

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PRAIRIE VILLAGE
November 4, 2014**

The City Council of Prairie Village, Kansas, met in regular session on Monday, November 4, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building, 7700 Mission Road, Prairie Village, Kansas.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Ron Shaffer called the meeting to order and roll call was taken with the following Council members present: Ashley Weaver, Jori Nelson, Ruth Hopkins, Steve Noll, Eric Mikkelson, Andrew Wang, Laura Wassmer, Brooke Morehead, Dan Runion, David Morrison, Ted Odell and Terrence Gallagher.

Also present were: Wes Jordan, Chief of Police; Keith Bredehoeft, Director of Public Works; Katie Logan, City Attorney; Quinn Bennion, City Administrator; Kate Gunja, Assistant City Administrator; Nolan Sunderman, Assistant to the City Administrator; Lisa Santa Maria, Finance Director; and Joyce Hagen Mundy, City Clerk.

Mayor Shaffer led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed the new Teen Council Members who were sworn in at the earlier Council Committee of the Whole meeting.

PRESENTATION

Mayor Shaffer called upon Courtney McFadden, former Council representative from Ward 5 for a presentation of a proclamation and gift in appreciation for her service this past year. Mrs. McFadden stated it had been an honor and pleasure working with

everyone and that she hoped to work with the Council in the future on whatever endeavors may lie ahead.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

John Anderson, 4402 West 67th Terrace, congratulated the City Council on following through with the implementation of the Teen Council Program as a means to get more community involvement. He went on to challenge the teen council members to get more involved and to get others more involved.

Jerry Mancuso, 7901 El Monte, stated that a month ago he requested a variance or 6 feet for the construction of a porte cochère. The variance was not granted but continued by the Board and he feels that Bob Lindeblad abused his power as a Board Member resulting in the Board delaying action on the application. He shared his negative views of Mr. Lindeblad and suggested he should have recused himself from the meeting. He noted that neighbors on his street had attended the meeting in support of the variance. He felt the City could do a better job in the selection of Planning Commission members.

Mr. Mancuso also noted that he had previously applied for a variance which was later withdrawn and was charged several hundred dollars for the staff review by the city's planning consultant. He noted he was billed \$146 per hour for Mr. Williamson's services and questioned why Prairie Village did not have an in-house planner. He felt the charges were excessive.

Mayor Shaffer recognized five Rockhurst High School Students attending the meeting for their government class.

With no one else present to address the City Council public participation was closed at 7:45.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ashley Weaver moved the approval of the Consent Agenda for Monday, November 4, 2014.

1. Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes - October 20, 2014

A roll call vote was taken with the following members voting “aye”: Weaver, Nelson, Hopkins, Noll, Mikkelson, Wang, Wassmer, Morehead, Runion, Morrison, Odell and Gallagher.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Shaffer reported he represented the City at several events during the past two weeks including the Prairie Hills Annual Picnic and Pumpkin Carving contest (which was won by a member of the visiting Ukrainian delegation), the MARC Board meeting, he met with the delegation from Ukraine visiting Prairie Village last week and attended the 100th anniversary of Union Station.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Committee of the Whole

Consider the Award and Funding of the 75th Street Project 75ST0001: State Line Road to Mission Road

On behalf of the Council Committee of the Whole, Council President Ashley Weaver moved the City Council reject all bids received for Project 75ST0001: 75th Street - State Line Road to Mission Road. The motion was seconded by Laura Wassmer and passed unanimously.

Eric Mikkelson noted that even though the bids were being rejected, the City still wants to go forward with the project and will be looking at ways to get additional funding or reduce costs. Keith Bredehoeft stated he planned to meet with KDOT officials later in the week and will bring additional information back to the Council.

Environment/Recycle Committee

Ruth Hopkins stated that over the past several months the Environment/Recycle Committee has been researching a possible ban on plastic bags in Prairie Village. In addition to research from other cities, they have sought input from residents on the issue through surveys. This is a committee initiative and Mrs. Hopkins stated the committee would like feedback from the Council on the issue before proceeding further.

Ben Claypool, 8015 Juniper and member of the committee, noted this is a movement going on throughout the country. Their next step would be to meet with local retailers regarding their concerns, needs and questions.

Andrew Wang asked what kind of plastic bags would be included in the ban. Mr. Claypool responded the ban would be on "single use plastic bags". The ultimate goal of the project is to get individuals to use containers/bags that are reusable and more sustainable.

Eric Mikkelson asked if the ban would be on the use by retailers or everyone and if criminal charges would be made for violations. Mr. Claypool responded the ban would be at the point of sale for retailers. Mr. Mikkelson asked about doggie bags found in public parks. Ms. Wassmer noted those are biodegradable.

Quinn Bennion advised the Council that there are currently several council and staff initiatives in place with some of them backlogged. He asked Council to provide direction and priorities to staff if another initiative is added. Ms Wassmer responded that

would be part of a larger discussion, possibly in January when all items could be reviewed and prioritized.

Jori Nelson noted the committee will be doing much of the work. This is a long term project and will not come before Council for several months. Mr. Claypool stated there is no set timetable. The committee will start with the retailers that have the highest volume usage of plastic bags.

