



**PRAIRIE VILLAGE
KANSAS**

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PRAIRIE VILLAGE
MAY 18, 2026**

The City Council of Prairie Village, Kansas, met in regular session on Monday, May 18, 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, 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 Bredeoeft, Public Works Director; 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; 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. Agniel and passed 10-0.

INTRODUCTION OF STUDENTS AND SCOUTS

Two students from Highlawn Montessori School were present at the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

- Mayor Mikkelson read a presentation acknowledging resident Forestine Wayland's 101st birthday.
- Mayor Mikkelson read a proclamation recognizing Ms. Prairie Village Teen Libby Morris, who will be participating in the Miss Kansas Teen pageant.
- Mr. Agniel read a proclamation declaring May as National Tennis Month in Prairie Village.
- Mayor Mikkelson noted that a National Public Works Week proclamation was included in the agenda packet, and recognized Mr. Bredehoeft and the public works department for their work in the city.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION



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- Jim Rosberg, Ward 1, and Anna Gepson, Ward 2, shared their concerns about the results of the citizen satisfaction survey.
- Pam Justus, Ward 6, expressed her disapproval of misinformation from the governing body.
- Rob Kohl, Ward 2, stated his objection to potentially moving public participation to the end of council meetings.
- John Blessing with Waste Management introduced himself to the Mayor and council.
- Jamie Greason, Ward 1, stated that she preferred existing homes to remain in the city rather than being torn down and replaced with new homes.
- Maude Greason and Lucy, Highlawn Montessori students, shared their appreciation of the Corinth Library.
- Molly Albers, Ward 3, noted her support for the diversity committee’s upcoming Pride event.

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 - May 4, 2026
2. Consider traffic calming on Tomahawk Road from Roe Avenue to Nall Avenue
3. Consider approval of change order with Pro Circuit for additional lights at Harmon Park
4. Approve purchase of Toro TX2500S swivel tracked mud buggy model #68141

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, Selders, Nelson, Logan, Bartelt, Vallette, Agniel, Lawrence, Graves, Sellers. The motion passed 10-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mr. Agniel stated that the parks and recreation committee had taken its annual parks tour the previous week, visiting Windsor, Bennett and Franklin Parks. He also shared information about improvements that had been made at each park in 2025 and items that would be completed in 2026.

MAYOR’S REPORT

- The Mayor shared information about events that had taken place since the prior council meeting:
 - Ribbon-cutting events for the following new businesses:
 - A pop-up Argentinian restaurant in the former Scratch space in the Prairie Village Shops



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- The Clairvaux clothing store
- The soft opening of Big Grove Brewery
- The Police Memorial Week ceremony on May 13
- MARC Board, executive committee, and search committee meetings
- A Johnson County/Wyandotte County Mayors meeting
- A Northeast Johnson County Mayors meeting
- A meeting with the Dialogue Institute
- A call with other area mayors to discuss the World Cup with FIFA officials
- The Mayor shared information about the following upcoming events:
 - The annual Touch-a-Truck event on May 20
 - A ribbon-cutting for ICT Insurance on May 21
 - The Meadowbrook Public Arts Festival on June 5
 - The diversity committee's Pride event on June 6 at Harmon Park

STAFF REPORTS

- Chief McCullough provided an update on enforcement of e-bike and e-scooter laws in the city. He noted that a multidisciplinary group of officials from across the metro had been meeting to discuss how to address issues and ensure children were safely operating the devices. More information about the group's findings would be shared at an upcoming council meeting. The chief also introduced new Police Captain Tom "Kelly" Clark, who had recently retired from the Kansas City Police Department.
- Mr. Bredehoeft shared details about the Touch-a-Truck event on May 20.
- Mr. Jordan noted that a finance committee meeting would be held on May 19.

***Councilmember Nick Reddell arrived via Zoom during staff reports.*

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to come before the council.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to come before the council.

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
2026 Citizen Survey Report



Derek Harvey, project manager with ETC Institute, gave a presentation about a survey that had been conducted earlier in the year to assess resident satisfaction with the delivery of city services and to help determine priorities for the community. The six-page survey was mailed to a random sample of households throughout the city. A total of 500 households completed the survey, exceeding the goal of 400. An additional 326 residents completed the survey online but were not part of the statistically valid random sample.

Of the statistically valid survey responses:

- 95% rated Prairie Village as an excellent or good place to live
- 96% rated Prairie Village as an excellent or good place to raise children
- 94% were satisfied with the overall feeling of safety in the community

Mr. Harvey noted that the results placed Prairie Village 35% above the national average in satisfaction with the overall quality of services provided by the city. Core services such as parks and recreation, police response, and general maintenance met or exceeded resident expectations. The survey identified several areas that were top priorities for residents, including managing redevelopment and preserving neighborhood character, enforcing property maintenance codes, and addressing traffic flow and transportation concerns.

Mr. Harvey said that the city could also send a "pulse survey" via email to residents who had shared their email addresses when completing the original survey. A pulse survey typically included 1-3 questions as follow-ups to the main survey. Because ETC inadvertently left a question off the original survey, the pulse survey would be offered at no cost, if the council chose to proceed.

Mr. Sellers said that councilmembers often heard from constituents that property taxes in the city were too high, but that this sentiment did not appear as a priority in the survey. Mr. Harvey said that while residents may be concerned about tax rates in the city, that concern did not rise above the other priorities that were identified.

Ms. Selders asked if the pulse survey would be statistically valid like the original survey. Mr. Harvey said participants would not be randomly selected like the original survey, since the survey would only be sent to residents who had provided their email addresses. Therefore, the responses would not be statistically valid, but ETC could determine a margin of error based on the number of responses.

Mr. Reddell noted that the item that residents selected as the most important for the five-year future of the city was ensuring long-term fiscal responsibility.

Mr. Graves suggested that a pulse survey should focus on the highest-rated selections in the list of critical items for the next five years.



Mr. Sellers stated that councilmembers should review the data from the original survey before sending out a pulse survey.

Mr. Vallette noted that communication from the city was a concern of residents and suggested that council review the cost of changing the frequency of the Village Voice from bimonthly to monthly.

Mr. Sellers made a motion to defer the pulse survey and instead have a subcommittee “tease out” actions that should be taken based on the survey results. The motion was seconded by Mr. Graves.

Mayor Mikkelson stated that rather than creating a new subcommittee, discussion could take place in council committee of the whole.

After further discussion, Mr. Sellers withdrew his motion, and Mr. Graves agreed to the withdrawal.

Mr. Vallette said that since the pulse survey would not be statistically valid, it was not worth pursuing and made a motion not to proceed with the pulse survey. The motion was seconded by Mr. Agniel.

Mr. Logan asked how frequently cities sent out a pulse survey after completing a satisfaction survey. Mr. Harvey said pulse surveys were not very commonly conducted.

The motion passed 10-1, with Ms. Selders in opposition.

Ms. Bartelt stated that a common concern among residents was existing homes being torn down and replaced with new homes, and suggested that the council review zoning regulations to address the issue. Mr. Jordan noted that state statute regarding zoning regulations and building codes had recently changed, and asked that council wait to proceed until staff had a better understanding of the new requirements.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements were included in the council meeting packet.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Mikkelson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Adam Geffert
City Clerk