



**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PRAIRIE VILLAGE
DECEMBER 16, 2019**

The City Council of Prairie Village, Kansas, met in regular session on Monday, December 16, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building, 7700 Mission Road, Prairie Village, Kansas. Mayor Mikkelson presided.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called by the City Clerk with the following Council Members in attendance: Chad Herring, Jori Nelson, Serena Schermoly, Ron Nelson, Tucker Poling, Andrew Wang, Sheila Myers, Brooke Morehead, Dan Runion, Courtney McFadden, Ted Odell and Terrence Gallagher. Staff present: Tim Schwartzkopf, Chief of Police; Major Byron Roberson, Captain Ivan Washington, Captain Dan Stewart and Sgt. Travis Gray, Prairie Village Police Department; Dan Clark, Information Technology Specialist; Keith Bredehoeft, Director of Public Works; City Attorney David Waters, attorney with Lathrop & Gage; Wes Jordan, City Administrator; Jamie Robichaud, Deputy City Administrator; Lisa Santa Maria, Finance Director; Meghan Buum, Assistant City Administrator; Adam Geffert, City Clerk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to approve the agenda for December 16, 2019. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF STUDENTS & SCOUTS

A student from Shawnee Mission North was in attendance as a requirement of her American Government class.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

With no one present to address the Council, public participation was closed at 6:03 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Mikkelson asked if there were any items to remove from the consent agenda for discussion, and noted that an updated version of the Republic Services food composting agreement had been placed at the dais for Council to review. Mrs. Schermoly asked that item #2, regarding the approval of the food composting and glass recycling program, be removed for further discussion.



1. Approval of the regular City Council meeting minutes - December 2, 2019
2. Consider approval of food composting and glass recycling pilot program agreements
3. Consider agreement with Berberich, Trahan & Co., P.A. to audit the City's 2019 financial statements
4. Consider Resolution 2019-18, approving the Prairie Village Arts Council Monthly Artist Receptions in 2020 as Special Events Promoting the Arts to allow the serving of free alcohol
5. Consider custodial services three-year contract
6. Consider bid award for plumbing services
7. Consider bid award for tree removal and emergency services
8. Consider bid award for weather services
9. Consider entering into watershed organization agreements with Johnson County Stormwater Management Program and neighboring cities
10. Consider Construction Change Order #1 for 2019 concrete repair program
11. Consider Construction Change Order #1 for 2019 residential street rehabilitation program to include ARTS0001

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to approve all items on the consent agenda with the exception of item #2.

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, Gallagher.

Mrs. Schermoly asked whether the recycling and composting vendors would honor the rate charged for pilot program participants with other residents in the City who sign up for services directly. Mrs. Robichaud stated that Glass Bandit was unwilling to honor the rate, and as a result, this option was not included in the agreements with the three companies.

Mrs. Morehead stated that she was not supportive of the program, noting that after the pilot is complete, Council would likely vote in favor of a program for the entire City which would result in a significant tax increase to residents. Mayor Mikkelson said that no tax increase was required for the pilot program, and no decision had yet been made about how to proceed after it is completed.

Ms. Nelson moved to approve item #2 as presented. Mr. Poling seconded the motion, which passed 10-2, with Mr. Wang and Mrs. Morehead in opposition.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mrs. Myers stated that phone surveys had been completed for the proposed civic center project and that the online survey would be finished soon.



Mrs. Myers added that she had attended the MARC Solid Waste District annual meeting the previous week, at which a 6th grade teacher from Prairie Elementary was recognized as the Environmental Educator of the Year. Additionally, a representative of Ripple Glass asked that the company be considered for future glass recycling programs in the City.

- Ms. Nelson introduced Teen Council members, who each gave a report on recent activities they had participated in:
 - Harper Molen stated that members took a tour of the Prairie Village Police Station prior to the City Council meeting.
 - Sawyer Shutts noted that he and other members worked at the Gingerbread House event on December 8, adding that funds raised at the event were used by the Prairie Village Municipal Foundation to help families in need.
 - Wenhan Sun shared that he sat in on an Environmental Committee meeting, at which a discussion on how to address single-use plastics was held.
 - Elizabeth Mikkelson said that three Teen Council members participated in the Mayor's Tree Lighting ceremony at Corinth Square, at which donations were collected for the Municipal Foundation. Members also passed out candy canes and coloring books to children attending the event.

Mrs. Morehead noted that recognition was given to longtime local business owner Mely Ballard at the Gingerbread House event. Mrs. Ballard will be retiring in 2020.

Ms. Nelson added that a proposal regarding single-use plastic bags will be brought to Council in the near future.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Mikkelson reported the following:

- The Mayor attended the annual Connecting for Good breakfast in Kansas City, at which a presentation on digital inclusion was held.
- The Mayor attended the Johnson County and Wyandotte County Mayors holiday dinner, along with several Councilmembers.
- The Mayor attended a Northeast Johnson County coffee event at the Meadowbrook Events Center on December 5.
- A LEED Building seminar was held on December 5, which was attended by Councilmembers and City staff.
- The annual Prairie Village volunteer appreciation dinner was held on December 7.
- The Mayor stated that Councilmember-elect Piper Reimer would fill a vacant seat on the United Community Services Drug and Alcohol Council.
- The skate park design workshop on December 10 was well-attended.
- Lathrop and Gage hosted a legislative breakfast on December 11, which was attended by state legislators.



