

**COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
CITY OF PRAIRIE VILLAGE
April 18, 2011
7:30 p.m.**

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. ROLL CALL
- IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
- V. OATH OF OFFICE - MAYOR
- 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 - April 4, 2011
- 2. Approve Claims Ordinance 2882
- 3. Approve the purchase of Royals tickets, parking passes and contracting with Jack Stack Barbecue for the 2011 Annual Employee Appreciation Event.
- 4. Approve the purchase of a 2011 Ford Escape for no more than \$21,500 for the Public Safety Investigations Unit.
- 5. Ratify the Mayor's reappointment of the following City Officials:
 - Quinn Bennion City Administrator
 - Bruce McNabb Director of Public Works
 - Wes Jordan Chief of Police
 - Dennis Enslinger Assistant City Administrator
 - Joyce Hagen Mundy City Clerk
 - Catherine Logan City Attorney
 - Stephen B. Horner Assistant City Attorney
 - M. Bradley Watson Municipal Judge
 - Mary Virginia Clarke Municipal Judge
 - Fielding Norton, Jr. City Treasurer
 - Debra Vermillion City Prosecutor

By Committee:

- 6. Approve Resolution 2011-01 authorizing certain improvements to public buildings of the City of Prairie Village, Kansas, and the issuance of General Obligation Bonds Therefor, all pursuant to K.S.A. 12-1736 ET Seq (Council Committee of the Whole Minutes - April 4, 2011)
- 7. Authorize the use of the Equipment Reserve Fund to finance the purchase of Electronic-Ticketing hardware and software system for a sum not to exceed \$90,000 and authorize the Mayor to execute associated agreements and contracts with Advanced Public Safety, Inc. (Council Committee of the Whole Minutes - April 4, 2011)
- 8. Authorize the use of the Equipment Reserve Fund to finance the purchase of the Incode Court Case Management hardware and software system for a sum not to

exceed \$90,000 and authorize the Mayor to execute associated agreements and contracts with Tyler Technologies (Council Committee of the Whole Minutes - April 4, 2011)

- VII. MAYOR'S REPORT
- VIII. COMMITTEE REPORT
Park and Recreation - Diana Ewy Sharp
- IX. STAFF REPORTS
- X. OLD BUSINESS
- XI. NEW BUSINESS
- XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS
- XIII. ADJOURNMENT

If any individual requires special accommodations – for example, qualified interpreter, large print, reader, hearing assistance – in order to attend the meeting, please notify the City Clerk at 381-6464, Extension 4616, no later than 48 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

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
April 18, 2011**

The City Council of Prairie Village, Kansas, met in regular session on Monday, April 18, 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, Dale Warman, Ruth Hopkins, Steve Noll, Michael Kelly, Andrew Wang, Laura Wassmer, Dale Beckerman, David Morrison, Diana Ewy Sharp and David Belz.

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

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Brian Peters with the JazzFest Committee invited the Council to attend the 2nd annual JazzRee celebration to be held on Friday, April 29th from 7 to 9 p.m. at US Bank. The free event will feature live Jazz music, food, wine and a silent auction.

Devin Knight, a former employee of the City, requested permission to address the City Council. Mayor Shaffer stated public participation is for city related business. Mr. Knight responded that as a former employee his comments were related to City

business, particularly in relation to his termination and subsequent loss of visitation for his child. City Attorney Katie Logan stated that issues related to his child are not city business and are out of order.

Tracie Tiensvold, *9217 Cedar*, said Mr. Knight's concerns should be of concern to the City claiming the City has an officer patrolling the City with a mental disorder which impacts the safety of Prairie Village residents.

No one else addressed the City Council and public participation was closed at 7:40 p.m.

OATH OF OFFICE

City Clerk Joyce Hagen Mundy administered the oath of office to re-elected Mayor Ron Shaffer.

Mayor Shaffer stated he enjoyed talking with residents during his campaign regarding the real issues facing Prairie Village. However, because of the nature of the campaign, he is concerned that the image of Prairie Village has been tarnished. He apologized to Council members who were subject to unfounded accusations during the mayoral campaign.

Mayor Shaffer pledged to work to sustain and rebuild the excellent image and reputation of Prairie Village. He noted this started earlier this evening with the release by the City Administrator of accurate financial information regarding the City. Additional information will be released through the Village Voice and website to spread the word about our special community. Mayor Shaffer thanked his supporters and pledged to do his best to keep Prairie Village the city of choice to live, work and play.

Mayor Shaffer noted an amended agenda has been distributed with the removal of the reappointment of Stephen Horner as Assistant City Attorney. Mr. Horner submitted a letter of resignation to the City earlier in the day.

