

**COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
CITY OF PRAIRIE VILLAGE
March 21, 2011
7:30 p.m.**

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. ROLL CALL
- IV. Congressman Kevin Yoder visit
- V. Proclamation recognizing Cleo Simmons for his service to Prairie Village
- VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
- VII. 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 - March 7, 2011
2. Approve Claims Ordinance 2881
3. Approve the purchase of a replacement street sweeper with five year parts and labor service warranty from Key Equipment & Supply Company of Kansas City, KS for \$178,510.00 and the disposal of Asset #1137 by auction
4. Ratify the Mayor's appointment of T. Andrew Gabbert to serve on the Prairie Village Tree Board with terms expiring in April, 2014.
5. Ratify the Mayor's appointment of the following individuals to serve on the 2011 JazzFest Committee:
 - Roderick Atteberry
 - Brian Peters
 - Karen Ecton
 - John R. (Jack) Shearer II
 - Kyle Kristofer VanLanduyt
 - Bob McGowan
 - Donelea Hespe
 - Mary Ann Watkins
 - Walt Vernon
 - Michael Anderson
 - Elise Haas - student representative
6. Authorize the Mayor to execute Proclamations recognizing April 29, 2011 as Arbor Day; the month of April as "Fair Housing Month" and April 10-16, 2011 as "National Crime Victims' Rights Week"

By Committee:

7. Approve the execution of the Marketing Agreement with Utility Services Partners Private Label, Inc. d/b/a Service Line Warranties of America, subject to the approval of the agreement by the City Attorney, with any revenue sharing to be used to reduce the resident cost of the service (Council Committee of the Whole Minutes - March 7, 2011)

VIII. MAYOR'S REPORT

IX. COMMITTEE REPORT

Council Committee of the Whole

Consider revisions to PP930 - Expense Reimbursement - Charles Clark

Consider PP932 - Eligible Expenses and Reimbursement - Charles Clark

**Consider PP931 - Travel Policy (February 22, 2011 - Council Committee of the Whole)
- Charles Clark**

X. STAFF REPORTS

XI. OLD BUSINESS

XII. NEW BUSINESS

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

XIV. 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
March 21, 2011**

The City Council of Prairie Village, Kansas, met in regular session on Monday, March 21, 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, Dale Beckerman, Charles Clark, David Morrison, Diana Ewy Sharp and David Belz.

Also present were: Wes Jordan, Chief of Police; Bruce McNabb, Director of Public Works; Katie Logan, City Attorney; Quinn Bennion, 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.

Congressman Kevin Yoder

Mayor welcomed Congressman Kevin Yoder who addressed the Council and shared some of his experiences in Washington, D.C. and the issues that are before the Congress. Congressman Yoder stated he welcomed input from Prairie Village residents and leaders at any time and shared several ways that he could be contacted.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Ron Shaffer presentation of Proclamation to Cleo Simmonds honoring him for his ten years of service on the Sister City Committee and his significant role in the establishment of a Sister City relationship with Dolyna, Ukraine. Mayor Shaffer noted

that the City of Dolyna had also prepared a proclamation honoring Cleo and both proclamations were read.

NEW BUSINESS RECOGNITION

Mayor Ron Shaffer recognized Kelly Manning, owner of “The Tavern” in the Village which opened three weeks ago in the Prairie Village Shopping Center. Mr. Manning stated he was pleased to be in Prairie Village and noted the restaurant has been well received by residents. He invited those present to visit “The Tavern”.

Diana Ewy Sharp noted “The Tavern” has created an exclusive blend of coffee for Prairie Village. Mr. Manning stated the blend would be available for purchase at Hen House soon.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Jori Nelson, 4802 West 69th Terrace, addressed the Council regarding what she considers extravagant and shocking spending that has been done by some members of the City Council and the Mayor with regards to the travel and conference budget. Ms Nelson stated her comments are not political and that her investigation started from a challenge posted on a Prairie Village Blog.

