



**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PRAIRIE VILLAGE
MAY 2, 2022**

The City Council of Prairie Village, Kansas, met in regular session on Monday, May 2, 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, Ron Nelson, Lauren Wolf (via Zoom), Dave Robinson, Greg Shelton, Courtney McFadden, and Terrence Gallagher. Staff present: Byron Roberson, Chief of Police; Keith Bredehoeft, Director of Public Works; Melissa Prenger, Public Works; City Attorney David Waters, attorney with Lathrop & Gage; Wes Jordan, City Administrator; Jamie Robichaud, Deputy City Administrator; Meghan Boom, Assistant City Administrator; Tim Schwartzkopf, 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 May 2, 2022. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion, which passed 9-0.

PRESENTATIONS

- Chief Roberson recognized Officers Zacaria Blakemore, Alex DeGuire and Brian Wolf for their lifesaving efforts on recent calls for service.
- Mayor Mikkelson read a proclamation declaring May 11 - 17 as National Police Week in Prairie Village.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Resident Donna Knoell, 5165 Somerset Drive, shared her concerns over the proposed ordinance regulating the placement and duration of portable storage units.

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 - April 18, 2022
2. Approve Ordinance 2471, creating placement and duration regulations for portable storage units

Mr. Dave Robinson asked to remove item #2 from the agenda.

Mr. Nelson made a motion to approve the April 18, 2022 meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed 9-0.

Mr. Dave Robinson stated that he felt the 14-day limit on portable storage units was too short, as larger home construction projects often took more time. **He made a motion to approve Ordinance 2471, with a modification to the amount of time a portable storage unit would be allowed on a property from 14 days to 30 days. Mr. Cole Robinson seconded the motion.**

Ms. Robichaud stated that large projects requiring permits would be exempted from the ordinance. She added that the period from when a code violation notice was first issued to when a citation was written took several weeks. Additionally, the Building Official and Codes Enforcement Officers would continue to have the discretion to grant exceptions on a case-by-case basis.

After further discussion, Mr. Nelson made a motion to amend the motion, approving Ordinance 2471 as initially presented with a 14-day limit, but making the effective date July 1, 2022. The motion was seconded by Mr. Herring. A roll call vote was taken with the following votes cast: "aye": Herring, C. Robinson, Selders, Nelson, Wolf, D. Robinson, Shelton, McFadden, Gallagher. The motion passed 9-0.

Mr. Herring made a motion to amend the amended motion, by changing the 14-day limit to 21 days. Ms. Selders seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with the following votes cast: "aye": Herring, Selders, D. Robinson; "nay": Nelson, C. Robinson, Wolf, Shelton, McFadden, Gallagher. The motion failed 3-6.

A roll call vote on the original motion as amended was taken with the following votes cast: "aye": Herring, C. Robinson, Selders, Nelson, Wolf, D. Robinson, Shelton, McFadden, Gallagher. The motion passed 9-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Pension Board

COU2022-39 Consider second clarifying amendment to PVPD Pension Plan

Ms. Robichaud said that in 2016, the Pension Board and City Council approved the First Clarifying Amendment to the Prairie Village PD Pension Plan, which gave plan participants the option to earn credit up to 30 years of service if they increased their



mandatory contributions from 4% to 8% after reaching 25 years of service. The intent of the amendment was to give participants the option to increase their contributions from 4% to 8% if they wanted to receive credit beyond 25 years of service; however, the language in the amendment made it read as though the increased contribution of 8% was mandatory beyond 25 years of service.

Ms. Robichaud said staff recommended a Second Clarifying Amendment to the plan to clearly articulate that plan participants had the option of either keeping their 4% contribution and limiting their benefits to 25 years of service or increasing their contribution to 8% after 25 years of service and receiving credit for up to 30 years of service. The amendment was drafted and reviewed by pension attorneys, and the Pension Board of Trustees unanimously recommended approval at its April 14, 2022 meeting.

Mrs. McFadden made a motion to approve the Second Clarifying Amendment to the Pension Plan as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gallagher and passed 9-0.