CONSENT AGENDA

David Morrison asked for item #5 to be removed from the Consent Agenda and Dale Warman asked for item #6 to be removed. Michael Kelly moved the approval of the Consent Agenda for April 18, 2011 without items #5 and #6:

1. Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes - April 4, 2011
2. Approve Claims Ordinance #2882
3. Approve the purchase of Royals tickets, parking passes and contracting with Jack Stack Barbecue for the 2011 Annual Employee Appreciation Event.
4. Approve the purchase of a 2011 Ford Escape from Shawnee Mission Ford at a cost of \$21,500 based on the MACPP Metropolitan Joint Vehicle Bid for the Public Safety Investigations Unit.
5. Removed
6. Removed
7. Authorize the use of the Equipment Reserve Fund to finance the purchase of Electronic-Ticketing hardware and software system for a sum not to exceed \$90,000 and authorize the Mayor to execute associated agreements and contracts with Advance Public Safety, Inc.

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

David Morrison stated he supported the reappointment of the designated officials with the exception of the City Prosecutor. He noted that the Vermillion Law Firm contributed \$500 to the Mayor's election campaign fund. He feels the size of this contribution and subsequent appointment to a city position gives the appearance of impropriety and asked the Mayor to return the campaign contribution to remove any appearance of impropriety.

David Belz confirmed that Ms Vermillion had previously served as City Prosecutor for the City. David Beckerman stated that he has not heard any questions raised on Ms Vermillion's ability to serve in this position.

Ruth Hopkins moved the Governing Body ratify the Mayor's re-appointment of the following City Officials:

Quinn Bennion	City Administrator
Bruce McNabb	Director of Public Works
Wes Jordan	Chief of Police
Dennis Enslinger	Assistant City Administrator
Joyce Hagen Mundy	City Clerk
Catherine Logan	City Attorney
M. Bradley Watson	Municipal Judge
Mary Virginia Clarke	Municipal Judge
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The motion was seconded by Dale Warman.

Diana Ewy Sharp asked the City Attorney if there was any conflict created by the contribution. Katie Logan responded this was a campaign contribution to an election campaign and not a gift to the Mayor. The contribution was appropriately disclosed by Mayor Shaffer's campaign treasurer and does not create any conflict.

Al Herrera added that Mayor Shaffer is not voting on this appointment, that it is an action of the City Council and Mr. Morrison has the ability to vote against the motion. Mr. Morrison replied he would be voting in support of the motion, but felt the contribution should be noted and disclosed.

Mayor Shaffer called for a vote on the motion which passed unanimously.

Dale Warman stated he removed item #6 the approval of the proposed resolution to allow for the proper vote to be recorded as advised by legal counsel.

Ruth Hopkins moved the Governing Body approve Resolution 2011-01 authorizing certain improvements to public buildings of the City of Prairie Village,

Kansas, and the issuance of General Obligation Bonds Therefor, all pursuant to K.S.A. 12-1736 ET Seq. The motion was seconded by Steve Noll.

Diana Ewy Sharp stated she does not feel she has enough information on the Geothermal System to know if this is an appropriate expenditure of funds and feels this matter needs more exploration before making an investment of this magnitude.

Al Herrera stated there are pros and cons to geothermal systems and noted he recently talked with a consultant that he would like to have the Council talk with prior to voting on this.

The motion was voted on and passed by a vote of 8 to 3 with “Herrera, Wassmer and Ewy Sharp” voting in opposition.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Shaffer reported he represented the City at the following events during the past two weeks: Johnson/Wyandotte County Mayors meeting, PV Art reception, NE Johnson County Mayors meeting, Franklin Park rededication, Brighton Gardens 5K & Car Show, Earth Fair and the Johnson County Charter Commission.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Park & Recreation

Diana Ewy Sharp reported that the May 11th meeting of the Park & Recreation Committee will feature a trolley tour of all the City Parks. The meeting will begin at Franklin Park at 5:30 p.m. She invited Council members to join the committee on the tour.

On Friday, April 15th, a rededication of Franklin Park was held to allow Former Mayor Bill Franklin, for whom the park is named, to be in attendance. The event was

very well attended by Mayor Franklin's family, former employees, past and present Park & Recreation Committee members and past/present City Staff, Mayors and Councilmembers. The formal opening celebration for the park will be on Saturday, May 21st from 10 a.m. to noon.

JazzFest

Steve Noll announced plans are moving forward for the 2011 Prairie Village Jazz Festival. As Brian Peters announced earlier, the first fund raising event will be held at US Bank on April 29th followed by the BRGR Luv4 Jazz 5K on Sunday, May 15th.

