

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PRAIRIE VILLAGE
March 4, 2013**

The City Council of Prairie Village, Kansas, met in regular session on Monday, March 4, 2013, 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: Ashley Weaver, Ruth Hopkins, Steve Noll, Michael Kelly, Andrew Wang, Laura Wassmer, Brooke Morehead, Charles Clark, David Morrison, Ted Odell and David Belz.

Also present were: Wes Jordan, Chief of Police; Keith Bredehoeft, Interim Public Works Director; Katie Logan, City Attorney; Quinn Bennion, City Administrator; Dennis Enslinger, Assistant City Administrator; Lisa Santa Maria, Finance Director; Nic Sanders, Human Resources Specialist and Joyce Hagen Mundy, City Clerk.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mayor Shaffer acknowledged the presence of a Boy Scout present to satisfy a badge requirement for his Eagle Scout. With no one to address the Council Public Participation was closed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Brooke Morehead asked for the removal of item #3. Charles Clark moved the approval of the Consent Agenda for March 4, 2013 as amended:

1. Approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes - February 19, 2013

2. Approve Claims Ordinance 2903
3. Removed
4. Approve the allocation of \$26,708 from the Equipment Reserve Fund to pay for an upgrade to the school zone beacon system
5. Authorize the Mayor to sign the construction contract with Wm White & Sons Construction Co. for Project CONC2013: 2013 Concrete Repair Program in the amount of \$730,000
6. Authorize the Mayor to sign the construction contract with Vance Brothers, Inc. for Project P5000: 2013 Crack Seal/MicroSurfacing Program in the amount of \$289,000

A roll call vote was taken with the following members voting “aye”: Weaver, Hopkins, Noll, Kelly, Wang, Wassmer, Morehead, Morrison, Clark, Odell and Belz.

Brooke Morehead noted that since the Council will be considering further future community programs and events that action on this item be delayed. She also questioned why the contract was made out to Phil Jay and not Phil Jay Productions. Katie Logan responded that Phil Jay is doing the work and the contract is acceptable as written. Quinn Bennion noted it is customary to enter into agreements for holiday functions this early in the year. Brooke Morehead noted the contract is for 2013 and would not be impacted by action taken on future budget funding.

Charles Clark moved the City Council approve the agreement with Phil Jay for music and emcee services at the Mayor’s Holiday Party on December 13, 2013 at a cost of \$625.00. The motion was seconded by Laura Wassmer and passed unanimously.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Shaffer noted that many of his events over the past two weeks were cancelled due to weather; however, he did attend the following grand opening for the new birthing center at Shawnee Mission Medical Center and a United Community Services Board meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Community Center Feasibility Study Committee

David Belz reported on January 22nd the City Council heard a presentation of the findings of 360 Architecture on the feasibility of the City of Prairie Village constructing a Community Center.

As background information, the agenda form included the following information: 360 Architecture was selected in 2010 to conduct the study on behalf of the City in conjunction with the Shawnee Mission School District and Johnson County Park & Recreation District. The \$56,000 cost for the study was funded 66% by the City with the school and park district funding the remaining 34%. As part of the feasibility study a market analysis and citizen survey were conducted to determine overall interest in a community center-type facility, desired program elements and what the respondents would be willing to support financially. The feasibility study proposed three options for a facility located at Harmon Park adjacent to the Prairie Village Pool. Option One provides for the construction of a community center and natatorium with an indoor 50 meter natatorium pool with an estimated construction cost of \$43,890,000 and yearly operational costs of \$3,033,000. Option Two provides for the construction of a community center and natatorium pool with an indoor 25 meter x 25 yard natatorium pool with an estimated construction cost of \$41,849,000 and yearly operational costs of \$2,821,000. Option Three provides for the construction of a community center with an estimated construction cost of \$5,122,000 and yearly operational costs of \$710,000.

Mr. Belz stated this study was requested by the residents to further explore a possible joint partnership between the city and other entities for the construction and operation of a community center. The study has been completed and no significant financial partner has come forward to enable action. Therefore, David Belz moved the City Council accept the

community center feasibility study prepared by 360 Architecture and if at a future date partners come forward with significant financial assets the City Council will reconsider the study for possible action. The motion was seconded by Steve Noll.

Michael Kelly asked if the motion precluded the city from engaging with people regarding partnering. Mr. Belz replied that had already been done.

Laura Wassmer stated she wants the motion to be very clear that the City is not going forward unless there is a significant financial partner identified. Ruth Hopkins agreed with Ms Wassmer and noted the study and committee was reinstated because of the identification of possible partners. She does not feel such language needs to be included in the motion.

David Belz stated he felt the motion needs to address what the city will do with the study; however he was open to amending the motion.

Laura Wassmer would like the motion to state that the city has decided due to the cost estimates that it is not moving forward with the construction of a new community center.

David Belz amended his motion to state the City Council accept the Community Center Feasibility Study prepared by 360 Architecture, but not pursue any of the options presented. The amended motion was accepted by seconder Steve Noll and passed by a unanimous vote.

Environment/Recycle Committee

Ruth Hopkins reported that the Environment/Recycle Committee is recommending participation in “Earth Hour” on Saturday, March 23rd beginning at 8:30 p.m. The event is designed to encourage participants to live more sustainable lives by not using electricity for one hour during “Earth Hour”.

Ruth Hopkins moved the City Council support the Environment/Recycle Committee’s recommended participation in “Earth Hour”. The motion was seconded by David Morrison and passed.

