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**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PRAIRIE VILLAGE
NOVEMBER 17, 2025**

The City Council of Prairie Village, Kansas, met in regular session on Monday, November 17, at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Mikkelson presided.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called by the city clerk with the following councilmembers in attendance: Cole Robinson, Terry O'Toole, Inga Selders, Ron Nelson, Chi Nguyen, Dave Robinson, Tyler Agniel, Greg Shelton, 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 Boom, Assistant City Administrator; Tim Schwartzkopf, Assistant City Administrator; Jason Hannaman, Finance Director; Deana Scott, Court Administrator; Adam Geffert, 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 11-0.

INTRODUCTION OF STUDENTS AND SCOUTS

There were no students or scouts present at the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

- Chief McCullough and Sgt. Travis Gray recognized graduates of the Citizens Police Academy.

**As a member of the graduating class, Councilmember Dave Robinson left the dais to participate in a graduation celebration and returned during public participation*

- Senator Ethan Corson and Representatives Stephanie Clayton, Jerry Stogsdill, and Rui Xu provided legislative updates to the Council.
- Staff from Evergy gave an update on electrical services in the city.



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Jim Rosberg, Ward 1, shared concerns about property taxes
- Pam Justus, Ward 6, noted her objection to financial contributions to United Community Services
- Anna Gepson, Ward 2, expressed her disapproval about comments made by certain councilmembers
- Paul Gorelick, Ward 6, stated that he was happy with the results of the recent election

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 - November 3, 2025
2. Consider approval of expenditure ordinance #3056
3. Consider memorandum of agreement with Little Government Relations for government relations and lobbying services in 2026
4. Consider design agreement with Trekk Design Group for the design of Roe Avenue, 63rd Street to 83rd Street (ROAV0008 2026 CARS)
5. Consider renewal of Blue Valley Public Safety contract for the city's outdoor warning siren system maintenance for 2026
6. Consider renewal of information technology services between Johnson County DTI and the City of Prairie Village
7. Consider contract with CivicPlus for website redesign & content management system and for agenda & meeting management system
8. Consider approval of the governing body handbook
9. Consider interlocal agreement with Johnson County for project DRAIN-24X: 75th Street and Briar Street culvert replacement
10. Consider approval of a contract with Great Plains SPCA for animal shelter services

Mr. Gallagher 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, Nguyen, D. Robinson, Agniel, Shelton, Reddell, Graves, Gallagher. The motion passed 11-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mr. Dave Robinson read a message from a resident that provided information about "Candy Cane Lane", a Prairie Village holiday fixture at 79th Street and Outlook Lane since 1958.
- Mr. Nelson stated that Johnson County Election Commissioner Fred Sherman had spoken to the diversity committee at its November meeting about encouraging the



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Kansas Secretary of State to make Spanish-language voting materials accessible. He noted that Mr. Sherman would also attend the December 15 city council meeting, at which the council would consider a non-binding resolution from the committee regarding the voting materials.

Mr. Nelson also shared that Holocaust-survivor and Prairie Village resident Sonia Warshawski had turned 100 years old on November 15. Ms. Warshawski was the subject of a documentary called “Big Sonia”, which had a special showing at the Glenwood Arts Theater in honor of her birthday.

- Ms. Nguyen thanked those that had attended the installation of the interpretive panel at Porter Park.

MAYOR’S REPORT

- The Mayor shared information about events that had taken place since the previous council meeting:
 - A mayors dinner with local legislators
 - A Metro Chiefs and Sheriff’s Association valor awards event, at which Prairie Village Officer Seth Dittmore was given a lifesaving award
- The Mayor shared information about the following upcoming events:
 - The Northeast Johnson County Chamber of Commerce’s annual gala on November 22
 - The annual holiday tree lighting ceremony at the Corinth Shops on December 4
 - The annual committee volunteer appreciation party on December 6
 - The annual gingerbread house building event on December 7
- The Mayor also noted the results of the recent election in the city

STAFF REPORTS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to come before the council.

NEW BUSINESS

COU2025-47

Consider 2026 contribution allocation recommended by United Community Services for Human Service Fund grants

Erika Garcia Reyes, Director of Resource Allocation with United Community Services of Johnson County (UCS), gave a presentation describing the core functions of the



organization and its focus on education and advocacy, mobilization and planning, and targeted resource allocation. She noted that the allocations, collected from cities within Johnson County, were used to provide services to residents and improve the well-being of the community. Prairie Village had contributed to the fund each year since 1990.

