

**COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA  
CITY OF PRAIRIE VILLAGE  
Monday, May 1, 2006  
7:30 p.m.**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. **OATH OF OFFICE – CHARLES CLARK**
- IV. **ROLL CALL**
- V. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**VI. 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 – April 17, 2006
- 2. Claims Ordinance number 2625
- 3. Approve revision of the City's Recreation Membership policy to reflect that tennis membership is no longer available.
- 4. Approve the contract with the Kansas City Crime Commission for the Tips Hotline Program. Funds for the annual fee were approved by the council in the 2006 public safety budget in line item 1-3-21-5160.
- 5. Approve renewal of the standard software maintenance agreement with New World Systems (computer-aided dispatch software).

**VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Park & Recreation Committee – Diana Ewy Sharp  
PK2005-11 Consider Sculpture Garden on City Campus**

**Council Committee of the Whole – David Belz  
POL2006-11 Consider Project 190851: 2006 Paving Program**

- VIII. **OLD BUSINESS**
- IX. **NEW BUSINESS**
- X. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- XI. **ADJOURNMENT**

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**COUNCIL  
CITY OF PRAIRIE VILLAGE  
May 1, 2006  
-Minutes-**

The City Council of Prairie Village, Kansas, met in regular session on Monday, May 1, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. Mayor Ron Shaffer called the meeting to order and led those present in the pledge of allegiance.

**OATH OF OFFICE**

City Clerk, Joyce Hagen Mundy, gave the Oath of Office to newly elected Councilman Charles Clark representing Ward 5. Mayor Shaffer welcomed Charles and asked him to share his background with the Council.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll call was taken with the following Council members present: Al Herrera, Bill Griffith, Ruth Hopkins, David Voysey, Michael Kelly, Andrew Wang, Laura Wassmer, Pat Daniels, Charles Clark, Wayne Vennard, Diana Ewy Sharp and David Belz.

Also present were: Barbara Vernon, City Administrator; Charles Wetzler, City Attorney; Charles Grover, Chief of Police; Bob Pryzby, Director of Public Works; Doug Luther, Assistant City Administrator and Joyce Hagen Mundy, City Clerk.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mayor Shaffer acknowledged two students attending the meeting from St. Theresa's Academy. No one was present to address the Council.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

David Belz moved the approval of the Consent Agenda for Monday, May 1, 2006:

1. Approve City Council Minutes of April 17, 2006
2. Approve Claims Ordinance No. 2625
3. Approve revision of the City's Recreation Membership policy to reflect that tennis memberships are no longer available
4. Approve the contract with the Kansas City Crime Commission for the Tips Hotline Program with funding from the 2006 public safety budget in line item 1-3-21-5160
5. Approve the renewal of the standard software maintenance agreement with New World Systems for computer-aided dispatch software

A roll call vote was taken with the following members voting “aye”: Herrera, Griffith, Hopkins, Voysey, Kelly, Wang, Wassmer, Daniels, Clark, Vennard, Ewy Sharp and Belz.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Park & Recreation Committee**

#### **PK2005-11 Consider Sculpture on City Campus**

Bob Endres addressed the Council regarding the creation of a possible sculpture garden on the city’s municipal campus. The idea has been discussed with both the Prairie Village Arts Council and the Park & Recreation Committee. Mr. Endres noted the project is still in the conceptual stage with several questions yet to be answered and details to be worked out; however, he is before the Council to determine if there is any interest in the project by the Council.

The garden would contain eight to ten pedestals for mounting statues. The art would be senior projects created by students at the University of Kansas and Kansas City Art Institute. Each statue would be on display for one year. A sketch showing possible locations of the art was reviewed.

Laura Wassmer stated she loved the concept and feels it is a great idea and the municipal campus seems to be a natural location. Her only concern is that there is an appropriate separation between the sculpture garden and the skate park.

Bill Griffith confirmed what is being requested is direction to proceed with gathering additional information and costs for the project. Mrs. Ewy Sharp responded the purpose of this presentation is to determine the interest level of the Council.

Ruth Hopkins stated her initial response is more negative than Ms Wassmer’s and expressed concern with control over the quality and appropriateness of the art work. She also raised concerns with potential costs and insurance liability, feeling that both will be greater than anticipated. She noted Mission Road is a highly traveled street and she prefers the current placement of only the Prairie Boy statue at the entrance to the campus.

Mr. Endres stated the faculty advisors from the schools would determine the appropriateness of the art. He noted other cities spend large sums of money to place artworks within their city and he felt this would be a way to offer art with less cost to the City.

