



**CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF PRAIRIE VILLAGE  
OCTOBER 5, 2020**

The City Council of Prairie Village, Kansas, met in regular session on Monday, October 5, 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, Piper Reimer, Dan Runion, 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; Meghan Boom, Assistant City Administrator; Cindy Volanti, Human Resources Manager; Adam Geffert, City Clerk.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Nelson made a motion to approve the agenda for October 5, 2020. Ms. Limbird seconded the motion, which passed 10-0.

**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 21, 2020
2. Approval of Expenditure Ordinance #2994
3. Consider bid award for 2020 tree trimming program

Mr. Gallagher 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, Reimer, Runion, Graves, Gallagher. The motion passed 10-0.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Ms. Reimer stated that the United Community Services of Johnson County Drug and Alcohol Commission had begun the process of reviewing grant applications for



2021. After holding interviews, the committee will meet to make determinations in early November.

- Ms. Limbird noted that artwork by current and former members of the Arts Council was on display at City Hall. She added that the annual State of the Arts show would be virtual, and that the call for entries had opened.
- Ms. Selders provided a summary of the first Diversity Task Force meeting on September 22. A number of topics were discussed, including collaborating with libraries to create diverse literature initiatives, holding town hall forums to discuss diversity and race, and hosting a cultural festival in the City. The group also discussed removing racial restriction language from homeowner association deeds, decriminalizing marijuana and considering affordable housing options.

Mayor Mikkelson added that a Diversity Task Force page had been created on the City website, and that a date for the second meeting would be announced soon.

- Ms. Nelson said that the Environmental Committee met on September 23, at which a discussion was held regarding where to install a new electric vehicle charging station. Additionally, a fall native plant sale had taken place the prior week.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

- Mayor Mikkelson provided an update on the COVID-19 pandemic, noting that the 14-day percent positive average had fallen to 11.3%. New cases per day had increased to 103 in Johnson County, and hospitalizations had also increased to 1.3 per day.
- The Mayor stated that the Brighton Gardens senior living facility would hold a “Give Back” drive-through event as a thank you for the support of local community during the pandemic.
- The Mayor attended a Climate Action KC advisory board meeting. A metro-wide climate action plan is expected to be finalized by the end of the year.
- The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) First Suburbs Collation meeting will be held on October 16.
- MARC will also hold a crisis leadership training for elected officials on active threats on October 12.
- The Mayor and Ms. Robichaud will meet with an area developer to discuss housing in the City as it relates to the comprehensive plan.
- A second Council work session to discuss Village Vision 2.0 will be held on October 26.
- An Italian restaurant is expected to open in the Corinth Shops in the former Urban Table space.

### **STAFF REPORTS**

#### **Administration**



- Mr. Jordan stated that mixed feedback had been received about the sample plexiglass partition set up in the Council Chambers. A full set of partitions would be an eligible purchase with Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) funding, but would have to be fully installed by the end of the year.

Several councilmembers shared their concerns about returning to in-person meetings in the Chambers. **Mr. Gallagher stated that it would be wise to use the available funding to install the partitions so that they could be used as needed in the future, and made a motion to direct staff to proceed with purchasing and building the partitions. Mr. Graves seconded the motion.**

**After further discussion, Mr. Runion called the question. The motion was seconded by Mr. Poling. A roll call vote was taken with the following votes cast: “aye”: R. Nelson, Poling, Graves, Gallagher; “nay”: Herring, J. Nelson, Selders, Limbird, Reimer, Runion. The motion failed 6-4.**

**Due to misunderstanding about the vote, a re-vote was taken with the following votes cast: “aye”: J. Nelson, Selders, R. Nelson, Poling, Reimer, Runion, Graves, Gallagher; “nay”: Herring, Limbird. The motion passed 8-2.**

**A roll call vote on the original motion was taken with the following votes cast: “aye”: Graves, Gallagher; “nay”: Herring, J. Nelson, Selders, R. Nelson, Poling, Limbird, Reimer, Runion. The motion failed 8-2.**

- Ms. Robichaud gave an update on the Village Vision 2.0 comprehensive plan, stating that she had been working with the City’s consultant, Gould Evans, to revise the scope of services based on direction provided by Council at its recent work session. The revised scope of services will be presented to Council at its October 19 meeting for consideration of holding three more work sessions and approving associated expenses. Staff will also develop an online public engagement tool and publish an article in the next issue of the Village Voice, with the goal of holding a public hearing in January followed by final Council approval.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business to come before the Council.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**COU2020-47      Consider 2021 fee schedule**

Mr. Geffert shared that staff had worked for several months to compile a comprehensive schedule of current fees for City services, which had been included in the meeting packet. The schedule included recommended fee changes for 2021. Mr. Geffert stated that his intention was to bring an updated fee schedule to Council annually for approval going forward.



