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CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PRAIRIE VILLAGE
AUGUST 3, 2026

The City Council of Prairie Village, Kansas, met in regular session on Monday, August 3, 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, Andy Logan, Shelby Bartelt, Nathan Vallette, Tyler Agniel, Betsy Lawrence, Ian Graves and Jim Sellers. Staff present: Eric McCullough, Chief of Police; Keith Bredehoeft, Public Works Director; 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; Cliff Speegle, Public Works; Adam Geffert, City Clerk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Bartelt 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

No students or scouts were present at the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Jim Rosberg, Ward 1, suggested alternative locations for the new city hall complex, Corinth Library, and parking areas.
- Rob Kohl, Ward 2, shared concern about tree maintenance in the city.
- Pam Justus, Ward 6, expressed her disapproval of information published in the Village Voice newsletter.

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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 20, 2026
2. Consider approval of claims ordinance #3064
3. Consider school crossing guard contract renewal with All City Management Services (ACMS)
4. Adopt Ordinance 2518 amending certain sections of the 2018 building code
5. Consider agreement with Black and McDonald for streetlight maintenance services
6. Consider appointment to the arts council
7. Consider and 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 barricaded public areas of the event
8. Consider request for alcoholic beverage waiver for Harmon Park for the Prairie Village Jazz Festival

Mr. Nelson 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, Logan, Bartelt, Vallette, Agniel, Lawrence, Graves, Sellers. The motion passed 11-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- The Mayor shared information about events that had taken place since the prior council meeting:
  - Multiple one-on-one meetings with residents and area elected officials
  - The Northeast Johnson County Chamber of Commerce's annual golf tournament
- The Mayor shared information about the following upcoming events:
  - Election Day on August 4
  - The opening of the new "Flower Child" restaurant in the Corinth Shops
  - The Mid-America Regional Council's annual regional assembly on August 14
  - The city's annual JazzFest event on September 12
- The Mayor also shared excerpts from letters received from both the British Consulate General and FIFA expressing their appreciation for the city's hosting of the English soccer team during the World Cup.

STAFF REPORTS

- Chief McCullough stated that a "Cones with a Cop" event would be held at Clementine's in the Village Shops on August 5. He added that the police department's citizens academy would begin in September.
- Mr. Jordan provided background on the purchasing policy that would be discussed during the council committee of the whole, noting that the concept had originated at the council's 2026 work session. He added that another item from the work session, making expenditure ordinances more descriptive, would be considered at a future meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to come before the council.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider appointment of city engineer

Mayor Mikkelson requested that the city council ratify the appointment of Cliff Speegle to serve as the city engineer. Under the terms of the city's municipal code, the following staff positions within the city are appointive positions with four-year terms: city clerk, city treasurer, city administrator, deputy city administrator, city engineer, director of public works, city architect and chief of police.

Mr. Nelson made a motion to appoint Cliff Speegle to serve as the city engineer. The motion was seconded by Mr. Agniel and passed 11-0.

After approval, Mayor Mikkelson swore in Mr. Speegle as city engineer for a four-year term.

Mr. Vallette 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. Logan and passed 11-0.

*****Councilmember Nick Reddell joined the meeting via Zoom during the council committee of the whole.***

COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Consider amendments to Council Policy CP061 – Purchasing

Mr. Jordan stated that during its 2026 work session, the council discussed strategies to make meetings run more efficiently. Suggestions to restructure expenditure authority limits were presented for items that had already been approved in the budget. The council agreed that these suggestions be prioritized at its May 4, 2026, meeting.

Staff researched expenditure authority in other Johnson County cities and found a range of guidelines. The proposed city administrator expenditure authority would align with the cities of Shawnee, Spring Hill, and Olathe. Cities such as Overland Park, Fairway, and Lawrence allow budget authority up to $100,000. Mr. Jordan shared the following proposed updates to the policy:

- Purchase amount requiring a phone bid: increase from $2,500 to $5,000
- Purchase amount requiring an informal written price quote: increase range from $10,000 - $20,000 to $10,000 - $30,000
- Purchase amount requiring published notice or through metro/state bid: increase from $20,000 to $30,000
- Capital improvement amount requiring published notice or through metro/state bid: increase from $10,000 to $50,000 (Mr. Jordan noted that the current $10,000 amount did not align with Charter Ordinance 19, which stated the amount was $50,000)
- Federal grant funds would need to follow federal procurement guidelines if different than council policy
- Change orders requiring council approval: increase from 5% to 10% (or unbudgeted)
- Amount city administrator authorized to spend without council approval: increase from $10,000 to $75,000
- Department directors authorized to approve expenditures up to $20,000
- Emergency expenditure amount requiring mayoral authority and notification to council: increase from $20,000 to $75,000

Purchases during emergencies would be capped at $75,000, and any purchase beyond $75,000 would require mayoral approval. Mr. Jordan stated that Council Policy CP061 was last amended April 15, 2013.

Ms. Selders asked if the increase for change orders from 5% to 10% would also include a maximum dollar amount. Mr. Jordan said that there would not be a cap on the amount, but added that most large projects included a budgeted change order amount that was approved by the council before the project began.

Mayor Mikkelson stated that it was very rare that unbudgeted change orders were necessary, and when they were, staff typically brought them to council for approval.

Ms. Selders made a motion to require council approval for any change order greater than 10% and over $75,000. Mr. O'Toole seconded the motion.

Ms. Lawrence suggested that language including an adjustment for CPI should be considered so that the policy did not have to be amended on a regular basis.

After further discussion, the motion failed 9-3, with Mr. O'Toole, Ms. Selders and Mr. Reddell in support.

Mr. Graves made a motion to recommend approval of the amendments to Council Policy CP061 as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Logan and passed 11-1, with Mr. Reddell in opposition.

Mr. Vallette moved that the city council end the council committee of the whole portion of the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nelson and passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:10 p.m., Mr. Robinson 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, and city attorney will be present. The open meeting will resume at 7:31 p.m.

Mr. O'Toole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Informational items were included in the council meeting packet.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Mikkelson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:32.

Adam Geffert
City Clerk