



**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PRAIRIE VILLAGE
SEPTEMBER 18, 2023**

The City Council of Prairie Village, Kansas, met in regular session on Monday, September 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, Inga Selders, Ron Nelson, Lauren Wolf, Bonnie Limbird, Dave Robinson, Piper Reimer, Greg Shelton, Courtney McFadden, and Terrence Gallagher. Staff present: Byron Roberson, Chief of Police; Keith Bredehoeft, Director of Public Works; City Attorney David Waters, Spencer Fane LLP; Wes Jordan, City Administrator; Nickie Lee, Deputy City Administrator; Tim Schwartzkopf, Assistant City Administrator; Meghan Buum, Assistant City Administrator; Jason Hannaman, Finance Director; Adam Geffert, City Clerk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Dave Robinson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion, which passed 10-0.

INTRODUCTION OF STUDENTS AND SCOUTS

No students or scouts were present at the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

- Mayor Mikkelson read a proclamation declaring September as National Suicide Prevention Month. Sierra Wright, Manager of Prevention Services for the Johnson County Mental Health Center shared information about the county's efforts to promote awareness of the issue.
- Mayor Mikkelson noted that September 18 - 24 was National Diaper Need Awareness Week, and that a proclamation was included in the meeting agenda packet.
- Chief Roberson read a proclamation declaring September 18 - 22 as National Co-Responder and Crisis Responder Week. Johnson County Co-Responder Deputy Division Director Jessica Murphy, Team Leader Jen Melby and Leawood/Prairie Village Co-Responder Amy Hennes were present to discuss the program.



- Every staff members Tisha Johnson, Donnie Miles, Michael Bloom and David Martin gave a presentation on efforts by the company to improve electric utility services in Prairie Village and provided information about significant improvements and upgrades at the two substations serving the City. They also shared information about new programs to isolate outages and reduce their frequency and duration.

Mayor Mikkelson asked how power restoration was prioritized after an outage. Ms. Johnson stated that issues that were potentially life-threatening, such as a live wire on the ground, were given priority, followed by immediate threats to property. Next, critical infrastructure and large customers, such as hospitals were addressed, followed by areas with the largest outages.

Ms. Limbird asked what Every’s long-term plan was to deliver reliable service to older suburban communities like Prairie Village. Ms. Johnson said that two new programs, known as DEMI-3 and DEMI-6, had been implemented to address and minimize outages more quickly. Ms. Limbird also asked whether there was a plan to bury power lines in the future. Mr. Bloom stated that a pilot study was underway to evaluate what would be required to bury lines, adding that doing so would be costly.

Ms. Selders asked whether trimming vegetation near power lines could be completed more frequently. Mr. Martin said that crews currently trim vegetation on a five-year cycle. He noted that the company was researching potential methods to modify the process for trimming and maintenance.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Pam Justus, Ward 6, and Jan Lane, Ward 1, shared their thoughts on the 2024 budget, petitions, and the community center and city hall projects
- Tom Heintz, Ward 3, and Constance Carlyle, Ward 3, expressed frustration with the sound level of the new pickleball courts at Windsor Park

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Consider approval of special session City Council meeting minutes - September 5, 2023

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, Selders, Nelson, Wolf, Limbird, D. Robinson, Reimer, Shelton, McFadden, Gallagher. The motion passed 10-0.



COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mr. Gallagher stated that the Parks and Recreation Committee had reduced the hours during which pickleball could be played at Windsor Park to 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. to address concerns from residents. Additionally, he noted that the committee would soon begin a sound study to determine methods to reduce the volume level of pickleball games.

Mr. Gallagher also said that the committee would be presenting new park branding and signage guidelines to Council at an upcoming meeting.

- Mr. Dave Robinson thanked those who had participated in the JazzFest event that was held September 9, noting that attendance was among the highest in the event's history.
- Mrs. McFadden reported that a blood drive would be held at Westwood City Hall on September 19 to address a blood shortage in the community.
- Ms. Limbird said that the 2023 State of the Arts exhibit was currently on display at City Hall, and that the call for artists for 2024 exhibits was open.
- Ms. Reimer shared the following updates:
 - The Shawnee Mission School District Board of Education approved its 2023 - 2024 budget
 - The Shawnee Mission Education Foundation held its annual fall breakfast on September 13
 - Applicants for the 2023 - 2024 Youth Council would be introduced at the October 2 Council meeting
 - The United Community Services Substance Use Continuum of Care met with applicants to consider programs to be funded from the alcohol tax fund and opioid settlement dollars
 - The "Go Green" environmental fair, sponsored by the Environmental Committee, would be held on Saturday, September 23
 - A community recycling event would be held on September 30
- Mr. Shelton reported that two members of the Environmental Committee attended the Climate Action KC Summit. He also noted that he had moderated a panel on the adoption of electric vehicles.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- The Mayor stated that he had participated in the following events since the previous Council meeting:
 - Several individual and group meetings with residents



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- A tour of the Great Plains Animal Shelter, used by Police Department animal control staff
- A meeting of the Johnson County / Wyandotte County Mayor's group on September 6
- A meeting of Northeast Johnson County Mayors on September 15
- A Zoom call with the Mayor of Prairie Village's sister city, Dolyna, Ukraine, to celebrate its 1,044 anniversary
- The annual NAACP Freedom Fund banquet on September 17
- The Mayor noted the following upcoming events:
 - A United Community Services board meeting
 - A Mid-America Regional Council board Meeting on September 26
 - A Prairie Village Foundation board meeting on September 26
- The Mayor also shared the following information:
 - The Council would begin reviewing building design guidelines in October, and the Planning Commission would consider changes to R-2, R-3, R-4, and Commercial zoning districts based on feedback from two public forums held earlier in the summer.
 - On September 15, Johnson County District Court Judge Rhonda Mason issued a decision on the three submitted petitions and determined that only the "abandonment" petition could be placed on a ballot. However, the Johnson County Election Official stated that it was too late to add the petition to the November 2023 ballot.