Mayor Shaffer asked if the committee envisioned plans for smaller businesses. Mr. Claypool responded that has not been determined. He noted that in some places enforcement for smaller companies is delayed or waived. The eventual goal would be the adoption of an ordinance to ban use of single use plastic bags by retailers.

Andrew Wang encouraged the committee to get residents involved and supports the committee moving forward to the extent that it does not consume significant staff time outside normal meetings.

Ted Odell stated that overall he liked the idea but urged the committee to be careful in requiring retailers to do certain things. He asked if this was being considered elsewhere. Mr. Claypool responded the Kansas City area is pursuing it. Roeland Park came very close to implementing a program, but has not taken it forward for a vote. The City of Overland Park has expressed an interest, but currently only Prairie Village is pursuing action. Laura Wassmer added that in Boulder, Colorado individuals are charged 10 cents for a plastic bag. Jori Nelson stated the State of California has a ban on plastic bags.

Terrence Gallagher applauded the committee for its initiative, but agreed with Mr. Wang that the initiative should not be placed on staff's plate at this time. He encouraged the committee to also talk with small businesses.

David Morrison expressed support for the committee's initiative.

Ruth Hopkins confirmed that consensus of the Council was for the committee to proceed with their research.

Council Committee on Committees

Brooke Morehead stated that a draft letter has been prepared to be sent out to the committee members of the committees being dissolved that will be mailed in mid-November the first of the year. Ms. Nelson asked why the letter was not being mailed now. Nolan Sunderman changes are effective January 1st and the letter has been backlogged by the staff vacancies.

Mrs. Morehead noted the Committee would be meeting with the Municipal Foundation next week to present the proposed restructuring of the Foundation.

STAFF REPORTS

Public Safety

- Chief Jordan provided additional information on the bank robbery at Bank of America last week and the actions of Officer Brian Wolf in making the successful arrest.
- The Police Department provided a tour for the visiting Ukrainian delegation last week.

Public Works

- Keith Bredehoeft reported that with the abrupt change of weather some of the water lines for the fountains froze before they could be closed off.
- Bill Billings continues to work with residents regarding the Emerald Ash Borer Program.
- Public Works also provided a tour of its facilities for the visiting Ukrainian delegation.

Administration

- Nolan Sunderman announced the visitation by the Ukrainian Delegation went very well and thanked the Mayor and staff for their cooperation and assistance during the visit. The delegation was also able to have a presentation by the Chamber. Mayor Shaffer noted the individuals in the visiting delegation represented an impressive group of present and future leaders.
- Kate Gunja announced the position of Court Administrator has been reposted and she hopes to have the position filled by the end of the year.

- Lisa Santa Maria noted the 2015 budget books were placed on the dais for Council members. She thanked the Police Department Office Manager Jennifer Wright for her assistance in assembling the final document.
- The City received an award of merit for its 2013 CAFR.
- The City received the final Mill Levy rate from the County of 19.493. It is typical to see an adjustment in the rate as the appraisal process is not complete until October.
- Mrs. Santa Maria encouraged Council members to turn in any requests for reimbursement this month.
- Quinn Bennion stated the Google implementation schedule for Prairie Village is still unknown.

OLD BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman David Morrison expressed his pleasure to be back on the City Council representing Ward 5. He acknowledged he made an error in judgment two years ago and promised that it will not happen again. He vowed to remain in this rightful seat for the remainder of his term. He then commented on contributions made to Mayor Shaffer’s campaign fund from a number of individuals and companies that do business with the City of Prairie Village. He felt these reflected a “cesspool of corruption for personal gain by the Mayor” whereas his actions were of a humanitarian nature.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee meetings scheduled for the next two weeks include:

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| Board of Zoning Appeals | 11/04/2014 | 6:30 p.m. |
| Planning Commission | 11/04/2014 | 7:00 p.m. |
| Tree Board | 11/05/2014 | 6:00 p.m. |
| Sister City Committee | 11/10/2014 | 7:00 p.m. |
| JazzFest Committee | 11/11/2014 | 7:00 p.m. |
| Park & Recreation Committee | 11/12/2014 | 7:00 p.m. |
| Council Committee of the Whole | 11/17/2014 | 6:00 p.m. |
| City Council | 11/17/2014 | 7:30 p.m. |

The Prairie Village Arts Council is pleased to present a mixed media exhibit by Jhulan Mukharji and Ada Koch in the R. G. Endres Gallery during the month of November. The artist reception will be Friday, November 12, from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Save the Date for the Northeast Johnson County Chamber of Commerce 2014 Annual Gala on Saturday, November 22, 2014 at the Overland Park Marriott.

Save the date for the Mayor's Holiday Tree Lighting on Thursday, December 4, 2014 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Save the date for the annual Gingerbread House decorating parties on Sunday, December 7, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. OR 3:00 p.m.

Remember to Vote in the General Election tomorrow.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ashley Weaver moved pursuant to KSA 75-4319 (b) (6) that the Governing Body, recess into Executive Session in the Multi-Purpose Room for a period not to exceed 10 minutes for the purpose of discussing possible acquisition of property. Present will be the Mayor, City Council, City Administrator, Assistant to the City Administrator and City Attorney. The motion was seconded by Andrew Wang and passed unanimously.

Mayor Shaffer reconvened the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the City Council the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Joyce Hagen Mundy
City Clerk