



**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PRAIRIE VILLAGE
MARCH 7, 2022**

The City Council of Prairie Village, Kansas, met in regular session on Monday, March 7, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Mikkelson presided.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called by the City Clerk with the following Councilmembers in attendance: Chad Herring, Cole Robinson, Inga Selders (via Zoom), Ron Nelson, Lauren Wolf (via Zoom), Bonnie Limbird, Dave Robinson, Piper Reimer, Greg Shelton (via Zoom), Courtney McFadden, Ian Graves (via Zoom), and Terrence Gallagher. Staff present: Byron Roberson, Chief of Police; Captain Ivan Washington, Police Department; Keith Bredehoeft, Director of Public Works; 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

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to approve the agenda for March 7, 2022. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF STUDENTS AND SCOUTS

One Boy Scout was in attendance to meet requirements for his Communication Merit Badge, and two Rockhurst High School students were present as part of a government class assignment.

PRESENTATIONS

- Mrs. McFadden read a proclamation recognizing March as Women's History Month.
- Mallory Lutz of Little Government Relations provided a legislative update to the Council.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None



CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approval of regular City Council meeting minutes - February 22, 2022
2. Consider appointment of committee members

Ms. Limbird made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. A roll call vote was taken with the following votes cast: “aye”: Herring, C. Robinson, Selders, Nelson, Wolf, Limbird, D. Robinson, Reimer, Shelton, McFadden, Graves, Gallagher. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mrs. McFadden stated that the VillageFest Committee met on February 24 to continue planning for the annual Independence Day event.
- Ms. Limbird shared the following updates for the Arts Council:
 - New artwork was hung in City Hall the prior weekend.
 - Artwork for the “Parade of Hearts” metro-wide public art exhibit would be placed in the following five locations around the City:
 - 7301 Mission Road
 - 7400 State Line Road
 - Weltner Park
 - Meadowbrook Park
 - Corinth Quarter by the First Watch restaurant
 - The Strength in Diversity exhibit would remain at the Meadowbrook Park clubhouse through the end of March.
 - The Art of Photography call for submissions deadline was extended to March 15.
 - The call for entry had opened for an upcoming Adirondack chair design contest in partnership with Corinth Square, which would be on display later in the year.
- Mr. Shelton noted that the Tree Board met the prior week to plan events for an upcoming Arbor Day celebration on April 30.
- Ms. Reimer said the Environmental Committee held a meeting on February 23, at which Dynamhex gave a presentation on its carbon emission tracking software. Additionally, the committee began planning for an electronics recycling event and working on the Mayors Monarch Pledge, and will participate in the Northeast Johnson County Environmental Fair later in the year.



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Ms. Reimer also shared that members of the Teen Council continued to work on their presentations, which would be delivered to Council in April.

- Ms. Selders stated that the Diversity Committee's Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebration was a success, with over 350 attendees at the Village Church. She added that the committee would host an upcoming panel discussion on Prairie Village housing on April 3.
- Mr. Dave Robinson said that the JazzFest Committee met on February 23 to continue planning for the September event.
- Mrs. McFadden noted that the Northeast Johnson County Chamber's "State of the Cities" luncheon would be held on March 10. She added that she had represented the City at the Johnson County Chamber President's Council event held the prior week.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- The Mayor provided an update on the COVID-19 pandemic, noting that case numbers, hospitalizations and deaths had all dropped dramatically. He added that Johnson County was now in the "low" risk category according to the Centers for Disease Control.
- The Mayor noted the recent shooting at Olathe East High School, and commended the School Resource Officer (SRO) who was able to stop the attacker.
- The Mayor shared sympathy for the citizens of the Ukraine, which remained under assault from Russian forces. He added that Mr. Jordan was attempting to contact officials in Dolyana, Prairie Village's sister city.
- The Mayor recognized the Shawnee Mission East boys' bowling team for winning the state championship.
- The Mayor attended the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast in Kansas City, Missouri on February 23.
- The Mayor provided a civic update to residents of the Mission Chateau senior living center the prior week.
- The Mayor, Mr. Jordan, Ms. Lee, and Mr. Nelson met with the Johnson County appraiser to review property values in the City, which had increased by 13% over the previous year. He recommended that Council consider a mill rate reduction in addition to expanding rebate programs as part of the upcoming budget process.
- The Mayor attended board meetings at the Mid-America Regional Council and Johnson County United Community Services.
- The Mayor shared that chef Carl Thorne-Thompson of Story Restaurant in the Village Shops was a semi-finalist for the prestigious James Beard award.
- The Mayor stated the first meeting of the Ad-Hoc Civic Center Committee would be held soon. He noted that the committee was comprised of Councilmembers Graves and Limbird, serving as chair and vice-chair respectively, Councilmember Dave Robinson, Randy Knight from the Parks and Recreation Committee, Planning



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Commission member Melissa Brown, and two at-large citizen appointments: Lauren Osburn and Jamie Senter.

