



**CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF PRAIRIE VILLAGE  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2020**

The City Council of Prairie Village, Kansas, met in regular session on Monday, September 21, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Councilmembers attended a virtual meeting via the Zoom software platform. Mayor Mikkelson presided.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll was called by the City Clerk with the following Councilmembers in attendance remotely via Zoom: Chad Herring, Jori Nelson, Inga Selders, Ron Nelson, Tucker Poling, Bonnie Limbird, Sheila Myers, Piper Reimer, Dan Runion, Courtney McFadden, Ian Graves and Terrence Gallagher. Staff present via Zoom: Tim Schwartzkopf, Chief of Police; 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 Boom, Assistant City Administrator; Deana Scott, Court Administrator, Adam Geffert, City Clerk.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mrs. Myers made a motion to approve the agenda for September 21, 2020. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion, which passed 11-0. Mr. Runion did not vote due to technical difficulties.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Rebecca Galati, Senior Customer Solutions Manager with Evergy, shared updates on the efforts to address problematic circuits as well as the Renewables Direct wind-energy program. She stated that all Prairie Village City buildings would start receiving 100% of their power from the Ponderosa wind farm in Oklahoma beginning in October 2020.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No requests to address the Council were received.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Mikkelson asked if there were any items to remove from the consent agenda for discussion.

1. Approval of regular City Council meeting minutes - September 8, 2020



Mr. Nelson made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. A roll call vote was taken with the following votes cast: “aye”: Herring, J. Nelson, Selders, R. Nelson, Poling, Limbird, Myers, Reimer, Runion, McFadden, Graves, Gallagher. The motion passed unanimously.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Ms. Reimer stated that one application had been received for the Teen Council, and that a second student had expressed interest. She said that she would reach out again to contacts at area schools.

Ms. Reimer added that elementary schools in the Shawnee Mission School District would move to a hybrid learning model in October, with the goal of having students back in the building full-time by October 19 (excluding those who selected the “remote learning” option for the semester).

- Mrs. McFadden shared that the Northeast Johnson County’s “Leadership Northeast” class was accepting applicants. The class begins in January 2021.
- Ms. Limbird noted that the Arts Council’s “State of the Arts” exhibit would be held online in 2020. She added that current and former Arts Council members would be sharing their own art at City Hall in October.
- Ms. Selders said several Councilmembers participated in a challenge with other local governing bodies to gather donation items to be auctioned off at the annual Johnson County Christmas Bureau benefit. Funds go directly to helping 10,000 local families each year. Many Prairie Village businesses contributed items for the event.

### MAYOR’S REPORT

- Mayor Mikkelson provided an update on the COVID-19 pandemic, noting that the 14-day percent positive moving average was still high in Johnson County, at 12.4%. The average number of new cases per day had dropped slightly, to approximately 95, and new hospitalizations were on a downward trend.
- The Mayor noted that the Diversity Task Force would hold its first meeting on Tuesday, September 22.
- The Mayor thanked Prairie Village Police Officers for their work during the current challenging environment.
- The Mayor, along with Mr. Jordan and Ms. Robichaud, met with representatives from First Washington to discuss the status of the Corinth and Village Shops. He stated that First Washington was evaluating how the former Macy’s space could be utilized, and that the Corinth Quarter shops were still on target to open in 2021.
- The Mayor said that a number of developers had contacted the City to discuss potential workforce housing development.



- A public information session for Village Vision 2.0 was held on September 9. A Council work session to discuss the plan and consider public input will take place on September 28.
- The Mayor shared that Chief Tony Lopez of Consolidated Fire District #2 will retire April 1, 2021.
- The Mayor's tree lighting ceremony and annual committee volunteer dinner would not be held in their traditional fashion due to COVID-19. The Mayor asked Councilmembers to share any ideas they had to thank volunteers for their efforts and provide an opportunity for residents to contribute to the Municipal Foundation.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **Public Works**

- Mr. Bredehoeft reported that the culvert repair project on 71<sup>st</sup> Street and Mission Road would begin on September 28. The east side of the intersection will remain closed for approximately 60 days.

He also provided an update on the pool repair project, noting that a repair for the leak in the adult pool had been found, and would cost approximately \$10,000. A solution for the leak in the diving pool will require further excavation and study.

Mr. Bredehoeft added that the traffic-calming "neckdowns" had been installed permanently on both 67<sup>th</sup> street and 87<sup>th</sup> Street.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Runion asked if Mrs. Santa Maria could provide an estimate of how much money the City would save by switching to wind-generated electricity. Mayor Mikkelson stated that it would be difficult to determine the savings until the City had been using wind energy for a period of time. Mr. Runion agreed that a review at a later date would be fine.

Mr. Runion also asked whether Council had adopted a position in support of mixed-use development. Mayor Mikkelson said that further discussion would be held during the Village Vision 2.0 process.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **COU2020-42**

### **Memorandums of Understanding with KC Can Compost for commercial composting and GlassBandit for curbside glass recycling in Prairie Village**

Ms. Robichaud stated that Council had decided not to move forward with a citywide curbside compost and glass collection program for 2021 at its June 15, 2020 meeting. Instead, City staff was directed to negotiate discounted rates for residents to purchase services directly in exchange for the City helping to promote the programs.



At its September 8, 2020 meeting, Council authorized Memorandums of Understanding with Compost Collective KC and Food Cycle KC for composting services in the City. The MOUs provided discounts for residents that signed up for service with either company. Two additional companies, KC Can Compost and GlassBandit, have also offered reduced fees for commercial composting and curbside glass recycling.

