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**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PRAIRIE VILLAGE
JULY 6, 2026**

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

ROLL CALL

Roll was called by the city clerk with the following councilmembers in attendance: Ron Nelson, Andy Logan, Shelby Bartelt, Nathan Vallette, Tyler Agniel, Betsy Lawrence, Ian Graves and Jim Sellers. Staff present: Eric McCullough, Chief of Police; Keith Bredeoeft, Public Works Director; City Attorney Alex Aggen, Hunter Law Group; Wes Jordan, City Administrator; Nickie Lee, Deputy City Administrator; Meghan Buum, Assistant City Administrator; Jason Hannaman, Finance Director; Adam Geffert, City Clerk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Mikkelson noted that the agenda had been amended, and that both the building code amendment discussion and the 83rd Street modification discussion would be moved to the July 20 agenda.

Mr. Sellers made a motion to approve the amended agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lawrence and passed 8-0.

INTRODUCTION OF STUDENTS AND SCOUTS

No students or scouts were present at the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

Chief McCullough presented police department awards to officers involved in two separate incidents. Officers Steve Steck and Drew O'Neill were given the department's Lifesaving Award, and Officers Casey Dalton, Carlos Rosales, and Brent Groves were given the Police Meritorious Service Award.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Alan Bauman, Ward 2, expressed his support for increasing home energy efficiency standards in the city's building code.
- Anne Melia, Ward 6, stated that she supported the city's proposed 2027 budget, as well as increasing home energy efficiency standards.



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- Sean Kavanaugh, Ward 4, shared concerns about the condition of some rental properties in the city. He also voiced concern about a lack of available seating at the pool complex.

*****Councilmember Nick Reddell joined the meeting via Zoom during public participation.***

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Consider approval of regular city council meeting minutes - June 15

Mr. Nelson made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. A roll call vote was taken with the following votes cast: “aye”: Nelson, Logan, Bartelt, Vallette, Agniel, Reddell, Lawrence, Graves, Sellers. The motion passed 9-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mr. Sellers thanked staff and members of the VillageFest committee for their efforts in planning the annual event.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- The Mayor shared information about events that had taken place since the prior council meeting:
 - The English soccer team had won its recent game against Mexico in the World Cup
 - A ribbon-cutting event at the Casa Ama restaurant in the Corinth shops
 - The diversity committee's Juneteenth event on June 19
- The Mayor shared information about the following upcoming events:
 - A call with First Washington to address parking concerns at the Village shops
 - A groundbreaking ceremony for the new city hall building on July 10
- The Mayor also noted that a new executive director had been selected for the Mid-America Regional Council

STAFF REPORTS

- Mr. Jordan stated that the proposed solid waste contract with GFL would be presented to council at its July 20 meeting.
- Chief McCullough noted that the police department's six-month crime statistics were included in the meeting packet.



OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to come before the council.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Resolution 2026-02 of the city's intent to exceed the revenue neutral rate and establishing the date and time of a public hearing for the 2027 budget

Mr. Hannaman said that the council and staff had worked to develop the 2027 budget over the past several months, and that council had approved the preliminary budget on June 15. The proposed budget would include the same level of services as the 2026 budget, and maintain the same mill rate of 18.057, though the final mill rate could vary slightly based on the results of ongoing appraisal appeals.

Per K.S.A. 79-2988, the proposed budget requires a revenue neutral rate hearing to exceed the rate provided by the county clerk. During the 2021 legislative session, the tax lid was removed and the legislature enacted SB13 and HB2104, establishing new notice and public hearing requirements if a proposed budget would exceed the property tax levy's revenue neutral rate.

The revenue neutral rate is 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. In Prairie Village, the revenue neutral rate for 2027 would be 16.973 mills; since the proposed budget necessitates 18.057 mills, a public hearing is required. The public hearing is anticipated to be held at the regular council meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 2026. The budget public hearing and adoption of the 2027 budget would immediately follow the revenue neutral rate hearing. Approval of the resolution would authorize the publishing of both the budget and revenue neutral rate public hearings.

Ms. Lawrence made a motion to approve a resolution of the city's intent to exceed its "revenue neutral rate," establishing the date and time of a public hearing on such matter, and providing for the giving of notice of such public hearing. The motion was seconded by Mr. Agniel and passed 8-1, with Mr. Reddell in opposition.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

There was no business to come before the council committee of the whole.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Informational items were included in the council meeting packet.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Mikkelson declared the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.



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Adam Geffert
City Clerk