- The Mayor noted that there was an opening for a Councilmember on the Prairie Village Foundation.
- The Mayor thanked Councilmembers for their service and civic engagement during the prior two years of the pandemic.
- The Mayor stated that he had been invited to give a civic update to the Prairie Hills Homes Association later in the month.
- The Mayor noted that he, Ms. Selders and Mr. Shelton would be attending the National League of Cities' annual meeting the following week.
- The Mayor noted that a ceremony would be held for former Kansas City Monarchs baseball player Buck O'Neill at the Hy-Vee at 76th Street and State Line Road on March 10.

STAFF REPORTS

- Captain Washington said that Officer Seth Myers served as the SRO at Shawnee Mission East High School, and Officer Matt Hubert served at Indian Hills Middle School, and noted the importance of their work with students.
- Mr. Jordan stated that he had been in contact with the interpreter that worked during the Prairie Village and Ukrainian sister-city delegation visits, and asked that she share the City's well-wishes with the elected officials in Dolyna.
- Mr. Herring asked for an update on the opioid settlement funds mentioned in the monthly plan of action. Mr. Schwartzkopf stated that the City entered in to an agreement with the Kansas Attorney General's Office and provided information on opioid-related claims and expenses incurred by the City. Currently, the amount of settlement funds the City could receive is unknown.
- Ms. Limbird asked for an update on the property tax refund program. Mr. Geffert stated that over \$13,000 had been refunded to 26 households, and that nearly \$6,800 was still available to qualifying residents.
- Chief Roberson said that he had been invited to a town hall along with other police chiefs and sheriffs from across the state, sponsored by Senator Jerry Moran. He noted that FBI Director Christopher Wray was present to discuss the department's efforts to work with local law enforcement to solve crimes. Chief Roberson also shared how the Prairie Village Police Department had prepared for mass shooting events similar to the one that took place at Olathe East High School.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to come before the Council.



NEW BUSINESS

COU2022-19

Consider approval of design agreement with BBN Architects, Inc. for the design of the restroom at Windsor Park

Mr. Bredehoeft stated that BBN Architects had been chosen as parks architect in 2018 through a qualification-based selection process. The proposed agreement for the design of the restroom project at Windsor Park would include the removal of the temporary restroom facility and the construction of a permanent restroom building. Mr. Bredehoeft added that funding for the design was included in the capital improvement program.

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to approve the design agreement as presented. Mr. Herring seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Nelson made a motion for the City Council to move to the Council Committee of the Whole portion of the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Herring and passed unanimously.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

2023 Budget goals and objectives

Ms. Lee stated that the next step in the budget process was to discuss goals and objectives for 2023. The Council previously identified the following items as organizational priorities:

- Quality of life
- Superior services
- Community safety
- Be mindful of tax burden
- Invest in public realm
- Environmental sustainability

The draft 2023 document carried forward the adopted 2022 budget goals and objectives, with some recommended updates:

- Added “maintain employee stability through a comprehensive review of pay and benefits” as an objective.
- Edited the content under “continue strong financial condition” to mirror current practice.
- Combined the goals “maintain financial transparency” and “citizen participation in budget issues” to acknowledge the progress that has been made in these areas, as well as overlap between the topics.



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Ms. Lee also shared information about the City's mill levy rate, comparing it to the rates of other cities in the county, and noting that only 16.4% of the total levy on a property went to the City. Finally, she asked Councilmembers to submit decision package ideas by April 8 for the Council and Finance Committee to discuss and review.

Mr. Graves made a motion to approve the 2023 budget goals and objectives as presented. Mrs. McFadden seconded the motion, which 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements were included in the Council meeting packet.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Mikkelsen declared the meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Adam Geffert
City Clerk