STAFF REPORTS

Public Works

- Keith Bredehoeft reported on the recent snow events. He noted crews encountered trouble with traffic during the first storm which occurred during the day as well as with the volume of snow that fell within a short time frame. This required multiple passes on the main arterial streets delaying service to resident streets and cul-de-sacs.
- Crews were better able to respond to the second storm which began in the evening and had significantly less traffic on the roadways. However, the amount of snow was significant, especially in view of what had been received earlier. The snow was heavy and also caused significant tree damage and power outages within the City.
- Storm debris can be dropped off in Porter Park for the next two weeks. Crews will work to transport and remove the debris.

Council members asked about the street priority listing and how it was determined and if Public Works had communication with KCP&L regarding outage areas. Mr. Bredehoeft responded they did not have direct communication with KCP&L. Dennis Enslinger responded KCP&L has a general map which identifies outage areas by zip code, but it doesn't give specific streets. He noted that these areas were identified by calls to the City and face book communication. Once the information was received it was forwarded to crews and these areas received priority.

Council members expressed concern with the height of some of the snow piles, particularly at intersections creating blind spots. Mr. Bredehoeft replied crews have removed snow from some of the identified higher areas, but acknowledged the limitations on where the excessive amount of snow can be placed. It was noted the two heavy snowfalls in close proximity were not typical and did max out the city's resources. He will have a full report on the cost and the impact of the snow events at the next Council meeting.

Quinn Bennion noted that City Hall was open for all but an hour and a half during the snow events. He expressed appreciation to staff for their extra efforts during these events. Mayor Shaffer echoed his thanks and appreciation to the city staff, particularly the public works crews.

Public Safety

- Chief Jordan reported on the storm response and noted that dispatch received a high volume of calls regarding the power outages. He reported their storm response was improved with the all-wheel drive vehicles officers were able to assist residents and safely travel during the storm.
- Chief noted earlier updates provided to the Council via e-mail.

Administration

- Dennis Enslinger responded to earlier questions regarding the city's snow removal policies. He noted his staff had made over 40 calls to commercial properties to clear snow. There have been 23 letters sent to residents to clear sidewalks based on complaints received. Mr. Enslinger reviewed the process followed, but noted the difficulties encountered in enforcing the policy and sought direction from the Council. He noted Kansas City, Missouri and Lawrence have instituted fines for failure to clear sidewalks. There was some interest in a fine schedule, but no vote was taken.

- Mr. Enslinger reported that staff will be meeting with KCP&L to discuss better coordination of information during storm events and outages. He noted the city's face book account worked very well for residents to communicate with the city and acknowledged Jeanne Koontz' response to residents via Face book.
- He will also be meeting with Deffenbaugh representatives regarding their response to the snow events noting their inconsistent and late actions taken.
- The next Legislative Breakfast will be Saturday, March 9th at 7:30 a.m. Representative Barbara Bollier will be speaking.
- Mr. Enslinger referenced a legislative update e-mailed to Council members earlier in the day.
- Lisa Santa Maria reported that she is currently working on preparations for the 2012 audit and the 2014 budget. She announced the city will be using an on-line budget simulator for the public to participate in budget suggestions and priorities.
- Quinn Bennion reported on the recent launch of the NotifyJoCo system that is being used by the county and six area cities. He encouraged individuals to register for notifications.
- RFP's for a search firm to conduct the Public Works Director search have been sent out.
- Staff is currently interviewing candidates for the Assistant to the City Administrator position.
- Mr. Bennion reported that he will be out of the office from Friday to next Wednesday at the National League of Cities Conference in Washington, D.C.

OLD BUSINESS

Consider Final Plat for Prairie Village Shopping Center

Dennis Enslinger asked the City Council to continue action on this item to the next City Council meeting. He noted he anticipates the item will be withdrawn before that time, noting the applicant has been unable to come to an agreement with the other property owners and will be resubmitting the plat to the Planning Commission to include only those areas owned by the PV Retail Partnership. They will not be vacating the easement but will enter into an agreement with the City to maintain Prairie Lane.

Charles Clark moved to continue action on this item to the March 18, 2013 City Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Laura Wassmer and passed unanimously.

Ruth Hopkins reported that she participated in a conference call with the White House last Friday through her involvement in the National League of Cities.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business to come before the City Council.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Insurance Committee	03/05/2013	3:00 p.m.
Planning Commission	03/05/2013	7:00 p.m.
Tree Board	03/06/2013	6:00 p.m.
JazzFest Committee	03/07/2013	6:30 p.m.
Sister City Committee	03/11/2013	7:00 p.m.
Parks & Recreation Committee	03/13/2013	7:00 p.m.
Council Committee of the Whole	03/18/2013	6:00 p.m.
City Council	03/18/2013	7:30 p.m.

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The Prairie Village Arts Council is pleased to announce a mixed media exhibit by Jere Hanney in the R. G. Endres Gallery for the month of March. The reception will be held on March 8th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Shaffer announced two upcoming ribbon cuttings for new city businesses: March 5th at 4 p.m. for College Nannies and Tutors at 4617 West 90th Street and March 14th at 4:30 p.m. for Awaken Higher Brain Living at 4200 Somerset Drive, Suite #237.

Recreation sales begin April 1st.

Storm Debris/limb Drop-off at Porter Park from March 1st - March 17th.

The annual large item pick-up has been scheduled. Homes on 75th Street and north of 75th Street will be collected on Saturday, April 13th. Homes south of 75th Street will be collected on Saturday, April 20th.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Joyce Hagen Mundy
City Clerk