Ms. Garcia Reyes stated that general tax dollars were awarded to non-profit organizations which operated health and human services programs meeting the needs of Johnson County residents at, below, or near the federal poverty level. The human services fund provided a direct benefit to local governments and taxpayers by reducing the need for more costly interventions at public expense, such as law enforcement, courts and code enforcement. If approved, the \$11,500 budgeted for the program would be pooled with funds from other cities in Johnson County and distributed to the agencies listed in the 2026 Human Services Fund Recommendation Report.

Mr. Dave Robison made a motion to approve the recommendations of the UCS Grant Review Committee contained in the 2026 Human Service Fund Recommendation Report and a contribution to UCS of \$11,500. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with the following votes cast: “aye”: C. Robinson, O’Toole, Selders, Nelson, Nguyen, D. Robinson, Agniel, Shelton, Graves, Gallagher; “nay”: Reddell. The motion passed 10-1.

COU2025-48 Consider 2026 contribution allocation recommended by the Drug and Alcoholism Council of Johnson County for the 2026 alcohol tax funds and 2026 opioid settlement funds

Piper Reimer, outgoing Chair of the Drug and Alcoholism Council of Johnson County, provided information about the work that the council provided to county residents, and noted that Deputy City Administrator Nickie Lee would be the new Prairie Village representative for the organization.

Ms. Garcia Reyes said that state statutes required that one-third of the revenue derived from a state excise tax on liquor sold by the drink be used for alcohol and drug prevention or rehabilitation programs. The Drug and Alcoholism Council of Johnson County formed a grant review process that provided a structured and accountable system that allowed organizations, through one application, access to funds from multiple jurisdictions.

She added that UCS managed the allocation of statewide opioid settlement funds (OSF) for Prairie Village as well as five other cities and Johnson County. State statute mandated that 75% of the funds be retained by the state, and the remaining 25% be distributed to municipalities on a per capita basis. Cities must use the entirety of the funds received toward programs that prevent, reduce, treat or mitigate the effect of substance abuse and addiction. Beginning in 2024, UCS combined the management of alcohol funds (ATF) and opioid funds (OSF) into the substance use continuum of care fund (SUF).



Ms. Garcia Reyes noted that the Drug and Alcoholism Council made recommendations to cities for the expenditure of their funds, but that cities had the ultimate authority and responsibility for determining the allocation of their portion of the alcohol tax fund. The city's 2026 budget included an allocation of \$50,000 from the special alcohol fund, an increase from \$44,000 in years 2021-2025. Because of the limited history to plan for OSF amounts received, along with the fact that staff relied on the attorney general's office to provide projections, staff told UCS that allocations would be made in the year following receipt. Based off of actual 2025 OSF receipts, the 2026 budget allocated \$23,000 to UCS for the program, a decrease of \$27,000 from the \$50,000 contributed in 2025 as a result of lower actual amounts received in 2025 from various settlements.

Mr. Dave Robinson made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Drug and Alcoholism Council of Johnson County contained in the UCS Fund Recommendations Report and approve a contribution to UCS of \$44,000 of alcohol tax funds and \$50,000 of opioid settlement funds from the 2025 community programs budget in the special alcohol fund. Mr. O'Toole seconded the motion, which passed 11-0.

COU2025-49 Consider adoption of the 2025 Standard Traffic Ordinance for Kansas Cities and the 2025 Uniform Public Offense Code for Kansas Cities

Ms. Scott said that on an annual basis, the city received the latest edition of the Standard Traffic Ordinance (STO) and the Uniform Public Offense Code (UPOC) from the League of Kansas Municipalities. Prior to the request for incorporation, the offense codes and traffic ordinances are compared to current city ordinances for any discrepancies. Any changes are reviewed and approved by the city prosecutor and city attorney.

The changes include the following:

STO Ordinance:

Change the STO edition year to 2025, reference to Ordinance #2507, "Laws for Electric-Assisted Bicycles and Scooters," and general housekeeping items regarding the new edition.

UPOC Ordinance:

Change the UPOC edition year to 2025 and general housekeeping items.

Mr. Shelton moved to adopt Ordinance #2511, incorporating the Standard Traffic Ordinance, 2025 edition. Mr. Agniel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with the following votes cast: "aye": C. Robinson, O'Toole, Selders, Nelson, Nguyen, D. Robinson, Agniel, Shelton, Reddell, Graves, Gallagher. The motion passed 11-0.

