-Device Update

Chief Eric McCullough provided an update on micromobility devices including e-bikes and e-scooters.

Chief McCullough recapped the various types of e-bicycles, noting the differences between class 1 and class 2 — which are both allowed on sidewalks in Prairie Village — and class 3. Class 3 must be ridden in the street and cannot be ridden by anyone under 16 years of age. He also noted that the police department is seeing a lot of e-motorcycles, which are not the same as e-bikes. E-motos must be licensed and registered, and riders must have a valid driver's license with a class M endorsement to use them. E-scooters all require helmets for riders under 18 years old, and they can be on sidewalks.

Chief McCullough shared that the Prairie Village Police Department is part of an e-mobility group that is looking at ways to align and future-proof ordinances. The group is working to develop model ordinances for consistency on major issues including helmet laws and reckless driving. While early efforts focused on education, the police department has now moved on to stricter enforcement, issuing citations for violations. Citations have been issued directly to anyone 14 years old and older, and to parents of anyone under the age of 14. Chief McCullough noted the police department will continue to focus on education as they continue to work with other jurisdictions and multi-disciplinary partners on stricter enforcement of hazardous violations and evaluation of the need for modifications of existing ordinances.

Mayor Mikkelson said that micromobility devices were identified in the resident survey as an area for improvement, likely due to the novelty of these devices and the rapid adoption of them. He noted there is a limit to what a city government can do, noting the need for parents to help enforce safety measures with these devices.

Old Business

Discuss a 10-year contract option with GFL for Solid Waste Services

City Administrator Wes Jordan presented an update on the status of the city's solid waste contract negotiations and requested direction on how to proceed with solid waste services for 2027.

At the June 1, 2026, City Council meeting, the City Council voted 11-1 to direct staff to work with GFL and the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) to join the purchasing cooperative for residential solid waste and recycling services. Through the course of several conversations following the meeting, GFL reviewed their set up costs to provide service to our community and concluded they could not offer the same bid price as outlined in the MARC cooperative agreement due to increased costs to purchase new carts and to purchase/lease four trucks. The updated proposed five-year rate would be the MARC base rate (\$18.06 effective January 1, 2027) plus \$5.03 (new carts/trucks) totaling \$23.09 per month. Compared to Republic's increased fee of \$27 per month, this would be an annual savings of \$400,462.

Because this structure was not in line with the MARC cooperative agreement, staff was seeking additional direction from the governing body.

The options presented were:

- Option 1 – Move to approve staff working on a three-year contract extension with Republic Services for a monthly fee of \$27 effective January 1, 2027.
- Option 2 - Move to approve proceeding with a Request for Proposals for Solid Waste Services.
- Option 3 – Move to approve staff working on a 10-year contract agreement with GFL for Solid Waste Services as presented. Charter Ordinance 19 allows the Governing Body to waive the bidding process by an affirmative majority if it determines the best interest of the City would be served.

Ms. Lawrence made a motion to proceed with a request for proposals for the solid waste contract using terms similar to the current contract. Ms. Bartelt seconded the motion. After discussion, a roll call vote was taken with the following votes cast: "aye": Shelby Bartelt, Betsy Lawrence; "nay": Ron Nelson, Jim Sellers, Nick Reddell, Terry O'Toole, Nathan Vallette, Cole Robinson, Inga Selders, Andy Logan. The motion failed 2-8.

Discussion continued. Dillon Pierson, General Manager for Republic Services and Tom Coffman, Government Contracts Manager for GFL, spoke on behalf of their respective organizations.

Mr. O'Toole made a motion to direct staff to continue negotiations with GFL and bring a contract back to council for consideration. Ms. Selders seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with the following votes cast: "aye": Ron Nelson, Jim Sellers, Nick Reddell, Terry O'Toole, Nathan Vallette, Cole Robinson, Inga Selders, Andy Logan; "nay": Shelby Bartelt, Betsy Lawrence; The motion passed 8-2.

New Business

Council Committee of the Whole (Council President presiding)

Johnson County Library — Relocation Discussion

Mr. Logan, whose firm represents Johnson County Library, excused himself from discussions on this issue and left the dais.

Public Works Director Keith Bredehoeft introduced the Johnson County Library project. He noted that the library is looking to rebuild or relocate the Corinth Branch in Prairie Village. To ensure all options are explored, the library has developed a test-fit concept for a possible new Corinth Branch located at the Prairie Village City Hall Complex.

Johnson County Librarian Patricia Suellentrop presented the library's vision for a possible Corinth Branch relocated to the municipal campus on the current site of the community center building at 7720 Mission Road. She noted the study of the site's feasibility for a library branch is ongoing. Design specifics are not available.

At the conclusion of the discussion, Mr. Logan returned to the dais.

Preliminary 2027 Budget Presentation

Finance Director Jason Hannaman presented the preliminary 2027 budget.

The 2027 budget was reviewed by the Finance Committee on May 12 and May 19, 2026, and was recommended for advancement by the Finance Committee by a vote of 4-0 at the meeting May 19. Mr. Hannaman shared a presentation that covered the following topics

- General Fund
- Mill Levy
- Personnel Services
- Contract Services
- Capital Outlay
- Other Funds including the Equipment Reserve, Solid Waste, Transient Guest Tax, and the Meadowbrook TIF funds
- Capital Improvement Program (CIP) review
- Decision Package

After discussion, Ron Nelson made a motion to approve the preliminary budget and send it to the City Council for final approval. The motion was seconded by Betsy Lawrence and passed with a vote of 9 to 1.

Informational Items

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Adjournment