



PRAIRIE VILLAGE
KANSAS

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PRAIRIE VILLAGE
SEPTEMBER 5, 2023**

The City Council of Prairie Village, Kansas, met in regular session on Tuesday, September 5, at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Mikkelsen presided.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called by the City Clerk with the following Councilmembers in attendance: Chad Herring, Cole Robinson, Ron Nelson, Lauren Wolf, Bonnie Limbird, Dave Robinson, Piper Reimer (via Zoom), Greg Shelton, Courtney McFadden, Ian Graves, and Terrence Gallagher. Staff present: Byron Roberson, Chief of Police; Keith Bredehoeft, Director of Public Works; Attorney Joe Hatley, Spencer Fane LLP; Wes Jordan, City Administrator; Nickie Lee, Deputy City Administrator; Meghan Buem, Assistant City Administrator; Jason Hannaman, Finance Director; Adam Geffert, City Clerk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Dave Robinson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Limbird seconded the motion, which passed 11-0.

INTRODUCTION OF STUDENTS AND SCOUTS

No students or scouts were present at the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

- Mr. Nelson read a proclamation declaring September 17 - 23 as Constitution Week in Prairie Village.
- Mayor Mikkelsen read a proclamation declaring September 9 as Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Day. Kathy White with the Kansas FASD Support Network shared information about the group's goals and accomplishments.
- Mr. Cole Robinson read a proclamation declaring September 15 - October 15 as National Hispanic Heritage Month.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Tom Clough, Ward 5, provided thoughts on leadership.



CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Consider approval of special session City Council meeting minutes - August 16, 2023
2. Consider approval of regular City Council meeting minutes - August 21, 2023
3. Consider approval of expenditure ordinance #3029
4. Consider approval of a council policy to establish a public arts fund

Mr. Nelson 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, Nelson, Wolf, Limbird, D. Robinson, Reimer, Shelton, McFadden, Graves, Gallagher. The motion passed 11-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mr. Cole Robinson noted that the Diversity Committee had partnered with the Jewish Community Relations Bureau and American Jewish Committee to hold an informational event about the rise of antisemitism at the Meadowbrook Park clubhouse on September 7.
- Ms. Limbird shared that the Arts Council’s State of the Arts event would be held September 13, and that the call for artists for 2024 gallery exhibits had opened.
- Mr. Shelton said that the Environmental Committee held a meeting the prior week, at which an update was provided regarding Johnson County’s “Recycle Right” program. Since the project began in Prairie Village, county staff had visited over 2,000 homes to analyze the contents of recycle bins and provide information about how to correctly recycle items. Mr. Shelton said that the project would continue until all homes in the City had been visited.
- Mr. Dave Robinson stated that the annual JazzFest event would be held on Saturday, September 9.
- Mr. Gallagher thanked pool staff for a successful season and shared that the Parks and Recreation Committee would be considering solutions to reduce the volume level of the pickleball courts at Windsor Park.
- Ms. Reimer noted that recruitment for the Youth Council was underway, and that the application deadline was September 15.



MAYOR'S REPORT

- The Mayor shared that he had participated in Shawnee Mission East's annual Lancer Day parade on August 31
- The Mayor noted the following upcoming events:
 - A Johnson County District Court Judge would provide an opinion on whether three City-related petitions submitted to the Johnson County Election Office should be placed on the November ballot on September 6
 - A meeting of the Johnson County / Wyandotte County Mayor's group on September 6
 - A meeting of the Northeast Johnson County Mayors on September 15
 - A tour of the animal shelter used by the Police Department animal control staff
 - A zoom call with the mayor of Prairie Village's sister-city, Dolyna, Ukraine, to recognize its 1,044th anniversary
 - The Shawnee Mission Education Foundation's annual breakfast on September 13
 - The NAACP Freedom Banquet on September 17

STAFF REPORTS

- Mr. Jordan said that the September plan of action was included in the meeting packet.
- Chief Roberson provided a report on first-half crime statistics for 2023 and noted that the Police Department's Citizens Academy would begin on September 6.
- Ms. Lee stated that a discussion on amending the City's neighborhood design guidelines would be brought to Council to consider at its October 2 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

