

**COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
CITY OF PRAIRIE VILLAGE
February 22, 2011
7:30 p.m.**

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. ROLL CALL
- IV. RECOGNITION of Dr. Bob Fry of Fry Orthodontic Specialists as a new business
- V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
- VI. CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed below are considered to be routine by the Governing Body and will be enacted by one motion (Roll Call Vote). There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the regular agenda.

By Staff:

- 1. Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes - February 7, 2011
- 2. Approve Claims Ordinance 2880
- 3. Approve recreation contracts with Johnson County Parks and Recreation District for Learn to Swim, Pool Usage and Day Camp
- 4. Approve a Letter of Understanding with Johnson County Human Services and Aging for participation in the 2011 Minor Home Rehabilitation Program

- VII. MAYOR'S REPORT
- VIII. COMMITTEE REPORT

Council Committee of the Whole

COU2011-05 Energy Measures & Geothermal System Project for the municipal complex

COU2011-05 Public Projects Grant award agreement between the Kansas Corporation Commission and the City of Prairie Village

- IX. STAFF REPORTS
- X. OLD BUSINESS
- XI. NEW BUSINESS
- XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS
- XIII. ADJOURNMENT

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If you are unable to attend this meeting, comments may be received by e-mail at cityclerk@pvkansas.com

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PRAIRIE VILLAGE
February 22, 2011**

The City Council of Prairie Village, Kansas, met in regular session on Tuesday, February 22, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Ron Shaffer called the meeting to order and roll call was taken with the following Council members present: Al Herrera, Ruth Hopkins, Steve Noll, Michael Kelly, Andrew Wang, Laura Wassmer, Dale Beckerman, Charles Clark, David Morrison, Diana Ewy Sharp and David Belz.

Also present were: Wes Jordan, Chief of Police; Capt. Tim Schwartzkopf; Bruce McNabb, Director of Public Works; Katie Logan, City Attorney; Quinn Bennion, City Administrator; Dennis Enslinger, Assistant City Administrator; Chris Engel, Assistant to the City Administrator and Joyce Hagen Mundy, City Clerk.

Mayor Shaffer led all those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mayor Shaffer introduced Dr. Bob Fry with Fry Orthodontics who recently opened an office in the Corinth Shopping Center. Dr. Fry expressed his pleasure to be part of the Prairie Village community. Andrew Wang and Diana Ewy Sharp acknowledged Fry Orthodontics support and participation in the city's Tree Lighting event even prior to opening their offices.

Mayor Shaffer recognized a Scout from Troop #284 attending to earn his "Citizenship in the Community" badge and a Shawnee Mission East student attending for her American Government class.

CONSENT AGENDA

Charles Clark moved the approval of the Consent Agenda for February 22, 2011:

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A roll call vote was taken with the following members voting "aye": Herrera, Hopkins, Noll, Kelly, Wang, Wassmer, Beckerman, Clark, Morrison, Ewy Sharp and Belz.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Shaffer reviewed the several activities and events he attended during the past weeks representing the City, including the Johnson County Charter Commission, quarterly meeting with Lane4 representatives, MARC Board meeting and NARC meeting in Washington D.C., Mayor's roundtable discussion at Leadership Northeast Program, northeast Mayors meeting and opening of The Tavern at the Village and artist reception at the Endres Gallery.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COU2011-05 Consider Energy Measures & Geothermal System Project for Municipal Complex

Dennis Enslinger responded to questions raised at the February 7th meeting regarding the grant and possible rescission of grant funds by the Department of Energy.

Staff has secured a letter from the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) indicating that once an agreement is executed, the funds are obligated and the DOE would not be able to rescind the funds. In addition, a question was raised about whether or not the City would be able to receive reimbursement for field wells, if the location of the wells was determined to be unsuitable for a geothermal system. The KCC has indicated that the City would be able to request reimbursement of costs incurred if the well fields were not acceptable.

Diana Ewy Sharp asked what was wrong with the existing HVAC systems in the Municipal Building. Mr. Enslinger responded most of the units are at their life span, the city has experienced several problems with climate control, particularly in the Public Safety Building. The proposed geothermal system would provide better zone coverage, is a system with a much longer lifespan and projected significant energy savings to the City. Mrs. Ewy Sharp questioned replacing a system that is not currently broken. She expressed concerns with predicted budget shortfalls and feels it would not be prudent to invest half a million dollars to replace a system that is working.

Charles Clark noted the anticipated on-going long range savings that would be incurred through the installation of the proposed system. The energy audit conducted indicated that system failure is probable in the future and feels with the availability of the grant funding it would be proactive of the City to move forward with the proposed installation and acceptance of the grant funds.

Diana Ewy Sharp questioned the life expectancy in the current city facilities and thus the proposed long term improvements for buildings that she feels the City has outgrown in some instances. Mr. Clark disagreed noting that the population of the City

has decreased and he feels the existing facilities will continue to be able to meet the needs for city staff.

Ruth Hopkins moved the Governing Body proceed with Option #4 for energy measures & geothermal system project for the municipal complex. The motion was seconded by Dale Beckerman.

Michael Kelly asked if components of the new system could be transferred to a new facility. Mr. Enslinger responded the wells could be reused as well as some of the other components such as ducts and added this system has a longer lifespan and confirmed that if the existing building were expanded, additional wells could be added to the system.

Quinn Bennion stated staff visited geothermal installations in Missouri and received very positive comments from agencies and cities using geothermal systems.

