

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PRAIRIE VILLAGE
November 18, 2013**

The City Council of Prairie Village, Kansas, met in regular session on Monday, November 18, 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, Laura Wassmer, Brooke Morehead, Charles Clark, Ted Odell and David Belz.

Also present were: Captain Tim Schwartzkopf; Keith Bredehoeft, Director of Public Works; Katie Logan, City Attorney; Quinn Bennion, City Administrator; Lisa Santa Maria, Finance Director; Danielle Dulin, Assistant to the City Administrator and Joyce Hagen Mundy, City Clerk.

Mayor Shaffer led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

David Morrison, 9021 Delmar, expressed his opposition to paying city council members for their service. He stated that serving on the City Council is about public service and paraphrased John F. Kennedy's challenge to "Ask not what your ~~country~~ City can do, ask what you can do for your ~~country~~ City." He stated that "If and when I return to the Council, I will work to ensure council members do not receive any remuneration".

Mayor Shaffer acknowledged a boy scout from Troop 522 who was attending to earn his final merit badge before receiving his Eagle.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ted Odell asked that item #9 be removed from the Consent Agenda. Charles Clark moved the approval of the Consent Agenda for Monday, November 4, 2013 without item #9:

1. Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes - November 4, 2013
2. Approve Claims Ordinance 2911
3. Approve the issuance of Cereal Malt Beverage Licenses for 2014 to the following businesses:
Four B Corp - Hen House 22 located at 4050 West 83rd Street
Four B Corp - Hen House 28 located at 6950 Mission Road
Hy-Vee Inc - Store located at 7620 State Line Road
Walgreen Co - Store #13032 located at 4016 West 95th Street
4. Ratify the Mayor's appointment of Lindsay Ridder to the Arts Council to complete an unexpired term expiring in April, 2014
5. Ratify the Mayor's appointment of Benjamin Washburn to the Communications Committee to complete an unexpired term expiring in April, 2016
6. Ratify the Mayor's appointment of Marianne Noll and City Clark as Co-chairs of the 2014 VillageFest Committee
7. Approve the recommendations of the Drug and Alcoholism Council of Johnson County contained in the United Community Services Fund Recommendations Report and approve a contribution to UCS of \$15,000 from the 2014 Parks & Community Programs Budget
8. Approve the recommendations of the United Community Services Grant Review Committee contained in the 2014 Human Services Fund Recommendation Report and approve a contribution to UCS of \$6,825 from the 2014 Parks & Community Programs Budget.
9. Removed
10. Approve the 2014 Recreation Fee Schedule
11. Approve the amendments to Council Policy 055 - Investment Policy for City Retirement Funds
12. Approve the restatement of the City's Police Pension Plan
13. Authorize the Mayor to execute a proclamation commemorating the 100th Birthday of Prairie Village resident Maxine Renz

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

Mr. Odell asked for additional information on the scope of the project and other bid results. Captain Schwartzkopf responded the project includes painting the entire

Public Safety area with the special consideration to the chair rails and trim around all the doors on both sides.

Laura Wassmer asked if the bids were close. There were three bids and the lowest two were very close.

Ted Odell moved the City Council approve the bid from Platinum Painting in the amount of \$37,260 for painting the interior of the Police Department facility. The motion was seconded by Ruth Hopkins and passed unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Shaffer reported on activities representing the City during the past two weeks including the following: Johnson/Wyandotte County Mayors' meeting on November 6th hosted by Prairie Village with area legislative representatives; Prairie Fields Homes Association Dinner; KCADC Annual Dinner; Medal Ceremony at Prairie Village resident Bob Lindeblad' home where his 95 year old father received his WW2 medals from Congressman Yoder; Northeast Johnson County Mayors' meeting; Jackson County State of the County address and a Board of Directors meeting of the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce board.

Consider confirmation of appointment of Assistant City Administrator

Quinn Bennion summarized the search process for the selection of an Assistant City Administrator. Over 150 applications were received for the position, eleven candidates were interviewed via telephone with three finalist interviewed by a selection committee of three council members (Weaver, Hopkins, Noll, Chris Engel and himself. This is a Mayor appointed position with ratification by the City Council.

Mayor Shaffer announced the selection of the committee and his appointment of Katherine Gunja for the position of Assistant City Administrator. Ms. Gunja thanked the Mayor and the selection committee. She is excited about the opportunity to work for the City of Prairie Village.

