



**CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF PRAIRIE VILLAGE  
JUNE 7, 2021**

The City Council of Prairie Village, Kansas, met in regular session on Monday, June 7, 2021, 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 Deputy 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: Byron Roberson, Chief of Police; Keith Bredehoeft, Public Works Director; Melissa Prenger, Public Works Project Manager; City Attorney David Waters, attorney with Lathrop & Gage; Wes Jordan, City Administrator; Jamie Robichaud, Deputy City Administrator; Meghan Buom, Assistant City Administrator; Tim Schwartzkopf, Assistant City Administrator; Nickie Lee, Finance Director; Ashley Freburg, Deputy City Clerk.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Ms. Selders made a motion to approve the agenda for June 7, 2021 with the addition of a request for consideration of event funding by the Diversity Committee. Ms. Limbird seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**PRESENTATIONS**

- Mayor Mikkelson read a proclamation for LGBTQ+ Pride Month
- Mr. Jeff Stewart, Executive Director of Johnson County Parks and Recreation District, presented plans for phase 2 of Meadowbrook Park.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Jerad Foster, 7348 Roe Circle, and Molly Moore, 7400 Roe Circle, spoke during public participation about the removal of trees at Prairie Baptist Church. Both expressed their disappointment with the removal of trees on the property and the lack of neighborhood notification and participation. Foster requested the church follow ordinances that require



them to screen their parking lot. Foster specifically requested the church install privacy fencing.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Mikkelson asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda. One item was on the consent agenda:

1. Approval of regular City Council meeting minutes - May 17, 2021

**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**

- Mr. Graves shared an update from the Environmental Committee. Recent topics of interest by the committee include community gardening, native planting, mattress recycling, and the reduction in use of two-cycle gas leaf blowers. Mr. Graves reported that the Environmental Committee would soon participate in KOMA and KORA training.
- Mrs. McFadden shared that VillageFest is approaching. She noted that due to current COVID-19 pandemic protocols, those under the age of 12 and those who are not vaccinated are still encouraged to mask up. Due to the nature of the ongoing pandemic, VillageFest is planned as a drive-through event again this year. It will be held from 9 a.m. to noon, July 4.
- Ms. Limbird shared a reminder about the inaugural Prairie Village Art Walk on June 11, which will include a ribbon cutting ceremony for the “Fifties Freedom in the Village” sculpture at 71<sup>st</sup> Street and Mission Road. The art walk will be available all summer.
- Ms. Selders stated that planning for the 2021 JazzFest event continues. Committee members are booking performers and food and beverage vendors. The committee is also securing sponsors for the event and working on VIP packages.
- Ms. Reimer shared that the Drug and Alcoholism Council, through UCS met and set the schedule for presentations for funding requests. The group will meet again August 19.
- Mr. Herring provided an update from the Tree Board. He congratulated local fifth grader Leah Norris who was the district winner of the Arbor Day poster contest



hosted by the state forestry service. An event was held in Wassmer Park June 5, 2021 to celebrate Leah's accomplishment.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

- The Mayor provided an update on the COVID-19 pandemic, noting that COVID-19 numbers are bottoming out compared to where they had been. He recommended that kids under the age of 12 still wear masks since they are unable to be vaccinated. Vaccines are now widely available for those ages 12 and up by appointment through Johnson County or with walk-in opportunities. In Prairie Village zip codes, more than 50 percent of those 12 and up are fully vaccinated.
- The Mayor provided an update on the American Rescue Act. He said funds were initially expected in May. Funds are now at the State, and are expected to be distributed to cities in July.
- The Mayor noted that the Prairie Village pool is open and fully staffed. However, a major leak has been discovered in the adult pool and lap pool. Repairs are underway, and the other pools are open. The pools where the leaks exist are more than 50 years old.
- The Mayor reported that he served on a Northeast Johnson County Chamber of Commerce panel with another mayor and a few business owners regarding jobs and unemployment.
- The Mayor met with the Prairie Village Foundation's new leadership - Laura Wassmer and Marianne Noll to hear about their plans for the Foundation.
- The Mayor's Climate Accord has been having periodic meetings. The Mayor attended one last week that he said was special because a guest on the call was Gina McCarthy, Senior White House Advisor on Climate Change.
- The Mayor shared a "Collegiality Tip." He said it is a constant challenge to maintain collegiality and mutual respect. He said it is incumbent on everyone to work together and put the city first.
- The Mayor reported that construction on the Prairie Village Public Works building is on time and on budget.
- The Mayor reminded everyone of the Juneteenth celebration that will be at Franklin Park June 19.
- The Mayor congratulated Councilmember Ron Nelson and Councilmember Terrance Gallagher who will be running unopposed in the upcoming election. He also congratulated current parks board volunteer Lauren Wolf who is also running unopposed for City Council.
- The Mayor thanked Councilmember Sheila Myers, Councilmember Jori Nelson, Councilmember Tucker Polling, and Councilmember Dan Runion for their contributions to the City. Each have chosen not to run for re-election.
- The Mayor commented on several upcoming events. He noted that United Community Services has an upcoming summit meeting June 16. Work on the Charter Commission



continues. The Mayor will be attending the League of Kansas Municipalities mayor's conference. June 8 is the NEJC Legislative wrap-up.

