



**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PRAIRIE VILLAGE
FEBRUARY 2, 2026**

The City Council of Prairie Village, Kansas, met in regular session on Monday, February 2, 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; Jason Hannaman, Finance Director; Adam Geffert, City Clerk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Reddell made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Agniel and passed 11-0.

INTRODUCTION OF STUDENTS AND SCOUTS

There were no students or scouts present at the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

- County Commissioner Becky Fast gave a presentation on activities taking place in Johnson County.

- Mr. Nelson read a proclamation declaring February as Black History Month in Prairie Village.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- The following individuals expressed their opposition to the proposed immigration enforcement resolution:
 - Jim Rosberg, Ward 1
 - Barbara Cantrell, Ward 4



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- The following individuals expressed their support for the proposed immigration enforcement resolution:
 - Rick Wohlfarth, Ward 4
 - Maragaret Thomas, Ward 5
 - Anne Melia, Ward 6
 - Ed Stevenson, Ward 5
- Pam Justus, Ward 6, and Jan Lane, Ward 1, shared their concerns regarding city spending
- Ted Fritz, Ward 2, stated that he believed the Corinth Library did not need to be rebuilt.

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 - January 20, 2026
2. Consider approval of expenditure ordinance #3058
3. Consider amendment #4 renewing the agreement with Witt O'Brien's, LLC to provide consulting services to the city regarding the use of American Rescue Plan Act funds
4. Consider purchase of a new outdoor warning siren
5. Consider agreement with the Johnson County Parks and Recreation District to host a 75th anniversary event at Meadowbrook Park
6. Consider approval of the 2026 day camp agreement with the Johnson County Parks and Recreation District
7. Consider agreement with the Kansas City Crime Commission for the 2026 TIPS Hotline Crime Stoppers Program

Mr. Reddell made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. 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

- Mr. Sellers provided a summary of the January 28 environmental committee meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- The Mayor shared information about events that had taken place since the prior council meeting:
 - The Northeast Johnson County Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Academy bus tour



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- D.A.R.E. graduations at both St. Ann and Tomahawk Elementary Schools
- A sports tourism meeting at Meadowbrook Park
- A Prairie Village Foundation meeting
- A Ukrainian delegation visited city hall through the Global Ties organization
- A retirement celebration for Police Captain Adam Taylor
- A St. Olaf Choir performance at Village Presbyterian Church
- The Mayor shared information about the following upcoming events:
 - A ribbon-cutting ceremony for Club Pilates on February 11
 - MARC Board and Total Transportation Policy Committee meetings
 - Lunch with Mission Hills Mayor Andy Weed
 - The city's 75th anniversary 5K run on March 28
- The Mayor also noted the following:
 - Prairie Village native Laura Stiles flew to space on a Blue Origins rocket
 - Paul Schliffke, son of former Mayor Carl Schliffke, reached out to share historical information about the city's incorporation.
 - A "Golf TRK" golf simulation business would be opening in the Village Shops

STAFF REPORTS

- Mr. Geffert provided an update on the 2026 property tax rebate program, which had begun accepting application on January 13.
- Mr. Jordan passed around an annual report document from the Johnson County Community College, noting that staff was considering reducing the size of the city's annual report into something shorter and more readable.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to come before the council.

NEW BUSINESS

COU2026-06 Consider appointment of Andrew Logan to City Council Ward 3

Mayor Mikkelson recommended Andy Logan for the Ward 3 councilmember vacancy, noting that his credentials, experience and community service made him the right choice for the city. He also explained the process by which a nominee was selected. Following widespread media coverage and communication about the vacancy encouraging applications, feedback and input on the applicants was solicited and received from residents, staff and councilmembers. References in the community were checked. Of the eight applications received, five applicants were interviewed by the Mayor prior to a recommendation being made. The Mayor noted that the same process had been used to fill council vacancies in the past.



Mr. Reddell made a motion to approve the Mayor’s appointment of Andrew Logan to the vacant council seat in Ward 3. The motion was seconded by Mr. Agniel and passed 11-0.

After approval by the council, Mayor Mikkelson swore in Mr. Logan.

COU2026-05 Consider amendments to Chapter XI, Article 16 - Unmanned Aerial Vehicles

Mr. Aggen said that a resident had reached out with concerns that the city was regulating unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs, or drones) differently than the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), which had greater authority over them. The FAA recommended best practices and limits to what local governments could regulate concerning the operation of UAVs. These best practices included avoiding preemption of federal regulations and statutes, and restrictions on what height of airspace a local government could regulate.

After consultation with counsel for the FAA, staff recommended that the regulation of UAVs be limited to the first 200 feet of airspace above the city. Additionally, amendments were inserted into certain sections to clarify the reasoning for some regulations, and a provision was added enabling law enforcement to have extra flexibility during special events, such as the World Cup.

Mr. Aggen noted that the council committee of the whole and recommended approval of the amendments at its January 20, 2026 meeting.

Mr. Nelson made a motion to approve the proposed ordinance amending Chapter XI governing the regulation of unmanned aerial vehicles. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vallette. A roll call vote was taken with the following votes cast: “aye”: Robinson, O’Toole, Nelson, Logan, Bartelt, Vallette, Agniel, Reddell, Lawrence, Graves, Sellers; “nay”: Selders. The motion passed 11-1.

