

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PRAIRIE VILLAGE
August 5, 2013**

The City Council of Prairie Village, Kansas, met in regular session on Monday, August 5, 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, Dale Warman, Ruth Hopkins, Steve Noll, Michael Kelly, Andrew Wang, Laura Wassmer, Brooke Morehead, Charles Clark, David Morrison and Ted Odell.

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

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Adoption of the 2014 Budget for the City of Prairie Village

Finance Director Lisa Santa Maria reviewed the process followed in the preparation of the City's 2014 budget. The proposed budget of \$28,896,223 reflects the following goals: 1) maintain high quality services and programs, 2) maintain quality streets, parks and infrastructure, 3) continue strong financial condition, 4) maintain AAA

bond rating, 5) increase financial transparency and 6) Increase citizen participation in budget issues.

The 2014 budget is balanced with the existing mill levy rate of 19.478 and maintains the same level of services with enhancements to 1) park funding and more park/green space; 2) address Emerald Ash Borer infestation and 3) rental licensing home program and home ownership initiatives. There is a nominal overall increase in the 2014 General Fund department budgets of 0.91%. Staffing levels will remain the same. \$65,000 has been added for a position related to rental licensing home program and home ownership initiatives.

The stormwater utility fee rate remains at the current rate of \$0.040/square foot of impervious area. The annual household assessment for Solid Waste Management services has increased from \$158.52 to \$174.00, which is less than the 2012 assessment. A 10% increase for health insurance has been budgeted as well as a 9.84% increase in the city's required contribution to KPERS and a three percent employee merit pool. The anticipated ending fund balance is 25% with a general contingency fund of \$500,000.

The 2014 budget includes a transfer of \$2.5 million from the General Fund to the Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The total CIP budget for 2014 is \$6,907,094.

Mayor Shaffer opened the public hearing for comments. No one was present to address the Council on the proposed 2014 budget. Mayor Shaffer closed the public hearing at 7:41 p.m.

Resident Chuck Dehner asked where the CID agreements were reflected in the proposed budget. Mrs. Santa Maria stated they are not reflected in the budget but are addressed in the audit.

Dale Warman moved the Governing Body adopt the 2014 budget as certified in the amount of \$28,896,223 with ad valorem tax in the amount of \$5,556,292 and adopt Ordinance No. 2277 attesting to an increase in the property tax dollars levied in the General Fund in excess of the amount allowed by state formula. The motion was seconded by Ruth Hopkins.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Chuck Dehner, 4201 West 68th Terrace, spoke again in protest to the giveaway of taxpayer dollars under the CID. He is particularly opposed to the CID paying Lane4 and for improvements to Johnny’s which is not included in the CID agreement. He was surprised that the CID bonds were not reflected in the city’s budget as it represents a huge potential liability for the City.

Mr. Dehner referenced campaign contributions received by Mayor Shaffer and stated that he has tainted views and should not be allowed to vote on upcoming issues. He also expressed concern and disappointment with the Mayor’s appointments to the City Council and Planning Commission noting Nancy Wallerstein as an example. Mr. Dehner noted the unkept appearance of the Village Shops looks like Kansas City, MO and feels that the owners should not be receiving taxpayer dollars. He criticized the process for the drive-thru approval at the old Waid’s site again noting the applicant’s false statements that Starbucks was moving into the location.

Mayor Shaffer acknowledged the presence of State Representative Barbara Bollier and a boy scout in attendance at the meeting.

With no one else to address the Council Public Participation was closed at 7:47 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Dale Warman moved the approval of the Consent Agenda for August 5, 2013:

1. Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes - July 15, 2013
2. Approve Claims Ordinance #2907
3. Authorize the Mayor to execute the following proclamations: Relay for Life Day of Prairie Village - August 24, 2013 and SME Class of 1963 - 50th Year Reunion Week - October 7 - 13, 2013
4. Approve the purchase of a replacement dump truck from Diamond International Truck of Kansas City in the amount of \$81,233.00 and the disposal of Asset #827 by auction
5. Approve the purchase of a replacement pickup truck from Shawnee Mission Ford at a cost of \$27,483.00 and the disposal of Asset #1108 by auction
6. Approve the replacement of a Vermeer Wood Chipper from Vermeer - Olathe at a cost of \$42,864.15 and the disposal of Asset #1301 by auction
7. Confirm the appointments of Paul Middleton and Bill Benson to the Neighborhood Conservation Overlay District Appeals Committee representing the Countryside East Homes Association.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Shaffer reported he represented the City at several events during the past weeks including the MARC Committee for Aging Conference; Kansas City Chamber luncheon; Northeast Johnson County Mayors' meeting and Memorial Services for the former Mission Chief of Police. He noted the recent PVPD Special Olympics golf tourney which Chief Jordan noted was successful.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Committee of the Whole