- The Mayor noted that Penny Mann is retiring from City staff. A reception will be held Thursday, June 10.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

- Mr. Bredehoeft provided an update regarding the parking lot repairs at Prairie Baptist Church. Staff is working with the church on lighting and fencing. Some of the lights they had were shining right at the homes. They had previously been blocked by trees. The drainage permit reviewed by Public Works did not include fencing. The church is looking into the option of a black-coated chain-link fence with privacy screening.
- Mr. Bredehoeft provided an update on the status of repairs to the Prairie Village Municipal Pool Complex. Three years ago, staff started seeing problems with the adult pool and the lap/meter pool. A year ago, a leak in the adult pool was identified and repaired. When filling the pool this year, signs of a new leak began to show. Over the weekend, crews were able to identify that the leak is in the lap/meter pool. The pool is not holding water. Testing indicates there are leaks in one or two locations in the main trunk line. On June 8, a hole will be cut into the bottom of the pool to identify the issue. There may be another location that also needs repairs.
- Mr. Bredehoeft provided construction updates on the skate park and Public Works facility. He reported that NewLine Skate Parks is preparing to pour concrete at the reconstructed skate park. He also said that staff anticipates being able to occupy the new PW facility by late August.
- Ms. Lee provided an update on the American Recovery Act funding. Staff anticipates receiving the funds in July. In June, the City will create a new fund to account for the distribution until the Council decides how to use it. Ms. Lee also said the 2020 audit report will be shared during the next City Council meeting.
- Chief Roberson announced the inaugural Youth Police Academy. Nine students from Shawnee Mission East High School are enrolled. The program will mirror the Citizens Police Academy. The group will meet twice weekly over three weeks.
- Mr. Schwartzkopf provided updates on returning to in-person City Council meetings. The audio/video equipment in the Council Chambers was tested a few weeks ago, and some of the new hardware failed. On May 14, a power surge or power anomaly—confirmed by Evergy—caused damage to a number of pieces of new hardware. The extent of the damage is still being assessed. Staff is looking for ways to mitigate future damage. A hybrid in-person/online option for Council Meetings will not be available by June 21.



- Mr. Jordan reported that Bird Scooters has notified staff they would like to come to Prairie Village, particularly the Shops at Prairie Village. The Council will need to consider approval of the application since it would be operating largely in City rights-of-way and the application would need to be approved by Council once it is received.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business to come before the Council.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**COU2021-47 Consider approval of Supplemental No. 1 with BBN Architects, Inc. for the design of the park projects at Taliaferro Park**

Ms. Prenger stated that staff recommends approval of the supplemental design agreement for the design of a custom-built park shelter in the amount of \$16,561. The Council approved the agreement for the design of Taliaferro Park in January. Since then, more than 162 residents participated in an online survey regarding design options. Residents expressed interest in the rectangle-shaped shelter. Staff believes a custom-built shelter fits into the budget for the project. However, due to the current costs of lumber and steel, it will be included in the bid documents as a construction alternate.

Since the shelter configuration has been selected, staff will submit the layout to Evergy for guidance regarding solar power for either the new restroom or the new shelter.

**Mr. Herring made a motion to approve Supplemental No. 1 with BBN Architects, Inc. for the design of the custom-built park shelter in the amount of \$16,561. Mrs. Myers seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

**COU2021-48 Consider approval of a contract with McAnany Construction for the 2021 UBAS and CARS program (UBAS2021 / 79ST0001)**

Ms. Prenger stated that the City has combined the 2021 UBAS program and the CARS program have been combined because the CARS program is a mix of UBAS and mill and overlay on 79<sup>th</sup> Street from Roe to Lamar.

**Mrs. Myers made a motion to approve the construction contract with McAnany Construction, Inc. for the 2021 UBAS and CARS program in the amount of \$578,377. Ms. Nelson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

**COU2021-49 Consider construction administration agreement with Trekk Design Group for 2021 construction projects**



Ms. Prenger stated that the contract is for Trekk design group to supplement the city's construction inspectors. The agreement represents 2.8% of construction costs. Trekk will be used for 2021 paving and the drainage program. Staff has not gone out to bid for inspection service since 2015-2018 as three construction inspection firms were selected at that time. Staff will request proposals again in 2022.

**Mrs. McFadden made a motion to approve the construction administration agreement with Trekk Design Group for 2021 construction projects in the amount of \$87,964.40. Ms. Nelson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

**Consider request from the Prairie Village Diversity Committee for funding for the Juneteenth Freedom Festival**

Ms. Selders presented plans for the Juneteenth Celebration planned to be held June 19 at Franklin Park. The Diversity Committee is partnering with Stand Up for Black Lives + Prairie Village and NAACP of Johnson County as sponsors for the inaugural Juneteenth Freedom Festival in Prairie Village. The committee is requesting \$1,219 from the City Budget to be allocated to the Juneteenth Freedom Festival.

**Ms. Selders made a motion to approve the request of \$1,219 for the Juneteenth Freedom Festival. Mr. Polling seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Announcements were included in the Council meeting packet.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Mr. Herring made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Limbird seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

**Mayor Mikkelsen declared the meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.**

Ashley Freburg  
Deputy City Clerk