Mr. Shelton moved to adopt Ordinance #2512, incorporating the Uniform Public Offense Code, 2025 edition. Mr. Agniel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with the



following votes cast: “aye”: C. Robinson, O’Toole, Selders, Nelson, Nguyen, D. Robinson, Agniel, Shelton, Reddell, Graves, Gallagher. The motion passed 11-0.

COU2025-50 Consider traffic calming measures on Tomahawk Road from Roe Avenue to 71st Street

Mr. Bredehoeft said that residents along Tomahawk Road requested to have traffic calming measures installed. A traffic calming study was performed that justified their installation; a resident meeting was held, and afterward, the final petition reached the 60% threshold required to install the measures. Residents requested that lanes be narrowed to 10’ via pavement markings as well as adding two speed display signs. A letter was sent to all residents along Tomahawk Road between Roe Avenue and 71st Street notifying them of the proposed traffic measures, and that the council would be considering them at its November 17 meeting. He added that the approximate cost of the calming measures would be \$10,000.

Ms. Selders made a motion to approve the traffic calming measures as presented. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion, which passed 11-0.

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 Mr. Agniel and passed 11-0.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

COU2025-51 Consider amendment to Chapter II, Animal Control and Regulation Article 1

Chief McCoullough said that the city prosecutor and police department cooperated to amend and change portions of the animal control and regulation ordinance. In addition to general clean-up and definition changes, the “Public Nuisance” section, 2-125, was changed to “Animal Nuisance”, and the reference to the city noise ordinance was removed. He noted that the departments felt the changes will be more operationally effective for animal control personnel and allow proper prosecution when necessary.

An additional change included amending the definition of a “dangerous wild animal” to remove language allowing monkeys of a species whose average adult weight is under 20 pounds. The change would align the city with many agencies in the metropolitan area that do not allow monkeys of any size due to the risk of bites, scratches, and disease. Chief McCoullough added that the police department was aware of one licensed spider monkey under 20 pounds within the city. The proposed ordinance change would prohibit the owner from keeping the monkey. Staff recommended that if approved, the changes not take effect for 90 days, giving the owner time to remove the monkey from the city.



Mr. Dave Robinson asked if there had been any issues with the monkey currently in the city. Chief McCullough stated that the police department had received a call that the monkey had scratched a child at a city park, but the skin was not broken. The monkey's owner agreed not to let the monkey off-leash again at a city park to avoid incidents.

Mr. Dave Robinson, Ms. Nguyen and Ms. Selders stated their support for adding a "grandfather clause" to allow the monkey to remain in the city, particularly since the resident had followed city rules and purchased a license for it.

Ms. Selders made a motion to recommend approval of the proposed changes with the addition of a "carve-out" to grandfather the existing monkey to allow it to remain in the city. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dave Robinson.

Mayor Mikkelson suggested a compromise could possibly be reached by extending the period of time given to the owner to re-home the monkey.

Mr. Dave Robinson asked Ms. Selders if she would change her motion to require a special permit for the existing monkey rather than grandfathering it in, so that additional rules could be added concerning where the monkey would be allowed in the city. Ms. Selders agreed to the change. A vote on the motion failed 7-4, with Ms. Selders, Ms. Nguyen, Mr. Dave Robinson and Mr. Reddell in support.

Mr. O'Toole made a motion to recommend approval of the proposed changes to the ordinance as presented. Mr. Graves seconded the motion, which passed 10-1, with Mr. Dave Robinson in opposition.

Mr. Dave Robinson moved that the city council end the council committee of the whole portion of the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Graves and passed 11-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:06 p.m., Mr. Gallagher made the following motion:

"I move the City Council recess into an executive session for a period of 20 minutes on the subject of consultations with the City Attorney which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2). The Governing Body, City Administrator, Deputy City Administrator, Assistant City Administrators, Finance Director, and City Attorney will be present. The open meeting will resume at 9:26 p.m."

The motion was seconded by Mr. Graves and passed 11-0.

The open meeting resumed at 9:26 p.m.

At 9:27 p.m., Mr. Gallagher made the following motion:



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"I move the City Council recess into an executive session for a period of 15 minutes on the subject of consultations with the City Attorney which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2). The Governing Body, City Administrator, Deputy City Administrator, Assistant City Administrators, Finance Director, and City Attorney will be present. The open meeting will resume at 9:42 p.m."

The motion was seconded by Mr. Shelton and passed 11-0.

The open meeting resumed at 9:42 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements were included in the council meeting packet.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Mikkelson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

Adam Geffert
City Clerk