- The Northeast Johnson County Chamber of Commerce legislative breakfast was held on December 13.
- The Mayor attended the Kansas City Chamber of Commerce public policy reception on December 11.
- The Mayor and several Councilmembers participated in ride-alongs with City Public Works snowplow drivers on December 15.
- The Climate Action KC meeting will take place on December 17.
- The Mayor will attend a DARE graduation at St. Ann's School on December 17.
- A Planning Commission work session will be held on December 17 to continue work on Village Vision 2.0.
- The Mayor will meet with Will Swoopes from the Heart of American chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.
- Mayor Mikkelson, along with Mayors of other Kansas cities on the state border, will meet with Governor Laura Kelly on December 19 to discuss the economic "border war" in the Kansas City region.
- The Mayor will attend a Mission Hills city lunch on December 19.
- The Prairie Village staff holiday lunch will be held on December 20.
- The Northeast Johnson County Mayors holiday lunch will take place on December 20.
- The Mayor noted that the meeting was the last full meeting with the current Council. New members will be sworn in at the next meeting on January 6.

STAFF REPORTS

Public Safety

- Chief Schwartzkopf reported that the annual Shop with a Cop event was successful.

Public Works

- Mr. Bredehoeft said the skate park meeting was very productive, and that those in attendance selected three concepts to continue exploring. Another meeting will be held in the first part of January.

Ms. Nelson asked about the status of the 67th Street traffic calming study. Mr. Bredehoeft stated that Trans Systems was studying several locations around the City, and would be meeting with Public Works staff later in the week. Results will be shared with Council at a future meeting.

Mr. Odell thanked Public Works plow drivers for being mindful of keeping sidewalks clear of snow.

Administration

- Mr. Jordan stated that staff would begin working on the next Council meeting agenda this week due to the holidays.



Adam Pope, the City's financial advisor from Columbia Capital Management, will give a Meadowbrook TIF update presentation at the January 6 meeting, and Dennis Patton from the Kansas State Extension office will share information about the Wassmer Garden in February.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to come before the Council.

NEW BUSINESS

COU2019-57 Consider appointment of City Treasurer

Mayor Mikkelson introduced Courtney Kramer, and recommended her for appointment to the City Treasurer position. He noted that Ms. Kramer had previous city finance experience, and came highly recommended for the role.

Mr. Poling made a motion to ratify the appointment of Courtney Kramer to serve as the City Treasurer. Mr. Wang seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

After the vote, Mayor Mikkelson swore in Ms. Kramer as the City Treasurer of Prairie Village.

COU2019-58 Consider approval of 2020 Prairie Village Legislative Platform

Mrs. Robichaud noted that the 2020 Legislative Platform had previously appeared on the December 2 meeting agenda, at which Council opted to move it to this meeting so the full body could consider it. She added that the version of the document in the meeting packet was the one amended by the Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Herring made a motion to adopt the 2020 Prairie Village Legislative Platform as presented, and Ms. Nelson seconded.

Mr. Wang stated that he felt there were items included in the Platform that did not fall under the City's purview, and would not support its passage. Mrs. Morehead agreed, stating that it was an overreach for the City.

The motion tied 6-6, with Mrs. Schermoly, Mr. Wang, Mrs. Myers, Mrs. Morehead, Mr. Runion and Mr. Odell in opposition.

Mayor Mikkelson cast the tie-breaking vote in favor of approving the motion.



Mrs. Myers made a motion that the City Council move to the Council Committee of the Whole portion of the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Morehead and passed unanimously.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Consider purchase of in-car video and body-worn camera system

Chief Schwartzkopf stated that the use of body cameras was becoming standard for many police departments. He added that after obtaining three quotes, Watch Guard was selected as the vendor for these products. The contract agreement is still being completed, and will be brought before Council at the January 6 meeting.

Sgt. Gray gave a presentation demonstrating how the Watch Guard system operated, and compared the company to other vendors that were considered. Watch Guard is currently being used by several surrounding communities, which have reported positive experiences with the product and vendor. He noted that video needed for evidence or court would be saved permanently, whereas video that is not needed would be saved for 45 days on local servers, then deleted. Based on Police Department needs and evaluation, the Department recommended the Committee approve the purchase of the Watch Guard system.

Mr. Odell made a motion to approve the purchase of the Watch Guard in-car video and body-worn camera system for no more than \$120,000 in 2020, and Mr. Poling seconded.

Mrs. McFadden asked whether the equipment was capable of providing a live view, or if all video must first be uploaded to a server. Sgt. Gray said the vendor had indicated that this option would be available in the future, but it does not exist at this time. Mrs. McFadden also asked if adding the cameras would make for an overwhelming number of devices for officers to operate. Sgt. Gray stated the body cameras would replace existing audio recording devices that are worn by officers, so there will be no change in the number of devices in use.

Mr. Herring asked if a policy would be developed for video records requests. Chief Schwartzkopf noted that a policy was currently in place for in-car video, and that the department will follow state law and existing open records parameters.

Mrs. Myers asked how much money was available in the Equipment Reserve Fund, which would be used to fund the purchase. Mrs. Santa Maria stated the fund had an approximate balance of \$450,000, and that the police department had been setting aside funds for this project for some time.

With no further discussion, a vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Myers moved that the City Council end the Council Committee of the Whole portion of the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements were included in the Council meeting packet.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Mikkelson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Adam Geffert
City Clerk