COU2023-52

Public hearing to receive comments regarding the City exceeding the revenue neutral rate

Consider Resolution 2023-03 approving a tax rate of mill levy rate in excess of the revenue neutral rate for the 2024 budget year

Mr. Hannaman said that the Governing Body had approved the preliminary budget at its June 20, 2023, meeting and approved the notice to exceed the revenue neutral rate on July 17, 2023. The proposed 2024 budget would maintain the same level of services as



the 2023 budget and would transfer an additional \$1,150,000 to the Bond and Interest Fund in preparation for potential City Hall improvements. Mr. Hannaman noted that the revenue neutral rate was defined as the tax rate in mills that would generate the same property tax in dollars as the previous tax year using the current tax year's total assessed valuation. The 2024 recommended budget was based on a total mill rate of 18.309, the same amount as 2023.

Mr. Hannaman added that per Senate Bill 13, the recommended budget required a public hearing to exceed the revenue neutral rate provided by the County Clerk, which in Prairie Village would be 15.806 mills in 2024. Notice of intent to exceed the revenue neutral rate was provided to the County Clerk prior to July 20 and the public hearing notice was published on July 25, 2023.

Mr. Gallagher asked what would happen if Council did not approve exceeding the revenue neutral rate. Mr. Hannaman stated that doing so would reduce general fund revenue by approximately \$1.5 million in 2024, which would require either cuts to services or the utilization of dollars from the general fund balance which could result in a lower bond rating for the City.

After further discussion, Mayor Mikkelson opened the public hearing to receive comments regarding the City exceeding the revenue neutral rate at 7:10 p.m.

- Tom Clough, Ward 5, provided his perspective on trust between the Council and residents.
- John Anderson, Ward 1, expressed his belief that expenses could be reduced.

With no one else present to speak, Mayor Mikkelson closed the public hearing at 7:14.

Mrs. McFadden made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-03 approving a mill levy rate in excess of the revenue neutral rate for the 2024 budget year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Graves. A roll call vote was taken with the following votes cast: "aye": Herring, C. Robinson, Nelson, Wolf, Limbird, D. Robinson, Reimer, Shelton, McFadden, Graves, Gallagher. The motion passed 11-0.

COU2023-53 Public hearing for the 2024 budget

Consider 2024 budget adoption

Mr. Hannaman stated that the "all in number" for general fund expenditures in the 2024 budget represented a 13% increase over 2023, totaling \$31,586,176. Approximately \$1.2 million of that total represented increased personnel costs from the implementation of the 2022 salary study, an amount in excess of what was originally budgeted as part of the



2023 budget. If the 2023 budget had included the full amount of actual personnel increases, the total 2024 budget increase would equal 8.9%.

At 7:16 p.m., Mayor Mikkelson opened the public hearing to receive comments regarding the proposed 2023 budget.

- Tom Clough, Ward 5, asked if any insurance benefits or other compensation for Councilmembers were included in the budget. Mr. Hannaman stated there were not.

With no one else present to speak, Mayor Mikkelson closed the public hearing at 7:17.

Mr. Herring made a motion to adopt the 2024 budget as certified with ad valorem tax in the amount of \$11,724,185. The motion was seconded by Ms. Limbird. A roll call vote was taken with the following votes cast: “aye”: Herring, C. Robinson, Nelson, Wolf, Limbird, D. Robinson, Reimer, Shelton, McFadden, Graves, Gallagher. The motion passed 11-0.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

There was no business to come before the Council Committee of the Whole.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:30 p.m., Mr. Nelson made the following motion:

“I move that the Governing Body recess into Executive Session for 45 minutes for consultation with an attorney regarding petitions which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship pursuant to KSA 75-4319(b)(2). Present will be the members of the Governing Body, the City Administrator, Deputy City Administrator, Assistant City Administrator, and City Attorney Co-Counsel. The regular meeting will resume at 8:15 p.m.”

Mr. Graves seconded the motion, which passed 11-0.

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:15 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements were included in the Council meeting packet.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Mikkelson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Adam Geffert
City Clerk