



PRAIRIE VILLAGE
KANSAS

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PRAIRIE VILLAGE
JANUARY 5, 2026**

The City Council of Prairie Village, Kansas, met in regular session on Monday, January 5, 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, Shelby Bartelt, Nathan Vallette, Tyler Agniel, Nick Reddell, Betsy Lawrence, Ian Graves and Jim Sellers. 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; Tim Schwartzkopf, Assistant City Administrator; Meghan Buum, Assistant City Administrator; Jason Hannaman, Finance Director; Adam Geffert, City Clerk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Nelson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. O’Toole and passed 11-0.

INTRODUCTION OF STUDENTS AND SCOUTS

There were no students or scouts present at the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Pam Justus, Ward 6, and Steve Snitz, Ward 1, thanked former councilmember Lori Sharp for her contributions to the city.
- The following individuals expressed their support for the inclusion of a “grandfather clause” in the city’s animal regulations to allow an existing pet monkey to remain in the city:
 - Heather G., no address provided
 - Chris Nash, no address provided
 - Sarah Keller, Ward 1
 - Tish Wallace, Ward 6
 - Tony Wallace, Ward 6



- Amber Welsh, no address provided
- Lacy Moore, no address provided
- Toni Skelton, Ward 6

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 - December 15, 2025
2. Consider approval of 2026 legislative platform
3. Consider approval of proposal from ETC Institute to conduct a citizen satisfaction survey
4. Consider interlocal agreement with Johnson County for Roe Avenue, 63rd Street to 83rd Street (ROAV0008 2026 CARS)

Ms. Selders asked that item #3 be removed for further discussion.

Mr. Nelson made a motion to approve items #1, #2, and #4 as presented. A roll call vote was taken with the following votes cast: “aye”: Robinson, O’Toole, Selders, Nelson, Bartelt, Vallette, Agniel, Lawrence, Graves, Sellers; “nay”: Reddell. The motion passed 10-1.

Ms. Selders noted that citizen satisfaction surveys had only been completed in the city in 1999 and 2018, and shared concern that the survey company’s pricing proposal appeared to indicate that each resident that completed the survey would receive a \$500 gift card, which could end up costing the city thousands of dollars. She added that she preferred to have a discussion about the survey in council committee of the whole to develop specific questions before approving it.

Ms. Buum said that the proposed survey company, ETC, was well-regarded in the community, and had been used by many surrounding municipalities to conduct surveys. She added that the city’s 2018 survey had also been conducted by ETC, so the company was selected again to benchmark 2026 results to those that had been received in 2018.

Ms. Buum noted that the council would have an opportunity to review and approve survey questions at an upcoming meeting, and that a single \$500 gift card would be given away “raffle-style” to one resident as an incentive to complete the survey.

Mr. Graves and Mr. Robinson shared their support for the survey, noting that the information gathered would be more comprehensive than what candidates had heard while campaigning in 2025.

After further discussion, Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve the proposal from the ETC Institute to conduct a citizen satisfaction survey. A roll call vote was taken with the



following votes cast: “aye”: Robinson, O’Toole, Selders, Nelson, Bartelt, Vallette, Agniel, Reddell, Lawrence, Graves, Sellers. The motion passed 11-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **75th Anniversary Committee**

Ms. Buum shared information about planned events for the city’s 75th anniversary in 2026, as well as branding designs for signage and merchandise.

- Ms. Selders stated that the city’s fifth annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebration would be held on January 17 at Village Presbyterian Church.
- Mr. Nelson said that the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service event would be held on January 19 at city hall.

MAYOR’S REPORT

- The Mayor shared information about events that had taken place since the prior council meeting:
 - A D.A.R.E. graduation at Prairie Elementary School
 - MARC Board and Total Transportation Policy meetings
 - A Coffee with a Cop event at Hy-Vee
 - The annual holiday lunch with the Northeast Johnson County Mayors group
 - Several one-on-one meeting with residents
- The Mayor shared information about the following upcoming events:
 - The Northeast Johnson County Chamber of Commerce’s “State of the Cities” event on January 6
 - Meetings with Northeast Johnson County legislators
 - A Martin Luther King, Jr. Day dinner sponsored by the Johnson County NAACP on January 19
- The Mayor also noted the following:
 - Applications for the Ward 3 councilmember vacancy would continue to be accepted through January 11
 - Plans for a council work session had begun
 - Former councilmember Charles Clark had recently passed away

STAFF REPORTS

- Mr. Hannaman provided an update on the timeline for municipal complex improvements, starting with a summary of the project since an initial facilities review and assessment was completed in 2021. Based on the council’s review of the assessment and options for renovation vs. new construction, staff worked with the city’s architects, construction manager, and owner’s representative to put together



a plan for final council action. This work followed council approvals to both acquire the property at 7820 Mission Road and plan for new construction on that site with renovations to the existing spaces at 7700 and 7710 Mission Road. In early 2025, the city issued general obligation temporary notes to acquire 7820 Mission Road in anticipation of the municipal complex project.

