



**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PRAIRIE VILLAGE
JULY 21, 2025**

The City Council of Prairie Village, Kansas, met in regular session on Monday, July 21, at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Mikkelson presided.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called by the deputy city clerk with the following councilmembers in attendance: Cole Robinson, Terry O'Toole, Inga Selders, Ron Nelson, Dave Robinson, Tyler Agniel, Nick Reddell, Ian Graves and Terrence Gallagher. Staff present: Eric McCullough, Chief of Police; Keith Bredehoeft, Director of Public Works; City Attorney Alex Aggen, Hunter Law Group; Wes Jordan, City Administrator; Nickie Lee, Deputy City Administrator; Meghan Buom, Assistant City Administrator; Tim Schwartzkopf, Assistant City Administrator; Jason Hannaman, Finance Director; Ashley Freburg, Deputy City Clerk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Reddell and passed 9-0.

INTRODUCTION OF STUDENTS AND SCOUTS

There were no students or scouts present at the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

Fire Chief Steve Chick presented the second quarter report from CFD2.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Pam Justus, Ward 6, spoke in opposition to the financing of municipal complex improvements.
- Mike Thompson, Ward 1, and Susan Welsh, Ward 4, spoke about safety concerns regarding scooters and e-bikes.
- Anna Gepson, Ward 2, spoke about residential construction concerns.



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 - July 7, 2025
2. Consider an ordinance approving the Prairie Village Jazz Festival as a special event and authorizing the sale, consumption and possession of alcoholic liquor and cereal malt beverages within the boundaries of a barricaded public area of the event
3. Consider request for alcoholic beverage waiver for Harmon Park for the Prairie Village Jazz Festival
4. Consider school crossing guard contract renewal with All City Management Services, Inc. (ACMS)
5. Purchase request of police vehicle

Mr. Nelson made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. A roll call vote was taken with the following votes cast: “aye”: C. Robinson, O’Toole, Selders, Nelson, D. Robinson, Agniel, Reddell, Graves, Gallagher. The motion passed 9-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mr. Reddell reported the Ward 5 meeting held on July 14 was well attended.
- Mr. Graves noted the Arts Council’s artists’ reception for Don James and Butch Murphy was a success. He also stated the State of the Arts reception will be September 17.

MAYOR’S REPORT

- Mayor Mikkelson stated that the annual JazzFest event would be held on September 6 in Harmon Park.
- The Mayor read a viral post about taxes, inflation, and the price of government from Brooks Williams, City Manager in Ferris, Texas.

STAFF REPORTS

- Chief McCullough announced the promotion of Sgt. Josh Putthoff to Captain of staff services, effective July 21, 2025.
- Chief McCullough stated that the Axon software purchased by the department was starting to roll out, including a program called “My90” which requests feedback via text message survey sent to those who have had an encounter with the police.
- Mr. Jordan spoke about Evergy’s responsiveness despite their large service territory. He noted a quick response time to calls and emails from City staff, and he noted additional Evergy staff have helped communicate with residents who frequently experience outages.



OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to come before the council.

NEW BUSINESS

COU2025-32

**Consider staff recommended changes to ordinances regarding the operation of e-bikes and e-scooters within the City
Chief McCullough**

Chief McCullough stated the Police Department has continued to receive safety concerns regarding e-bike and e-scooter use from residents, department members, and the City Council. The department has implemented a multi-faceted approach of education, public messaging, and enforcement in response.

Efforts include safety presentations incorporated into the D.A.R.E. program. Public messaging has utilized City, Police Department, and Shawnee Mission School District social media channels, as well as articles in the Village Voice. Existing traffic and city ordinances are enforced as needed. While there have been a few crashes in the city, thankfully, none have resulted in serious injuries.

Chief McCullough noted that during the July 7 meeting, the council unanimously agreed with the recommendations to implement the following changes to further promote safe e-bike and e-scooter practices, particularly among young riders:

- Keep the existing helmet requirement for juveniles
- Reiterate that Class 3 e-bikes are only for use by those 16 years old or older and are only allowed on the roadway.
- Adding provisions prohibiting reckless or careless operation, and riders must ride with due regard for the safety of others.
- Language that allows the devices to be used only by the number of riders for which the device is made.

The Department recommended adoption of an ordinance that takes into consideration the recommendations approved by the Council Committee of the Whole July 7 and is similar to those in neighboring communities.

Mr. Dave Robinson asked the Police Department to consider offering courses on e-bike and scooter safety.

Mr. Dave Robinson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2507 regarding traffic laws for electric-assisted bicycles and scooters, adding new sections to the code of the City of Prairie Village. Mr. Reddell seconded the motion.



Mr. Reddell noted that as the liaison for the school district, he has reached out to the superintendent and the school board to set up a meeting about this topic.

Mr. Gallagher expressed interest in a system of identification where bikes and scooters are registered with the police department. Chief McCullough noted the current systems in place at the Police Department can help track interactions, but he noted a registration system would be burdensome on staff time and resources. Mr. Aggen noted that Kansas Statue 8-1592b states that licensing/registration cannot be required for an e-bike.

Mr. Gallagher asked how these rules will apply to private properties including the shopping centers. Chief McCullough noted that while the laws are not applicable on private property, property owners can choose to implement their own rules that mirror the ordinance.

Ms. Selders stated she believes there is not a place for e-bikes on the sidewalk but that kids under the age of 14 should not be riding in the streets.

Mr. Cole Robinson asked about an anticipated increase in call volume related to scooters and e-bikes. Chief McCullough said calls are already up 170%.

Ms. Selders made a motion to amend to add a requirement that e-bikes are only allowed in the street, and riders must be 14 years old or older. The motion failed for a lack of a second.

A roll call vote was taken on the original motion with the following votes cast: “aye”: C. Robinson, O’Toole, Selders, Nelson, D. Robinson, Agniel, Reddell, Graves, Gallagher. The motion passed 9-0.

Mr. Dave Robinson 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. Agniel and passed 9-0.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 1:13:41

**COU2025-33 Discuss proposed purchase of Drone as First Responder (DFR) equipment and program
Chief McCullough**

Chief McCullough stated the Police Department would like to implement a Drone as First Responder (DFR) program to enhance public safety and operational efficiency. This technology provides critical situational awareness for police and fire personnel, improves response times, and enhances officer safety.

The total first-year cost for hardware, software, and training is \$54,000. The City of Mission Hills has formally agreed to fund 50% of this cost, contributing \$27,000. The Police



Department recommends funding the remaining \$27,000 from its existing equipment reserve budget. The department is also pursuing additional regional partnerships to share the costs in subsequent years.

Mr. Gallagher noted that ariel assistance has greatly helped the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department and stated the program is an opportunity to protect staff and serves as an excellent extension of our manpower. He noted the timeliness of the purchase ahead of the 2026 World Cup and the Prairie Village 75th anniversary events that would take place next year.

Mr. Graves asked about security and existing controls on data collection and data access. Chief McCullough stated this program would fall under the same controls and data collection protocols that are already in place.

Mr. Cole Robinson made a motion to move discussion of the purchase of the drone as a first responder equipment and program to the August 4 council meeting. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion.

After further discussion, the motion passed 9-0.

Mr. Reddell moved that the city council end the council committee of the whole portion of the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dave Robinson and passed 9-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements were included in the council meeting packet.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Mikkelsen declared the meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Adam Geffert
City Clerk