COU2013-24 Consideration of a network services and Cooperation Agreement and related agreements with Google Fiber Kansas, LLC

Mayor Shaffer acknowledged the presence of Rachel Hack, Google Community Manager and Michael Orlowski with Polsinelli Shughart representing Google at the meeting. Ms Hack stated that Google is excited to be able to expand into Prairie Village and although there is no anticipated date for service to be offered, she noted that once an agreement is signed they immediately begin work on the network design.

On behalf of the Council Committee of the Whole, Council President Dale Warman moved the City Council approved the Network Cooperation and Services Agreement (“NSA”) between the City of Prairie Village and Google Fiber Kansas, LLC. The motion was seconded by David Morrison.

Laura Wassmer stated that she is excited to have Google coming to Prairie Village; however, she is disappointed in the business practices. The “our way or the highway” approach doesn’t sit well with her personally and has dampened her personal enthusiasm.

Ruth Hopkins agreed with Ms. Wassmer and stated that she hoped as Google is going forward they would be more open to an actual dialogue rather than mandates.

Ted Odell noted that there will be a lot of Prairie Village residents that will be very excited about Google. Ms. Hack stated that was reflected in the number of petition signatures they received from Prairie Village desiring coverage.

The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

COU2013-25 Consider authorization of the use of \$5,000 in Contingency Funds for Contract Service - Weed and Grass Abatement

On behalf of the Council Committee of the Whole, Council President Dale Warman moved the City Council authorize the use of \$5,000 from the Contingency Fund

for Contract Services - Weed and Grass Abatement. The motion was seconded by Laura Wassmer and passed unanimously.

COU2013-26 Consider Bid Award for Highway Rock Salt

On behalf of the Council Committee of the Whole, Council President Dale Warman moved the City Council approve the bid from Central Salt for Highway Rock Salt at a cost of \$52.40 per ton delivered and Enhanced Salt at a cost of \$69.09 per ton delivered. The motion was seconded by Steve Noll and passed unanimously.

Communications Committee

Consider Approval of Website Upgrade and Homepage Redesign

Quinn Bennion stated the City's website provider was selected as Vision Internet Content Management System (CMS) in 2010. The website was redesigned by MMG Worldwide (a Kansas City marketing firm). The upgraded website with redesign was launched in January 2011. The CMS enables staff to more efficiently update the website, send e-notifications to subscribers, maintain project pages and communicate more effectively with residents.

The City website receives 10,000 unique visitors per month. Use continues to increase as more services, projects and information are added such as paying citations online. City staff frequently receives positive comments on the City website including ease of navigation and information available.

Since the website upgrade, Vision Internet has made significant upgrades to their CMS and presented these changes to staff. Staff requested a proposal from Vision Internet for upgrading to CMS 6 and for homepage redesign services. The significant

cost is associated with the upgrade to the CMS 6 system. This is a one-time upgrade with all future components and CMS versions included.

The Communications Committee reviewed the proposal at their June 26th meeting. Their major concerns were funding, usability for residents and reducing staff time. Mr. Bennion stated that \$40,000 was budgeted in 2013 for the enhancements and \$18,181 is available in the Equipment Reserve Fund for this project and \$10,000 in the Economic Development Fund.

Dale Warman moved the City Council approve the proposal from Vision Internet for an upgrade to Vision CMS 6, Graphic Design Services and Responsive Design and Wireframe Services in the amount of \$28,181. The motion was seconded by David Morrison.

Michael Kelly stated he was shocked that two years after a significant investment in the city's website another \$28,000 is being requested for additional enhancements.

