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**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PRAIRIE VILLAGE
JULY 18, 2022**

The City Council of Prairie Village, Kansas, met in regular session on Monday, July 18, at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Mikkelson presided.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called by the City Clerk with the following Councilmembers in attendance: Chad Herring, Cole Robinson, Inga Selders, Ron Nelson, Lauren Wolf, Bonnie Limbird (via Zoom), Dave Robinson, Piper Reimer, Greg Shelton, Courtney McFadden and Ian Graves. Staff present: Byron Roberson, Chief of Police; Keith Bredehoeft, Director of Public Works; City Attorney David Waters, attorney with Spencer Fane LLP; Wes Jordan, City Administrator; Nickie Lee, Deputy City Administrator; Meghan Boom, Assistant City Administrator; Jason Hannaman, Finance Director; Adam Geffert, City Clerk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Nelson made a motion to approve the agenda for July 18, 2022. Mr. Herring seconded the motion, which passed 11-0.

INTRODUCTION OF STUDENTS AND SCOUTS

Boy Scout Lawrence Fein was present to earn his communications merit badge.

PRESENTATIONS

- Mayor Mikkelson presented resident Mark Morgan with the Citizen Spirit Award for his many contributions to the City.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The following residents voiced concerns regarding certain proposals recommended by the Ad Hoc Housing Committee:

- Bob Beachy, 8108 El Monte Street
- Ted Odell, 7916 Aberdeen Street
- Shannon Healy, 3104 W. 71st Street
- Brooke Morehead, 7921 Fontana Street



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- Lee Larson, 8879 Juniper Street
- Charlotte White, 6805 Cedar Street
- Lori Sharp, 3604 W. 71st Street
- Thorne Daimler, 4529 W. 65th Street
- Dr. Charles Satterlee, 8600 Mission Road
- Chet Hanson, 4620 W. 72nd Street
- Jori Nelson, 4802 W. 69th Terrace
- John Cantrell, 8236 Nall Avenue
- Jan Bleakley, 8621 Delmar Street
- Mike Vianello, 5209 W. 83rd Terrace
- Bob Gibbons, 2904 W. 71st Street
- Pauline O’Keefe, 7223 Mission Road, #118
- Barbara Cantrell, 8236 Nall Avenue
- Karen Gibbons, 2904 W. 71st Street
- Mary-Michael Sterchi, 8401 Linden Lane
- Sarah Blick, 4844 Somerset Drive
- Steve Snitz, 4310 W. 70th Terrace

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 - June 21, 2022
2. Approval of expenditure ordinance #3015
3. Approval of expenditure ordinance #3016
4. Consider resolutions designating City officials and staff authorized to act on behalf of the City for investments and financial transactions
5. Consider an ordinance approving the Prairie Village Jazz Festival as a special event and authorizing the sale, consumption and possession of alcoholic liquor and cereal malt beverages within the boundaries of a barricaded public area of the event
6. Consider request for alcoholic beverage waiver for Harmon Park for the Prairie Village Jazz Festival
7. Consider approval of short-term special use permit for the KU Kickoff event at Corinth Square

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, C. Robinson, Selders, Nelson, Wolf, Limbird, D. Robinson, Reimer, Shelton, McFadden, Graves. The motion passed 11-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS



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- Ms. Selders read a statement in which she apologized to members of the Diversity Committee for negative interactions that occurred with public attendees at the committee's most recent meeting.
- Ms. Reimer stated that she had attended the Northeast Johnson County Chamber of Commerce's legislative wrap-up on June 24. She also shared information about the Environmental Committee's booth at VillageFest, and that recruitment for the 2022-23 Teen Council would begin soon.
- Mrs. McFadden reported that the VillageFest event was a success and thanked those that participated.
- Mr. Dave Robinson noted that JazzFest planning continued, and that all performers and vendors had been booked.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Mikkelson stated that he had participated in the following events since the last Council meeting:
 - Coffee with a Cop on June 22
 - A ribbon-cutting event for the grand opening of the new Sherwin-Williams store in Corinth Quarter
 - Fox 4 News' "Zip Trip" segment about Prairie Village on June 24
 - The community garden group's summer solstice event on June 24
 - The Ad Hoc Civic Center Committee's meeting with potential partners
 - MARC and UCS Board meetings
 - The Northeast Johnson County Chamber's golf tournament
 - The Prairie Ridge Homes Association's "Fun Fest" event
- The Mayor said residents Ann Lilak and Deborah English were presented spirit awards at VillageFest.
- The Mayor noted that the radios shipped to sister-city Dolyna, Ukraine, had reached their destination, and that a letter of thanks had been received from the Ukrainian Consultant General's office.
- The Mayor said a party for retiring Westwood Hills Mayor Paula Schwach would be held on July 19.

