



**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PRAIRIE VILLAGE
December 17, 2018**

The City Council of Prairie Village, Kansas, met in regular session on Monday, December 17, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building, 7700 Mission Road, Prairie Village, Kansas. Mayor Laura Wassmer presided.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called by the City Clerk with the following Council Members in attendance: Chad Herring, Jori Nelson, Serena Schermoly, Ronald Nelson, Tucker Poling, Andrew Wang, Sheila Myers, Brooke Morehead (via telephone), Dan Runion, Courtney McFadden, Ted Odell, and Terrence Gallagher. Staff present: Tim Schwartzkopf, Chief of Police; Keith Bredehoeft, Director of Public Works; Melissa Prenger, Public Works Project Manager; Interim City Attorney David Waters; Wes Jordan, City Administrator; Jamie Robichaud, Deputy City Administrator; Alley Porter, Assistant City Administrator, Lisa Santa Maria, Finance Director; Adam Geffert and Joyce Hagen Mundy, City Clerk. Also present were Teen Council members Mary Kate Gallagher and Sophie Rice.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Jori Nelson moved the approval of the agenda for December 17, 2018 as presented. Serena Schermoly seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF STUDENTS & SCOUTS

Several students from Kansas City Christian School were in attendance for their government class.

PRESENTATIONS

Presentation of Council Checks

Mayor Laura Wassmer presented City Council members with their \$1 ceremonial voided check and thanked them for their service to the City. Council President Dan Runion presented Mayor Wassmer with her ceremonial check and thanked her for her service to the community.

Recognition of Service

Mayor Wassmer read a proclamation acknowledging City Clerk Joyce Hagen Mundy for her 31 years of service to Prairie Village and wished her well on her upcoming retirement. Mundy was presented with a city street sign and a plaque commemorating her service from 1985 - 1990 and 1992 to 2019. She expressed her appreciation for the countless



individuals she had the pleasure of working with and for being able to be part of the City of Prairie Village.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Trey Jadlow, owner of Trey Dental Arts at 3700 West 83rd Street, expressed concern that the proposed nondiscrimination ordinance would infringe on the first amendment rights of Christians. City attorney David Waters responded to this comment when the item was discussed by the Council in the Old Business portion of the meeting.

With no one else to address the Council, public participation was closed at 6:15 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Wassmer asked if there were any items to be removed from the consent agenda and discussed.

Sheila Myers moved for the approval of the Consent Agenda of December 17, 2018:

1. Approval of the Regular City Council meeting minutes for December 3, 2018.
2. Approval of the Prairie Village Arts Council monthly artist receptions in 2019 as special events promoting the arts to allow the serving of free wine.
3. Approval of the renewal of the contract with Robin Lewis to provide Public Defender Services for the Prairie Village Municipal Court in from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2020.
4. Approval of the renewal of the contract with Lenin Guerra to provide Spanish-speaking Public Defender Services for the Prairie Village Municipal Court in from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2020.
5. Approval of the purchase of a 2018 Honda Accord by the police department from O'Neil Honda at a cost of \$22,999.

A roll call vote was taken with the following votes cast: "aye" Herring, J. Nelson, Schermoly, R. Nelson, Poling, Wang, Myers, Morehead, Runion, McFadden, Odell and Gallagher.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no Committee Reports.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Wassmer reported she attended the Volunteer Appreciation Event, the Council of Mayors Holiday dinner, Shop with a Cop, various legislative lunches, the environment forum and the employee holiday luncheon. She also attended the funeral of former City Council member Marilyn Uppman, who was the second woman elected to the Council. Marilyn continued to serve on the Foundation for several years after leaving the Council.

Mayor Wassmer noted this was her final official meeting and expressed her appreciation to the Council. Wassmer stated that it had been a fantastic experience representing the



City of Prairie Village for the past four years as Mayor. She thanked the council for their support as well as the support of her family, acknowledging the presence of her daughter Carolyn.

Chief Tim Schwartzkopf presented Mayor Wassmer with a gift from the Police Department in recognition of her ongoing support of the department while on the Council and as Mayor.