At its June 16, 2025 meeting, the council authorized pursuing the issuance of general obligation bonds to permanently finance the costs of the municipal complex project, including takeout financing to retire the temporary notes. Final issuance on the bonds was delayed for several months due to a lawsuit that was filed in state district court, then withdrawn and refiled in federal district court. After the lawsuit was dismissed, the city was able to issue the bonds for the project, as approved at the December 1, 2025 council meeting.

Council authorized issuing bonds in an amount not to exceed \$28,000,000 to finance the costs of acquiring, constructing, and equipping the municipal complex project. Due to the actual amount needed to fund the project as well as receiving multiple premium bids, the final par value of bonds issued was \$25,625,000. The bonds closed on December 23, 2025.

Mr. Hannaman shared proposed dates to continue moving the project forward:

- January 5: City council meeting:
 - Presentation of project timeline to council
- January 6: McCown Gordon to send out for final bidding
- January 15: Pre-bid meeting with bidders on-site
- March 2: City council meeting:
 - City council approval of GMP construction contract
 - Updated project timeline presented to council
- April 1: City takes possession of church property
 - Mobilization of contractor
 - Asbestos remediation can begin
 - Preparation for 7820 Mission Road demolition

Mr. Hannaman noted that the dates had been developed by staff in conjunction with the city's external professionals, and that because they were interrelated, a delay in one step would likely require future dates to be adjusted.

- Mr. Jordan shared information about the financial contribution of \$22,900 that the city had made to its sister-city, Dolyna, Ukraine, for the purchase of medicine and other humanitarian goods.

On December 30, 2025, the city received communication from Dolyna Mayor Ivan Dyriv expressing their sincere gratitude and noting the following items that had been purchased with the funds:



- 4 DJI Mavic 3 T Enterprise quadcopters
- 80 CAT Generation 7 turnstile tourniquets
- 20 bed linen sets
- Assorted medicine

Mr. Jordan also shared a video that was sent to the city by Mayor Dyriv.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to come before the council.

NEW BUSINESS

COU2026-01

Consider amendments to Chapter II. Animal Control and Regulation, Article 1

Chief McCullough stated that the city prosecutor and police department collaborated 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 added that the departments felt the changes would be more operationally effective for animal control personnel and allow proper prosecution when necessary.

At its November 17, 2025, meeting, the council committee of the whole voted 10-1 in favor of the proposed changes as presented. During the December 1, 2025, council meeting, the council voted to approve the changes to the animal control and regulation ordinance but requested staff to draft a version with a conditional license allowing the one currently licensed spider monkey to remain within the city with reasonable restrictions.

A draft conditional license was completed, with the majority of included restrictions coming from the city’s existing ordinance for permitting potentially dangerous or dangerous animals. Chief McCullough reviewed the proposed ordinance changes with the council.

Mayor Mikkelson noted that with the new regulations, an alleged violation would still give the owner of the monkey her due process rights and an opportunity to have a hearing in municipal court in front of a judge.

Ms. Lawrence stated that she felt she needed more time to review the proposed changes and consider a decision. She also asked for additional details about Section 2-107a(13), which permitted city staff to perform site inspections at the owner’s home without prior notice.

Chief McCullough said that the language matched what was already in the city code regarding the permitting of dangerous and potentially dangerous animals.



Ms. Lawrence added that she didn't believe it was necessary to require the owner to provide documentation related to the provenance of the monkey since it was already living in the city.

Mr. Reddell stated that he would prefer some advance notice be given to the owner prior to an inspection.

After further discussion, Ms. Lawrence moved to defer a final decision and direct staff to amend the draft ordinance to completely ban the monkey from public property, remove Section 2-107a(12) in its entirety, and give consideration to other concerns raised during public comment. Mr. Reddell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with the following votes cast: "aye": O'Toole, Reddell, Lawrence, Sellers; "nay": Robinson, Selders, Nelson, Bartelt, Vallette, Agniel, Graves. The motion failed 7-4.

Ms. Selders made a motion to approve the ordinance with the following changes:

- Remove the words "where there are gatherings of more than ten people" from Section 2-107a(6)
- Remove Section 2-107a(12) in its entirety

Ms. Bartelt seconded the motion.

Mr. Graves stated that he wished to keep Section 2-107a(12) because there could be health and/or safety risks to residents based on where the monkey came from.

Mr. Reddell asked whether Ms. Selders would support a friendly amendment removing the words "or without" from Section 2-107a(13), which would require city staff to alert the owner prior to performing an inspection. Ms. Selders and Ms. Bartelt stated that they supported the friendly amendment.

Mr. Nelson made a motion to amend the motion to reinstate Section 2-107a(12). Mr. Graves seconded the motion to amend.

A roll call vote on the motion to amend the motion was taken with the following votes cast: "aye": Robinson, O'Toole, Selders, Nelson, Vallette, Agniel, Graves, Sellers; "nay": Bartelt, Reddell, Lawrence. The motion passed 8-3.

A roll call vote of the original motion as amended was taken with the following votes cast: "aye": Robinson, Selders, Nelson, Bartelt, Vallette, Agniel, Graves; "nay": O'Toole, Reddell, Lawrence, Sellers. The motion passed 7-4.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements were included in the council meeting packet.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Mikkelson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Adam Geffert
City Clerk