Laura Wassmer moved the City Council ratify the Mayor's appointment of Katherine Gunja to serve as Assistant City Administrator for the City of Prairie Village. The motion was seconded by Steve Noll and passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Committee of the Whole

COU2013-43 Consider Ordinance amending the licensing requirements for Security Licenses and agent licenses

On behalf of the Council Committee of the Whole, Charles Clark moved the Governing Body adopt Ordinance 2297 amending Chapter V of the Prairie Village Municipal Code entitled "Business Regulations" by amending Article 4 entitled "Security Police Licenses and License Agents" by amending Sections 5-401 entitled "Definitions" and Section 5-407 entitled "Certification of Agent Qualifications". The motion was seconded by Steve Noll and passed unanimously.

Planning Commission

PC2013-08 Consider request for rezoning of 3101 West 75th Street from R-1a (Single Family Residential District) to RP-1b (Planned Single Family Residential District) and approval of Preliminary Development Plans

Ron Williamson stated the Governing Body considered the recommendation of the Planning Commission on this application on October 7th and sent the application back to the Commission for further consideration of two of the deviations from code requested by the application.

On November 5th the Planning Commission reconsidered the revised preliminary development plan increasing the size of Lots 1 and 4 from 7,821 square feet to 8,811 square feet; increasing the size of Lots 2 and 5 from 7,821 square feet to 8,119 square feet; and decreasing the size of Lots 3 and 6 from 9,753 square feet to 9,405 square feet. The primary reason for adjusting the lot sizes is to be able to provide three-car garages on Lots 1, 3, 4, and 6. The modification of the lot lines increases the area of Lots 1, 2, 4, and 5 which is positive regardless of whether the Governing Body approves the 35% lot coverage and the 20-foot rear yard setback.

The Commission questioned the need for 3-car garages in a development that was being marketed to “empty nesters” especially considering the lot size limitations. They also expressed concern with the location of the proposed fence and its impact on the already reduced rear yard. The Commission approved the changes in the lot sizes and the requested increase in lot coverage to 35% but denied the requested rear yard setback reduction from 25 feet to 20 feet.

The Governing Body shall make its findings of fact based on the “Golden Factors” and either:

- A. Adopt the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the rezoning and Revised Preliminary Development Plan or revise the conditions of approval which requires a simple majority of the Governing Body (seven votes), or
- B. Override the recommendation of the Planning Commission by a simple majority vote of the Governing Body, and deny the rezoning and Preliminary Development Plan, or
- C. Continue the item to a designated meeting by a simple majority of the members present

Laura Wassmer asked why the Commission was opposed to the reduction in the rear yard setback. Mr. Williamson responded that the houses will be built to the setback and then a courtyard added. There is a hedgerow at the rear of the property which

further reduces the available back yard. The Commission felt there was not enough creativity and imagination in the design.

STAFF REPORTS

Administration

- Danielle Dulin reported the results of the MARC LED Street Light Energy Savings Program.
- The new retail building at the Prairie Village Shops has a projected finish date of mid January and work will begin on Mission Lane in April, 2014.
- The annual report on the CID projects will be presented at the next Council meeting.
- Quinn Bennion announced that there are still seats available for the Northeast Johnson County Chamber of Commerce Annual Gala on November 23rd.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to come before the in response to the reduction in the energy used. Mr. Bennion noted that approximately 10% of the city's street lights have been converted and only one complaint was received.

NEW BUSINESS

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee meetings scheduled for the next two weeks include:

Prairie Village Arts Council	11/20/2013	7:00 p.m.
Council Committee of the Whole	12/02/2013	6:00 p.m.
City Council	12/02/2013	7:30 p.m.

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The Prairie Village Arts Council is pleased to present a pastel exhibit by the MidAmerica Pastel Society as the November exhibit in the R. G. Endres Gallery.

The Northeast Johnson County Chamber of Commerce 2013 Annual Gala is on Saturday, November 23 at the Overland Park Marriott.

Due to the winter holidays, the Environment/Recycle Committee will combine their November and December meetings into a single meeting on Wednesday, December 4 at 7:00 p.m. in the MPR.

The Johnson and Wyandotte Counties Council of Mayors Holiday Social is Wednesday, December 4 at 5:30 p.m. at the OP Convention Center. RSVP to Jeanne Koontz by November 20th if you would like to attend.

The Mayor's Holiday Tree Lighting will be Thursday, December 5 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Corinth Square.

The Employee Holiday Luncheon will be Wednesday, December 11 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

The Mayor's Holiday Gala for Volunteers will be Friday, December 13 at Homestead Country Club. The Social Hours begins at 6:30 p.m., seating for dinner begins at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Joyce Hagen Mundy
City Clerk