STAFF REPORTS

Public Safety

- Chief Jordan announced that Police Academy Graduation will be held at the May 2nd Council meeting.
- Chief Jordan dispelled recent rumors and miscommunication of acts of violence and bomb threats at Shawnee Mission East.
- The CIRT team will be demonstrating for the Leadership Northeast Program
- There are three runs scheduled in the City over the next few months - Corinth Dragon run - May 7th, JazzFest run - May 15th and SME Drum Run in May

Public Works

- Bruce McNabb reported that the annual snow report is available from the City's weather service. It lists last winter as the 9th snowiest in history with the previous winter ranking 4th. What made the past year significant was of the 12 events, 4 storms had 6" or more of snow.
- The Somerset Drive project is under construction with an 8' trail. The contractor is doing well, but has had recent weather related delays.
- The City's Arbor Day Celebration will be Saturday, April 30th at Porter Park recognizing the late Jim Hanson.

Diana Ewy Sharp expressed concern with the 8' width of the trail particularly on residential properties going forward and suggested that the Council look at the Parks Master Plan and the proposed trails for a later discussion on the construction of 8' trails. She felt the Plan may need to be amended for residential properties with limited width for the construction of the trail.

Laura Wassmer stated she was comfortable with the 8' trail proposed on Somerset. This will allow for two way traffic, for use by bicycles as well as pedestrians. She noted the entire trail is being constructed on city right-of-way and no private property is being taken. An 8' trail makes sense for connections from City parks to city shopping areas and is totally supportive of moving forward with this project as proposed. However, she did acknowledge that in some other areas of the City this may not be possible.

Dale Beckerman stated for a trail to handle two-way traffic and to meet Federal standards it needed to be at least 8 feet in width. He noted there may be some areas that physically cannot accommodate 8 feet, but he feels the standard should be 8 feet. Mr. Beckerman noted the residents along this trail are not losing any property and the City could, if it wanted, widen the street instead of adding trail.

Dale Warman added the City has a large number of residents walking the trails in the parks and feels the 8 foot width is necessary.

David Belz stated he had not studied the proposed locations for trails throughout the City, but noted he heard the Mayor of Columbia speak at a conference regarding their city's efforts to add bike lanes. It was not an easy process, but the City followed through on its vision and the current residents are happy to have the bike lanes. Mr. Belz stated the Council has to decide what it feels is best for the City now and in the future and move forward.

David Morrison noted that not everyone supported the 8-foot trails and noted in some areas he finds them totally inappropriate.

Mayor Shaffer advised the Council members to get a map of the proposed trails and review it thoroughly for a future discussion. The Committee agreed to proceed with the trail as proposed along Somerset.

Administration

- Dennis Enslinger stated he has trail maps available for the Governing Body.
- Mr. Enslinger reminded the Council of the changed dates for the City's Large Item Pick-up and noted what communication has been done to inform residents of the change in dates.
- April 30th the City will be participating in an E-Recycling event to be held at the Waddell and Reed offices in Roeland Park. He commended the Environment/Recycle Committee for the very successful earth day celebration held on Saturday, April 14th.
- The City will be hosting a meeting with Homes Associations on May 6th at 7:30 p.m. to present how Homes Associations can become part of the City's website. He noted several businesses have already been connected through the City's website.
- Karen Kindle thanked the City Council and Staff for their support while she served as Finance Director for the City and introduced Lisa Santa-Maria who will be replacing her in that position. Ms Santa-Maria introduced herself to the Council providing background and previous work experience noting that she had worked with Karen previously at the City of Overland Park.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to come before the Governing Body.

NEW BUSINESS

Al Herrera asked Public Works to investigate an issue with a WaterOne project in his neighborhood and a driveway that was not restored after the completion of the project.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee meetings scheduled for the next two weeks include:

Arts Council	04/20/2011	7:00 p.m.
Environmental Committee	04/27/2011	7:00 p.m.
JazzFest Committee	04/27/2011	7:00 p.m.
VillageFest Committee	04/28/2011	7:00 p.m.
Council Committee of the Whole	05/02/2011	6:00 p.m.
City Council	05/02/2011	7:30 p.m.

The Prairie Village Arts Council is pleased to announce a water color exhibit by Sarah Bracco & Jeannie McDermott in the R. G. Endres Gallery for the month of April.

The annual large item pick-up has been re-scheduled. Homes on 75th Street and north of 75th Street will be collected on Saturday, May 14th. Homes south of 75th Street will be collected on Saturday, May 21st.

JazzRee - a fundraiser for JazzFest - will be held on Friday, April 29th from 7:00 pm - 9:00 p.m. at US Bank, 6940 Mission Road.

This year's Arbor Day Event will be held April 30th at Porter Park beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Recreation memberships are for sale in the City Clerk's office. The pool opens May 28th for the season.

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 8:20 p.m.

Joyce Hagen Mundy
City Clerk