Ms Nelson stated over \$300,000 was spent in the last ten years. She said that the City only retains receipts for five years, some of the records she received were not as detailed as she had hoped and raised many questions. Ms. Nelson shared some of her findings and in particular questioned the spending of money on national conferences, as reflected by the choice of hotels, transportation and meal expenditure. She also noted that some of the Council members travelled extensively, while others did not travel.

Ms Nelson contacted other area cities and considered the spending by the City of Prairie Village to be excessive in comparison. Ms Nelson expressed concern with the spending, noting the increased property and sales taxes affecting Prairie Village residents as well as the proposed cuts being made to education.

Ms Nelson stated she felt the new travel policy on the Council's agenda this evening should include appointed and elected officials as well as city staff. Retaining the existing reimbursement policy does nothing to address the out of control spending by elected and appointed officials. She does not feel staying in five star hotels and upscale dining to be reasonable expenditures, especially in these difficult economic times. She questioned if the value of the education and benefits received from these conferences were truly worth the price the citizens of Prairie Village are paying for their council representatives to attend.

Jori Nelson stated that she feels some individuals have lost sight of what it means to be public servants, volunteers and acknowledged the pillar of our community who should be leading by example.

Mayor Shaffer acknowledged Ms Nelson's comments thanking her for bringing these issues to the forefront, and stated they will be examined and addressed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Charles Clark moved the approval of the Consent Agenda for March 21, 2011:

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A roll call vote was taken with the following members voting "aye": Herrera, Warman, Hopkins, Noll, Kelly, Wang, 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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Committee of the Whole

COU2011-06 Consider revisions to Personnel Policy 930 entitled "Expense Reimbursement" and a new Personnel Policy #932 entitled "Eligible Expenses and Reimbursement"

On behalf of the Council Committee of the Whole, Charles Clark moved the Governing Body approve Personnel Policy #930 entitled "Expense Reimbursement" as written. The motion was seconded by Dale Beckerman and passed unanimously.

On behalf of the Council Committee of the Whole, Charles Clark moved the Governing Body approve Personnel Policy #932 entitled “Eligible Expenses and Reimbursement” as written. The motion was seconded by Dale Beckerman and passed unanimously.

On behalf of the Council Committee of the Whole, Charles Clark moved the Governing Body approve Personnel Policy #931 entitled “Travel Policy” as written. The motion was seconded by Dale Beckerman and passed unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

Mayor Shaffer stated staff reports were given at the earlier Council Committee of the Whole meeting for Public Safety and Public Works.

Administration

- Chris Engel reminded Council of the Legislative Breakfast on Saturday, March 26th
- Quinn Bennion reported that the City has been informed by WaterOne that the Roe water tower located in McCrum Park will be dismantled this fall. The Park will be closed for a week or two during the dismantling and WaterOne will restore the property to grass once the removal is complete. As more information becomes available it will be placed on the City’s website.

OLD BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

Al Herrera stated he has always answered any questions from the press. He does not feel the comments made earlier were not political and is very disturbed with how the tone of the Mayoral campaign is changing and involving Council members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee meetings scheduled for the next two weeks include:

Environment/Recycle Committee	03/23/2011	7:00 p.m.
JazzFest	03/23/2011	7:00 p.m.
VillageFest Committee	03/24/2011	7:00 p.m.
Council Committee of the Whole	04/04/2011	6:00 p.m.
City Council	04/04/2011	7:30 p.m.

The Prairie Village Arts Council is pleased to announce a 3 dimensional exhibit by Ted Denton in the R. G. Endres Gallery for the month of March.

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.

The City Clerk's office is accepting enrollments for Warm Up for Tennis and private tennis lessons with the new tennis coach, Tracy Cooper. Other recreation enrollments and pool membership sales will begin April 1st. Warm Up for Tennis and Cardio Tennis have been added this year.

The 10th Annual Earth Fair will be Saturday, April 16th from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at Shawnee Mission East High School.

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.

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 8:25 p.m.

Joyce Hagen Mundy
City Clerk