STAFF REPORTS

- Ms. Lee introduced new Finance Director Jason Hannaman.
- Chief Roberson said the annual National Night Out would be held on August 2.



- Mr. Bredehoeft stated that proposed repairs to the pedestrian bridge crossing Brush Creek at Tomahawk Road and Ash Street would be presented to Council in August. He also noted that an update would be given regarding the City's one-year trial period with Bird Scooters at an upcoming meeting.
- Mr. Waters provided an update on new guidance from the Attorney General on the Kansas Open Meetings Act. With the state's COVID-related emergency order now expired, the Attorney General determined that all public meetings, including those for committees, must offer the opportunity for the public to attend and participate in-person, rather than just virtually. He also noted that the council policy on remote participation would also be revised in the near future.
- CFD#2 Fire Chief Steve Chick announced that four fire district employees would be retiring later in the week. He noted that the department's mill levy rate had declined for the past three years due to efficient budgeting, and even though employee retirement benefits would increase in 2023 as part of an effort to attract and retain staff, a small rate reduction was still planned.
- Mr. Jordan said that along with new Financial Director Jason Hannaman, three new Public Works employees and a receptionist at City Hall had been hired since the last Council meeting. Applications to the police department had also increased significantly since 2021.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to come before the Council.

NEW BUSINESS

COU2022-54

Consider Resolution #2022-13 of the City's intent to exceed the revenue neutral rate and establishing the date and time of a public hearing for the 2023 budget

Ms. Lee stated that staff had worked to develop the 2023 budget over the preceding several months, and that Council had approved the preliminary budget at its June 21 meeting. The proposed budget would maintain the same level of services as the 2022 budget while adding certain decision package items, including a one mill reduction from 19.322 to 18.322.

Per Senate Bill 13, the proposed budget would require a revenue neutral rate hearing because it would exceed the revenue neutral rate provided by the county clerk. During the 2021 legislative session, the "tax lid" was removed and the legislature enacted SB13 and House Bill 2104, establishing new notice and public hearing requirements if the proposed budget exceeded the property tax levy's revenue neutral rate.



Ms. Lee said that the revenue neutral rate was equivalent to the tax rate in mills that would generate the same property tax in dollars as the previous tax year using the current tax year's total assessed valuation. In Prairie Village, the revenue neutral rate would be 17.247 mills in 2023. Since the proposed budget would require 18.322 mills, a public hearing would need to be held. The hearing had been proposed for the City Council's regular meeting on Tuesday, September 6, 2022. The budget public hearing and adoption of the 2023 budget would follow the revenue neutral rate hearing.

Ms. Lee added that in addition to the general fund, the budget document in the packet included budget authority for all other funds, including the solid waste fund, with a proposed annual assessment of \$245 per household, an \$18 increase from the 2022 rate of \$227. The new rate included the cost of an annual mattress recycling program.

Mrs. McFadden made a motion to approve a resolution of the City's intent to exceed its revenue neutral rate, establishing the date and time of a public hearing on such matter and providing for the giving of notice of such public hearing. The motion was seconded by Mr. Graves and passed 11-0.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

There were no items to come before the Council Committee of the Whole.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:11 p.m., Mr. Herring made a motion for the City Council to recess into executive session for a period of 40 minutes for the purpose of discussing an economic development matter with the city attorney, under the justification for consulting with an attorney which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2). The Governing Body, City Administrator, Deputy City Administrator, Assistant City Administrator, and City Attorney would be present. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shelton and passed 11-0.

The open meeting resumed at 8:51 p.m.

At 8:56, Mr. Herring made a motion for the City Council to recess into executive session for a period of 20 minutes for the purpose of discussing an economic development matter with the city attorney, under the justification for consulting with an attorney which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2). The Governing Body, City Administrator, Deputy City Administrator, Assistant City Administrator, and City Attorney would be present. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shelton and passed 11-0. The open meeting resumed at 9:16 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements were included in the Council meeting packet.



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ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Mikkelson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Adam Geffert
City Clerk