COU2026-07 Consider purchase of two replacement Freightliner dump trucks and two additional wing plows

Mr. Bredehoeft said that the proposed purchase would replace two existing dump trucks that had reached end of life. He noted that public works had a total of four dump trucks that were used on a daily basis for maintenance operations at facilities, parks, streets, and for snow plowing.

Mr. Bredehoeft stated that public works had historically only had two trucks with wing plows added, but that staff recommended that two additional wing plows be added to the trucks that were approved for purchase two years ago. These additional wing plows would increase efficiency during snow plowing operations. If approved, the wing plows would be installed during the summer and be ready for use next winter.



\$500,000 had been budgeted for the two trucks in the equipment reserve fund, but due to surging prices, the cost had increased to \$554,610.18. Mr. Bredehoeft said that the additional amount would be paid through the CIP fund. The cost of the two wing plows totaled \$31,025.70, which would also be covered with CIP funds.

Mr. Nelson made a motion to approve the purchase of two replacement Freightliner dump trucks and equipment for \$554,610.18, and the purchase of two additional wing plows for \$31,025.70. The motion was seconded by Mr. Agniel and passed unanimously.

COU2026-08 Discuss and approve questions for the 2026 citizen satisfaction survey

Mr. Jordan said that at its January 5, 2026 meeting, council approved moving forward with the ETC group to develop a citizen satisfaction survey. An initial review and discussion of survey questions was held by the council committee of the whole on January 20, 2026. Mr. Jordan noted that the current discussion would focus on finalizing survey question 23. The list of council submitted items for question 23 (listed below) would need to be reduced to 7-10 options for inclusion in the final survey:

Q23. When thinking about Prairie Village five years from now, which THREE items below will be the most critical items for the city to emphasize?

- 1. Invest in environmental and sustainability efforts*
- 2. Reexamine opportunities for an indoor recreation and community center*
- 3. Replace aging trees*
- 4. Explore opportunities for attainable housing*
- 5. Expand parks and recreation programs and events*
- 6. Explore ways to preserve the City's current housing stock*
- 7. Explore public/private partnership opportunities for a land trust program*
- 8. Maintain neighborhood character during redevelopment*
- 9. Invest in stormwater and core infrastructure*
- 10. Improve traffic calming and pedestrian safety*
- 11. Ensure long-term fiscal sustainability*
- 12. Enhance city communication and public engagement*
- 13. Explore opportunities to acquire land near the city campus as it becomes available*
- 14. Explore opportunities to expand neighborhood-scale commercial options*
- 15. Maintain investment and improvements in the current park system*
- 16. Other: _____*

A straw poll vote on each item was taken to determine which should be included in the survey, with the following ten questions selected:

1. Invest in environmental and sustainability efforts



2. Reexamine opportunities for an indoor recreation and community center
3. Explore opportunities for attainable housing
4. Expand parks and recreation programs and events
5. Explore ways to preserve the city's current housing stock
6. Maintain neighborhood character during redevelopment
7. Invest in stormwater and core infrastructure
8. Improve traffic calming and pedestrian safety
9. Ensure long-term fiscal sustainability
10. Maintain investment and improvements in the current park system
11. Other: _____

Mr. Graves made a motion to approve the citizen satisfaction survey with the items selected by council for question 23. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

COU2026-09 Consider immigration enforcement resolution

Ms. Lawrence said that she had drafted the resolution with the goal of creating a document that could be supported unanimously by councilmembers. She stated that the "Whereas" sections were a factual account of the issues that were occurring in the City of Minneapolis, MN, between federal customs enforcement officers and residents. The "Now, therefore" sections were to express sympathy to those affected by the events, affirm the importance of human dignity, safety, and equitable justice, urge prompt, transparent investigations, stress de-escalation and cooperation, and reaffirm a commitment to the first amendment and public safety.

Ms. Lawrence made a motion to adopt the resolution as presented in the packet, while also incorporating language proposed by Mr. O'Toole in his alternate motion. Mr. Vallette seconded the motion.

Mr. O'Toole stated that he didn't feel comfortable taking a political stance as a governing body with regard to the events happening in Minneapolis.

Ms. Bartelt said that she had received support for the resolution from several constituents.

Mr. Vallette said that he felt the resolution spoke to civil liberties, humanity and support of the constitutional rights of American citizens. He added that he was supportive of incorporating Mr. O'Toole's proposed language.

Mr. Logan stated that he felt adding Mr. O'Toole's language resulted in a balanced statement that expressed concern for the events in Minneapolis but also showed strong support for law enforcement and first responders.



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After further discussion, a roll call vote on the motion to combine the two resolutions into one was taken with the following votes cast: “aye”: Robinson, O’Toole, Selders, Nelson, Logan, Bartelt, Vallette, Agniel, Reddell, Lawrence, Graves, Sellers. The motion passed unanimously.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

There were no items to come before the council committee of the whole.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:23 p.m., Mr. Robinson made the following motion:

“I move the city council recess into an executive session for a period of 15 minutes to discuss matters relating to security measures, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(12). The governing body, city administrator, deputy city administrator, assistant city administrator, police chief, police captain, and city attorney will be present. The open meeting will resume at 8:38 p.m.”

Mr. Nelson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements were included in the council meeting packet.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Mikkelson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Adam Geffert
City Clerk