Diana Ewy Sharp asked if staff had a projection on the anticipated budget gap. Quinn Bennion replied staff will receive information on property appraisals later this week from the County, the final installment for 2010 sales tax has not been received so staff cannot project an amount of gap. He noted the City would not be pursuing this installation if it had not received the Energy Grant.

The motion was voted on and passed by a vote of 10 to 1 with Diana Ewy Sharp voting “nay”.

Ruth Hopkins moved the Governing Body authorize the City Administrator to sign the Public Projects Grant Award Agreement between the Kansas Corporation Commission and the City of Prairie Village. The motion was seconded by Dale Beckerman and passed by a vote of 10 to 1 with Diana Ewy Sharp voting “nay”.

STAFF REPORTS

Administration

- Chris Engel reported the next Legislative Breakfast on March 12th will feature PV representative Huntington.
- The State of the County address will be given on March 29th at 11:30.
- The city has received a grant for siren and is exploring the replacement of the civil defense siren at the Pool and Corinth.
- It was reported that after the completion of an audit the Rainbow Mental Health facility is decreasing the number of available beds by 14 leaving only 36 beds available.
- It was incorrectly reported in the newspaper that Rep. Kay Wolf voted against the recent education bill.
- Quinn Bennion stated that based on the acceptance of the energy grant the Finance Committee will need to meet as soon as possible to explore funding options.
- WaterOne has notified the City that the Roe Water tower is now out of service.
- The City has received 45 applications for the Finance Director position. The selection committee will meet to review them later this week.

Public Works

- Bruce McNabb reported the City of Mission has awarded the contract for the Nall Avenue Improvements to Miles Excavating. Construction should begin next week.
- The city will hold a Public Information meeting next Thursday, March 3rd beginning at 7 p.m. in the MPR on the Somerset project.
- Mr. McNabb reported that since the first of the month Public Works crews have filled 1200 potholes.

Public Safety

- Chief Jordan provided additional information on the reduction of beds at Rainbow Mental Health Center and its potential impact on his Department.
- The Second Annual Shawnee Mission East Fun Run will be held Saturday morning February 26th.

OLD BUSINESS

Diana Ewy Sharp confirmed that Police Chief Wes Jordan will be preparing a request for what additional staff he feels is needed and the related costs to achieve more exposure on the streets. Laura Wassmer noted that in the past Chief had had more problems finding candidates than funding positions and asked if this was still a

problem. Michael Kelly asked the cost difference between hiring a certified and non-certified individual.

Chief Jordan responded on a recent search the department received 50 applications, but only 11 persons came to take the required police exam. The department always seeks to hire certified individuals to address the lost time and additional costs related to sending an individual through the police academy. The savings is substantial. Dale Beckerman asked if it would be possible to hire officers on a contract basis as needed.

NEW BUSINESS

Laura Wassmer expressed her concerns during the past several weeks regarding city sidewalks not be cleared and the number of individuals having to walk on streets. She felt this created a serious pedestrian safety problem and asked if the City had any liability in case of injury. She also asked if the City was providing ample communication of the ordinance requiring removal of snow within 24 hours and if that length of time was realistic.

City Attorney Katie Logan explained a tort claim exemption in the state statute for snow and ice conditions. The City has no liability for a weather event.

Dennis Enslinger replied his staff has sent out almost 750 letters to residents in response to complaints. The information is published in the Village Voice and clearly presented on the City's website.

Ruth Hopkins presented the possibility of contracting with individuals, either volunteers or contractors, to clear sidewalks on primary streets.

Laura Wassmer suggested working through homes associations to create snow buddies. She asked Mr. McNabb to provide an estimated cost for the City to clear sidewalks on primary streets.

Dale Beckerman expressed concern with the City identifying specific streets as an issue of equity. He noted that some homes associations in Kansas City, Missouri contracted independently for snow removal. Dennis Enslinger responded that the homes associations are looking to the City to enforce the regulation and ticket non-complying residents. He noted there is also a problem with commercial property owners who in some cases have moved snow from their parking areas on top of sidewalks. The City does send letters to violators, but has not issued any tickets. The City of Lawrence is the city that issues tickets to his knowledge. Some council members stated they would support ticketing commercial property owners. Chief Jordan expressed concern with the issuance of tickets which could turn into warrant status if not addressed.

David Belz noted the amounts of snowfall have been abnormal the past two years, usually the snowfall events have been light and melted within a short time. This may not be a problem next year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee meetings scheduled for the next two weeks include:

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| Environment/Recycle Committee | 02/23/2011 | 7:00 p.m. |
| JazzFest Committee | 02/23/2011 | 7:00 p.m. |
| VillageFest Committee | 02/24/2011 | 7:00 p.m. |
| Board of Zoning Appeals | 03/01/2011 | 6:30 p.m. |
| Planning Commission | 03/01/2011 | 7:00 p.m. |
| Tree Board | 03/02/2011 | 6:00 p.m. |
| Council Committee of the Whole | 03/07/2011 | 6:00 p.m. |
| City Council | 03/07/2011 | 7:30 p.m. |

The Prairie Village Arts Council is pleased to announce a mixed media exhibit by Jon Freeman in the R.G. Endres Gallery for the month of February.

The annual large item pick-up has been scheduled. Homes on 75th Street and north of 75th Street will be collected on Saturday, April 30th. Homes south of 75th Street will be collected on Saturday, May 7th.

The 50th Anniversary books, Prairie Village Our Story, are being sold to the public.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Joyce Hagen Mundy
City Clerk