STAFF REPORTS

- Mr. Jordan provided an update on on-going issues with trash and recycling services, noting that staff had recently met with the service provider's local management team to discuss ways to improve performance.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

COU2023-54 Consider purchase request for police vehicles

Chief Roberson said that on an annual basis, the police department replaced older vehicles due to age, mileage, and/or maintenance problems. The department received authorization to place an order for three new police units in March 2023. Since that time, only one of the ordered vehicles had been received. In the past, the department utilized the Mid-America Regional Council's cooperative bidding process to purchase vehicles, but no local vendors opted to participate in the process in 2023.



Staff researched alternatives for replacing the ordered vehicles with options offered by other manufacturers and found that the Chevrolet Tahoe was a commonly used police vehicle that met all needed specifications. Chief Roberson noted that no local dealerships had vehicles available for purchase, but that a Wichita-area dealership did. The purchase price for two vehicles would total \$99,000.00.

Chief Roberson added that electric vehicles were not yet at the point where they could be used by police departments, primarily because police vehicles were often driven 24 hours a day, which prohibited dedicated recharging time.

Council previously approved the purchase of three vehicles as part of the 2023 public safety budget for a total of \$136,746.00. The purchase price of the two Chevrolet Tahoe vehicles would cause an overage of \$7,836.00, which would be absorbed within other areas of the public safety budget.

Mrs. McFadden made a motion to approve the purchase of two 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe vehicles to replace two existing police vehicles. Mr. Gallagher seconded the motion, which passed 10-0.

Mr. Shelton made a motion for the City Council to move to the Council Committee of the Whole portion of the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Selders and passed 10-0.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

COU2023-55 Consider approval of the purchase of a new telephone system and service agreement with Allegiant Technologies

Mr. Schwartzkopf stated that in November 2022, the City contracted with Swartz Consulting to assist with the selection of a new telephone system. An RFP was sent out in March 2023 and the City received six responses. Along with the consultant, a selection team from the City with representatives from all departments reviewed and graded the responses. Two vendors, Allegiant and Towner Communications, were selected to move forward and provided presentations to the City.

Melissa Swartz with Swartz Consulting said that after the presentations, City staff conducted reference checks and had subsequent follow-up meetings. The decision was made to recommend moving forward with Allegiant Technologies, whose final proposal was the most competitive of the vendors. She noted that Allegiant currently serviced the City's phone system and was familiar with its architecture, which would help provide a more seamless transition.



Ms. Swartz added that the Allegiant solution allowed for either on-site equipment or a cloud-based system. The selection team determined that a premise-based solution was preferred due to the needs of the public safety phone system utilized by the 9-1-1 communications center.

Mr. Schwartzkopf said that the quote for hardware, three years of pre-paid support, and transition to the Allegiant data center totaled \$81,230.79. An additional contingency of 10%, or \$8,100.00, was also requested. One-time costs would total no more than \$89,330.79.

The monthly fees include a 500 Mbps fiber connection (\$1,255.84) for access to the new system, Allegiant SIP trunk lines (\$252.50) for the outside dial tone services, and connection to the Allegiant data center for redundancy (\$229.99), totaling approximately \$1,738.33 per month, plus applicable taxes, for telephone services. By comparison, Mr. Schwartzkopf noted that the City currently spent \$3,100.00 per month for a fiber connection and SIP trunks, with no redundancy solution. He added that funding for on-going monthly costs would come from the City's operating budget.

Mr. Dave Robinson proposed that moving to a cloud-based solution was preferable for redundancy purposes and to eliminate maintenance of premise-based equipment. Ms. Swartz stated that it was discovered that connecting the police department's administrative phone line recorder to a cloud-based system would be challenging because of how the recorder was integrated with 9-1-1 equipment. She added that the system could be moved to a cloud-based solution in the future if staff decided to do so.

Mrs. McFadden made a motion to recommend approval of the purchase of a new telephone system and service agreement with Allegiant Technologies for no more than \$89,330.79. Mr. Herring seconded the motion, which passed 10-0.

Mr. Herring moved that the City Council end the Council Committee of the Whole portion of the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Reimer and passed 10-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:40 p.m., Mr. Nelson made the following motion:

"I move that the Governing Body recess into Executive Session for 25 minutes for consultation with an attorney regarding petitions which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship pursuant to KSA 75-4319(b)(2). Present will be the members of the Governing Body, the City Administrator, Deputy City Administrator, Assistant City Administrators, and City Attorney. The regular meeting will resume at 9:05."

Mr. Shelton seconded the motion, which passed 10-0.



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The regular meeting reconvened at 9:05 p.m., at which time Mr. Nelson made the following motion:

“I move that the Governing Body recess into Executive Session for 10 additional minutes for consultation with an attorney regarding petitions which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship pursuant to KSA 75-4319(b)(2). Present will be the members of the Governing Body, the City Administrator, Deputy City Administrator, Assistant City Administrators, and City Attorney. The regular meeting will resume at 9:15.”

Mr. Shelton seconded the motion, which passed 10-0.

The regular meeting reconvened at 9:15 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements were included in the Council meeting packet.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Mikkelson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Adam Geffert
City Clerk