**Mr. Nelson made a motion to approve the 2021 fee schedule as presented. Ms. Reimer seconded the motion, which passed 10-0.**

**COU2020-48            Consideration of 2021 renewals of the City's health, dental and vision insurance providers, as recommended by City staff**

Ms. Volanti stated that the health insurance renewal increase for 2021 totaled 7.9%, and that no changes were made to the plan. On behalf of the City, CBIZ negotiated the rate down from an initial proposed increase of 11.84%, for a savings of \$24,000. There were no increases to the dental, vision and EAP plans.

**Mr. Nelson made a motion to approve the renewal of the City's employee benefit package for 2021 as presented. Mr. Gallagher seconded the motion, which passed 10-0.**

**COU2020-50            Consider approval of proposal to complete pool slide repairs (BG850003) submitted by Baynum Painting, Inc.**

Mr. Bredehoeft said that the project would include the repair and repainting of the two water slides located at the pool facility. The work was considered standard maintenance due to the age and condition of the slides, and would be completed prior to the beginning of the 2021 pool season.

**Ms. Limbird made a motion to approve the proposal from Baynum Painting, Inc. for pool slide repairs in the amount of \$66,500. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion, which passed 10-0.**

**Mr. Gallagher made a motion that the City Council move to the Council Committee of the Whole portion of the meeting. Ms. Nelson seconded the motion, which passed 10-0.**

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**COU2020-49            Approve a policy regarding the distribution of written public comment to the governing body or other City committee**

Ms. Buum shared a draft Council policy regarding the distribution of written comments from constituents to the governing body and other City committees. The goal of the policy was to establish a consistent practice to ensure communications from constituents are received in an appropriate, legal and timely fashion.

The policy stated that comments related to agenda items for the next regular business meeting should be sent to the City Clerk no later than 3:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting, rather than having other staff or members of the governing body forward comments on



behalf of residents. For comments on non-agenda items or general City business, residents should be directed to email the City Council directly at [councilmembers@pvkansas.com](mailto:councilmembers@pvkansas.com). Councilmembers may respond directly to residents, but should not include other members of the governing body to avoid KOMA violations.

Mr. Graves made a motion to approve Council Policy 27 regarding the distribution of comments as presented. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion.

Mr. Runion moved to amend the motion to include a list of all recipients that receive emails sent to [councilmembers@pvkansas.com](mailto:councilmembers@pvkansas.com) in Section B. Additionally, he added language to Section A, which stated that residents would be instructed to send emails to the City Clerk, or that Councilmembers may forward residents' emails to the City Clerk for distribution upon their request. Ms. Nelson seconded the motion, which passed 8-2, with Mr. Nelson and Mr. Poling in opposition.

Mr. Graves made a motion to rescind the previously approved motion. Mr. Poling seconded the motion.

After further discussion, Mr. Graves retracted his motion to rescind, with the agreement of Mr. Poling.

Mr. Graves made a motion to amend the amended motion that was previously approved to strike the language that was added by Mr. Runion in Section A. Mr. Poling seconded the motion, which tied 4-4 with the following votes cast: "aye": R. Nelson, Poling, Reimer, Graves; "nay": Herring, Limbird, Runion, Gallagher. Ms. Nelson and Ms. Selders abstained. Mayor Mikkelson voted in favor of the motion to amend, breaking the tie.

The original motion as amended passed 6-1 with the following votes cast: "aye": Herring, R. Nelson, Poling, Limbird, Graves, Gallagher; "nay": Runion. Ms. Nelson, Ms. Selders and Ms. Reimer abstained.

Ms. Limbird moved that the City Council end the Council Committee of the Whole portion of the meeting. Mr. Graves seconded the motion, which passed 10-0.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Announcements were included in the Council meeting packet.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Nelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Nelson, and passed 10-0.

Mayor Mikkelson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.



The City Of  
**Prairie Village, Kansas**

Adam Geffert  
City Clerk