STAFF REPORTS

Public Safety

- Chief Schwartzkopf reported the 2018 “Shop with a Cop” was again successful with the department providing gifts for 10 area students.
- “Tip a Cop” held Friday, December 7th raised \$1400 for Special Olympics. Mayor Wassmer noted the foundation helps fund “Shop with a Cop” as well as an additional “as needed fund” that provides officers with funds if they come across an individual needing assistance. She shared a recent use of these funds by an officer and thanked the department for their community policing and going above and beyond to serve.

Public Works

- Keith Bredehoeft stated crews have been busy with leaf removal on city properties and islands.
- Work is continuing on Roe Avenue with a few areas still needing concrete work completed.

Administration

- Wes Jordan stated the December plan of action was included in the packet.
- Mr. Jordan noted he reviewed 100 employee performance evaluations and expressed appreciation for the city’s dedicated employees in all departments.

OLD BUSINESS

COU2018-50 Consider approval of the adoption of a non-discrimination ordinance

Interim City Attorney David Waters reviewed the changes made to the non-discrimination ordinance at the direction of the City Council. He confirmed that the city does have the authority to raise the fine from \$500 to \$1000, and noted that the ordinance does not specifically impact speech, but rather focuses on hiring and firing practices.

Mr. Odell stated he felt the fee increase to \$1000 was excessive. Council members thanked the public for their input and support of this ordinance. Mr. Herring noted the ordinance was supported by seven religious communities.

Tucker Poling moved the City Council adopt Ordinance 2396 amending Chapter 5 adding Article 8 entitled “Prohibited discrimination in employment, housing or public accommodations. The motion was seconded by Chad Herring.



A roll call vote was taken with the following votes cast: “aye” Herring, J. Nelson, Schermoly, R. Nelson, Poling, Wang, Myers, Morehead, Runion, McFadden, Odell and Gallagher.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business to come before the City Council.

Jori Nelson moved the City Council go into the Council Committee of the Whole portion of the meeting. The motion was seconded by Chad Herring and passed unanimously.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Council President Dan Runion presided over the Council Committee of the Whole.

Discussion on the public hearing feedback and final design of North Park

Melissa Prenger stated North Park is in its final design phase and that a public meeting was held on November 27, 2018 at the Community Center to highlight the layout of the park and receive input on options for amenities. Residents were given comment sheets and asked to choose between options for the following: shelter column style, shelter furniture, restroom window configuration, an additional pedestrian connection to the garden and the 2-5 year-old playset.

Scott Bingham, the City’s park consultant with BBN, presented the final design plan and reviewed the chosen amenities recommended by the public and the Steering Committee. Specific attention has been paid to the garden, as a passive amenity geared for adults, which is new to city parks. This garden will be a partnership with the Johnson County Master Gardeners program. The Master Gardeners will maintain the garden beds and the City will provide the plants and irrigation. Bingham stated that the garden has the potential to be a seasonal canvas for the Master Gardeners and is an exciting partnership.

Both age group play areas use engineered wood fiber for surfacing, which is an approved accessible surface. Additionally, each play area includes an accessible concrete ramp to ensure convenient access to the surfacing from the approaching accessible route.

Council members raised concerns on accessibility, particularly as it related to the slope of the trail, as well as use of sustainability energy resources. There was significant discussion on the possible implementation of solar panels and related costs, and if the panels were not implemented immediately, that the structures be designed to be able to be retrofitted with solar installations at a later date. Mrs. Prenger noted the project is at budgeted funds as designed; however, the solar installation could be added as a bid alternate for consideration. Staff responded that they could explore further the accessibility concerns and sustainability options and costs.



Ron Nelson moved the City Council direct staff to proceed with final design as presented with the selected options including the additional costs to make the buildings capable of being retrofitted with solar installation and those options be brought back to the council for consideration. The motion was seconded by Jori Nelson and passed unanimously.

Serena Schermoly moved to adjourn the Council Committee of the Whole portion of the meeting and return to the City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Sheila Myers and passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Wassmer noted the announcements were included in the Council packet and reminded Council the next City Council meeting is Monday, January 14th.

Ted Odell thanked the Mayor for her leadership over the past four years and her dedication to the City over her 20 years of service. He is grateful for her guidance and friendship.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Wassmer declared the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Joyce Hagen Mundy
City Clerk