Andrew Wang asked what the upgrades included. Quinn Bennion responded the new features of Vision CMS 6 include the page template builder, audio & video embedding, drag and drop image and file uploading, widget based layout options, new form builder, in-page content editing. The upgrade would also include a redesign of the homepage and responsive design for mobile and tablet devices. Mr. Bennion noted these improvements would also be available to homes associations who have pages on the city's website. The proposal also includes any future updates of Vision CMS at no cost to the City. Mr. Wang confirmed these updates would allow the city to do more with the website in-house, rather than requiring outside assistance.

Ted Odell asked if the City went out for bid. Mr. Bennion responded the city initially bid these services with a thorough process and this update proposal is from the

city's current service provider. Mr. Odell questioned the funding from the Economic Development Fund.

Mr. Bennion replied the purpose of the economic development fund is to attract businesses and residents to the City. The website is frequently used by both perspective businesses and residents. He noted the connection with the chamber that allows businesses to see available properties for lease.

Laura Wassmer asked if this would be the last large update or if the city would be making more changes. Mr. Bennion replied that the cost of future updates is included in this proposal as long as Vision is the provider.

Michael Kelly stated that provision sounds like a sales gimmick and noted the city currently has a CMS system. He feels this should have come through the Council Committee of the Whole and not only the Communications Committee.

Ruth Hopkins stated the City would be very foolish not to keep its website viable. It is definitely a viable tool for economic development.

Laura Wassmer asked how long this company has been in business. Dennis Enslinger responded 17 years.

Michael Kelly stated he felt the City's current web was not in need of updating. He felt it was already better than 90% of other city's websites. Quinn Bennion agreed that the City has taken significant steps to improve the website and its communication with residents through the website. Staff wants to keep it viable and progressive.

The motion was voted on and defeated by a vote of 5 to 6.

Laura Wassmer stated she would be more comfortable discussing this in greater detail in committee. David Morrison suggested that a representative of the company be at that meeting.

JazzFest Committee

Brooke Morehead reminded the Council of the September 7th Jazz Festival. She noted the committee would be holding a sponsor appreciation event this Thursday, August 8th from 5 to 7 at UMB Bank in Prairie Village.

STAFF REPORTS

Mayor Shaffer stated that Staff Reports were given at the earlier Council Committee of the Whole meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee meetings scheduled for the next two weeks include:

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| Board of Zoning Appeals | 08/06/2013 | 6:30 p.m. |
| Planning Commission | 08/06/2013 | 7:00 p.m. |
| JazzFest Committee | 08/07/2013 | 7:00 p.m. |
| Sister City Committee | 08/12/2013 | 7:00 p.m. |
| Communications Committee | 08/13/2013 | 5:30 p.m. |
| Parks & Recreation Committee | 08/14/2013 | 7:00 p.m. |
| Council Committee of the Whole | 08/19/2013 | 6:00 p.m. |
| City Council | 08/19/2013 | 7:30 p.m. |

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The Prairie Village Arts Council is pleased to announce a mixed media exhibit by the Olathe Visual Artists in the R. G. Endres Gallery for the month of August. The artist reception will be held on August 9th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Recreation memberships are on sale in the City Clerk's Office; pool memberships are half off, excluding the SuperPass and 10 Swim Cards, The next Moonlight Swim will be Friday, August 2, with the pool complex remaining open until 10:00 p.m.

Beginning Monday, August 12, the pool will open at 4:30 p.m. on weekdays. Weekend hours will remain the same. The pool closes for the season on Monday, September 2nd.

The city offices will be closed Monday, September 2nd in observance of the Labor Day holiday. Deffenbaugh also observes this holiday so trash and recycling will be delayed one day.

The Prairie Village Jazz Festival is Saturday, September 7th from 3:00 to 11:00 p.m. in Harmon Park.

Flu shots will be offered for Council Members on September 25th from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at Public Works from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room. The fee for the shot will be \$25. Please notify Nic Sanders at 913-385-4664 if you plan to receive a shot.

Dale Warman announced the Ground Breaking on August 12th at 4 p.m. for Mission's Gateway project. The new superintendent for the Shawnee Mission School District will be the speaker at the August 15th Chamber Lunch.

Relay for Life will be held on Saturday, August 24th at Franklin Park

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:17 p.m.

Joyce Hagen Mundy
City Clerk