- Mrs. McFadden stated that the VillageFest Committee met the prior week to continue planning for the July 4th event.
- Mr. Cole Robinson provided an update from the Pension Board, noting that it held its annual meeting with an actuary to ensure that contributions to the pension fund were adequate. He added that the City was currently providing funding at a higher level than actuarial recommendations.
- Mr. Nelson said that he had attended a League of Kansas Municipalities training event in Manhattan the prior weekend. Topics included better interaction with constituents and improved financial policies.
- Mr. Shelton shared information about the Environmental Committee's native plant sale, held in March, as well as a potential e-waste recycling event in the future. He also stated that the Tree Board held an event honoring Kansas Arbor Day poster contest winner Evelyn Stidham, as well as a recognition of resident Deb Nixon for her 20 years of service on the Tree Board.
- Mr. Dave Robinson provided a JazzFest update, noting that the Inn at Meadowbrook would host out-of-town musicians. Additionally, WaterOne would be providing compostable paper cups of water to attendees at the event.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- The Mayor stated that he had attended the following events since the previous Council meeting:



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- The Northeast Johnson County State of the Cities event on April 28, at which Westwood Hills Mayor Paula Schwach announced her retirement.
 - A Kansas City Business Journal dinner on April 28, at which Clark Enersen was given a capstone award for its efforts to meet LEED Platinum sustainability standards at the City's Public Works building.
 - A ribbon-cutting event at the Sharp Law Firm's new building on 75th Street.
 - The Kansas City Police Academy's 135th graduation, at which Chief Roberson gave a speech.
 - A performance by trumpeter Rodney Marsalis at the Village Church.
- The Mayor added that he would attend the following events on May 12:
 - The Northeast Johnson County Leadership Class graduation.
 - A YMCA community meeting at the Meadowbrook Park clubhouse.

STAFF REPORTS

- Mr. Jordan stated that staff would begin reviewing ward boundaries to ensure populations of each ward were equitable distributed. Due to recent development, ward five had grown substantially, resulting in an unequal population distribution.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to come before the Council.

NEW BUSINESS

COU2022-40 Consider purchase of new projectors and screens for Council Chambers

Mr. Schwartzkopf noted that the quality and brightness of the projectors in the Council Chambers had diminished since their initial installation in 2012, resulting in presentations being difficult to see. Rather than continuing to replace bulbs in the existing projectors, staff determined that it would be more effective to purchase new equipment that would function at a higher level.

The proposed bid included two Sony LCD 13K lumen laser projectors, two new screens, and labor for installation and configuration. Mr. Schwartzkopf added that since the system was integrated with the recently installed AV equipment, City staff felt it was appropriate to continue working with the current vendor to avoid creating issues with the existing system.

Mr. Herring made a motion to approve the purchase of new projectors and screen for the Council Chambers. Mr. Cole Robinson seconded the motion, which passed 9-0.



COU2022-42 Consider donation to Dolyna, Ukraine

Mayor Mikkelson stated that he had been in discussion with the Mayor of Dolyna to determine how the City could provide assistance. The Mayor identified several items that would be difficult to procure, such as body armor, helmets, and military ammunition. However, the City could provide “walkie-talkie” portable radio devices.

Mr. Jordan recommended purchasing walkie-talkies with a range of up to several miles with rechargeable batteries, which typically could be acquired for less than \$100.00 each. He added that staff would work to find a shipping source to deliver the radios.

Mrs. McFadden made a motion to allocate \$10,000 for the purchase of “walkie talkie” radios to aid in the war effort in Ukraine. Ms. Selders seconded the motion, which passed 9-0.

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 Ms. Selders and passed 9-0.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

COU2022-41 Consider alternative contractor selection and approval of contract with Vance Brothers, Inc., for the 2022 crack seal / microsurfacing program

Ms. Prenger said that like the residential paving program, Public Works sought to enter a three-year program for crack seal and microsurfacing work for the following reasons:

- To get competitive pricing from bidders
- To ensure the selected bidder adheres to the City’s specifications and requirements
- To meet customer service expectations with residents

She added that there were very few contractors in the area that were capable of performing microsurfacing work, and that Vance Brothers had been awarded the contract nine of the past eleven years. In each of those years, the company successfully met the City’s strict specification requirements and exceeded customer service expectations.

Mrs. McFadden made a motion to recommend approval of the construction contract with Vance Brothers, Inc. to the City Council. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion, which passed 9-0.

2023 Capital Infrastructure Program budget presentation

Ms. Prenger and Mr. Bredehoeft gave a presentation on the following items:



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- Infrastructure condition
- Park funding
- Drainage funding
- Street funding
- Building funding
- Sidewalk and curb funding

Mr. Dave Robinson asked if it was possible to reach a point at which no City streets were rated “poor”. Ms. Prenger said it was not, because streets failed at different rates, and it was difficult to know when every street would enter the poor category. She added that streets that were determined to be in poor condition were usually completely restored within three years, though minor repairs were generally made much more quickly.

Ms. Prenger also noted that allocating a consistent dollar amount annually to fund road repairs was important in ensuring that repairs continued to be made in a timely fashion.

Mr. Shelton moved that the City Council end the Council Committee of the Whole portion of the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. McFadden and passed 9-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements were included in the Council meeting packet.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Mikkelsen declared the meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Adam Geffert
City Clerk