Representatives from KC Can Compost and GlassBandit gave presentations describing the services each offered.

**Ms. Nelson made a motion to approve Memorandums of Understanding with KC Can Compost and GlassBandit. Ms. Selders seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with the following votes cast: “aye”: Herring, J. Nelson, Selders, R. Nelson, Poling, Limbird, Myers, Reimer, Runion, McFadden, Graves, Gallagher. The motion passed unanimously.**

**COU2020-43            Approve a resolution in support of the Climate Mayors Network and Paris Climate Agreement**

Ms. Buum stated that the Council Committee of the Whole had voted in support of the Climate Mayors Network and the Paris Climate Agreement at its September 8, 2020 meeting. She added that the resolution was simply a show of support for both agreements, not a binding commitment.

**Ms. Nelson made a motion to approve a resolution in support of the Climate Mayors Network and Paris Climate Agreement. Mr. Herring seconded the motion.**

Mr. Runion asked for more information regarding the near- and long-term targets to reduce emissions in the City. Ms. Nelson stated that if approved, the Dynamhex software would provide a baseline of current carbon emissions, from which targets could be set. Mayor Mikkelson added that a Prairie Village-specific climate action plan would then be developed.

**After further discussion, a roll call vote was taken with the following votes cast: “aye”: Herring, J. Nelson, Selders, R. Nelson, Poling, Limbird, Reimer, McFadden, Graves, Gallagher; “nay”: Myers, Runion. The motion passed 10-2.**

**COU2020-44            Approve the purchase of Dynamhex carbon emissions tracking software**

Ms. Buum said that the Environmental Committee recommended the purchase of carbon emission tracking services from Dynamhex to establish a baseline for city-wide emissions, including individual residential and commercial properties. Based on the information gathered, Dynamhex will offer personalized solutions to reduce emissions. Members of the community will be able to access and use the tool to examine emissions within their own homes and invest in energy upgrades.



Dynamhex presented information about their software at the September 8, 2020 Council Committee of the Whole meeting, and the Committee voted in favor of moving forward with an agreement by a 10-1 vote. Ms. Buum added that \$8,000 of funding would come from the Environmental Committee, and the remaining \$4,000 from the City's contingency fund. Future years would be considered as part of the annual budget process.

**Ms. Nelson made a motion to approve an agreement with Dynamhex for carbon emissions tracking software for an initial term of one year in the amount of \$12,000. Ms. Selders seconded the motion.**

Mrs. McFadden asked who would be responsible for assessing the data, and how the number of residents using the software could be determined. Mr. Graves stated that baseline data would be obtained from county records, and that residents could modify information to get a more accurate assessment of their residences. He added that Dynamhex would be able to provide information about user participation.

Ms. Nelson added that the data would be reviewed by the Environmental Committee to determine how to plan environmental policy going forward.

**After further discussion, a roll call vote was taken with the following votes cast: "aye": Herring, J. Nelson, Selders, R. Nelson, Poling, Limbird, Myers, Reimer, Runion, Graves, Gallagher; "nay": McFadden. The motion passed 11-1.**

**COU2020-45          Approve pool replaster project - leisure and wading (BG850002)  
change order #1**

Mr. Bredehoeft said that the pool replaster project in the leisure and wading pools had been approved by Council at its January 6, 2020 meeting. Along with plastering, the small tiles at the wading pool edge line were removed. The tiles and the extensive grout lines were a maintenance issue which could be corrected by removing the tile and extending the new plaster surface to the top edge of the pool.

When the plastering work was completed in the wading pool, it was discovered that the removed tile had been used by the previous contractor to the level of the water in the wading pool. Using the tile to control water level appears to have been a construction fix as the original plans did not call for this. As a result, additional work must be done to the wading pool to level off the water and ensure lapping action on all sides for draining purposes as it was designed. The change also requires new grates around the perimeter of the pool.

Mr. Bredehoeft stated the work would be performed prior to the pool opening in 2021. He added that adequate funding remained in pool replaster project to cover the cost of the change order.



Mrs. McFadden made a motion to approve construction change order #1 with KC Gunitite for the pool replaster project - leisure and wading (BG850002) for \$66,850. Mr. Herring seconded the motion.

Ms. Nelson asked when the planned inclusive playground at Harmon Park would be installed. Mr. Bredehoeft said that a timeframe for the playground installation could be considered soon by Council and staff.

A roll call vote was taken with the following votes cast: "aye": Herring, J. Nelson, Selders, R. Nelson, Poling, Limbird, Myers, Reimer, Runion, McFadden, Graves, Gallagher. The motion passed unanimously.

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 Ms. Limbird, and passed unanimously.

#### COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Council update regarding Collection Bureau of Kansas, Inc. (CBK) for collecting outstanding court fines and fees.

Ms. Scott stated that the Council had approved an agreement with the Collection Bureau of Kansas to collect outstanding court fines and fees in 2018. The goal of the agreement was to reduce the number of warrants issued for failures to appear when fines were due, as well as to reduce liability to the City and the assessment of additional fees on adjudicated cases.

Since the agreement was approved, approximately 500 warrants were alleviated, which saved defendants over \$50,000 in warrant and potential jail fees. Furthermore, the City collected over \$6,000 while also reducing staff time for Court the Police Department and the County jail.

Mr. Herring 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.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements were included in the Council meeting packet.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Herring made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nelson, and passed unanimously.



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**Mayor Mikkelson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.**

Adam Geffert  
City Clerk