Andrew Wang asked if Prairie Park had been considered as a possible location noting the high level of traffic also at that location. Bob Endres noted the garden is being designed for people to tour and walk through. Wayne Vennard asked how tall the pedestals were. Mr. Endres responded 4 feet and estimated the height of the sculptures to be 6 to 10 feet.

Diana Ewy Sharp stated the city has an insurance policy in place covering art work at the City and she felt this could be included in that policy. She noted the Prairie Boy sculpture would be considered part of the garden and noted its location on the municipal campus provides the additional security of having the police department located on the site. She noted the idea was presented for the municipal campus and other locations were not discussed.

Al Herrera stated he likes the idea of this being on Mission Road as the City's "main street". Pat Daniels stated he likes the location and noted the close proximity to Shawnee Mission East. He noted other cities generally receive art in conjunction and as part of new developments. He supports having places within the garden to sit and enjoy the surroundings - to make it warm and inviting.

Mr. Endres noted plans include having the sculpture garden lit in the evening.

Laura Wassmer moved the City Council direct Mr. Endres and the Municipal Arts Council, together with the Park & Recreation Committee and public works to move forward with this concept, gather additional information, receive costs and prepare an estimated budget for the proposed sculpture garden. The motion was seconded by Al Herrera.

Diana Ewy Sharp stated the project would not be funded by Park and Recreation funds and did not feel funding would be available from the Prairie Village Arts Council.

Ruth Hopkins stated she still has concerns with the subjectivity of artwork and who will be the subjective force behind determining appropriateness now and

in the future. Mr. Endres acknowledged the subjectivity of art and stated he would get additional information on this from the art faculty.

Andrew Wang asked if the proposed location of the sculpture garden would negatively impact the Villagefest Celebration. Mrs. Ewy Sharp responded it would not.

Bill Griffith stated the more he hears the more he envisions large dollar amounts and fears this project will develop a life of its own before true costs can be determined. He has concerns with the potential costs and feels it may be difficult to not proceed after the initial investigation and plans have been authorized.

David Belz conceded with the subjectivity of artwork, but noted the Arts Council decides what is to be placed in the art gallery each month. He feels input from the same people on the proposed sculptures would be appropriate. However, he suggested this be determined early, possibly before the work is produced.

Mrs. Ewy Sharp stated the work on the preliminary plans is being done on a volunteer basis. Mayor Shaffer noted the Prairie Family Sculpture was designed by an art student.

The motion was voted on and passed by a vote of 9 to 3 with Griffith, Hopkins and Vennard voting against the motion.

### **Villagefest Committee**

Diana Ewy Sharp stated the committee continues to meet and volunteers are always welcomed. The committee has discovered it is very expensive to secure “big name” entertainment and will instead be seeking a “regional” band for the event. Mrs. Sharp stated nomination forms for the “Villagefest Community Spirit Award” are now available on the city’s website.

### **Council Committee of the Whole**

#### POL2006-11 Consider Project 190851: 2006 Paving Program

There was an error in the estimated quantities in the bid specifications for this project resulting in the bid unit prices being bid incorrectly. The error,

depending on the bid, ranged from \$31,000 to \$47,000. It was the recommendation of staff that all bids be rejected and the project be re-bid.

On behalf of the Council Committee of the Whole, David Belz moved the City Council reject all bids received and direct staff to seek new bids for Project 190851: 2006 Paving Program. The motion was seconded by Pat Daniels and passed unanimously.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Miles Excavating vs. City of Prairie Village**

Bob Pryzby reported an agreement has been negotiated on this long-standing claim from the 2004 Street Resurfacing Program work. The city has agreed to pay Miles \$31,700 of the money withheld on this project, retaining \$46,000. The agreement will clear the liability for any work performed on the 2004 project with no obligation remaining on either party.

### **Repair of Brick Pavers at Crosswalks**

Mr. Pryzby sought direction from the City Council on how to proceed with the repair of brick pavers. He noted he would try to reuse brick in the repair process.

Al Herrera asked how extensive the needed repair was. Mr. Pryzby responded there are no problems with the brick on Tomahawk. He noted the only areas are those installed by Miles. He noted it would be best to do the repair when Shawnee Mission East was not in session, noting in order to do so a decision needs to be made quickly to ensure the work is completed before school begins in the fall.

Bill Griffith confirmed that Mr. Pryzby feels it is not a design issue causing the problems, but an installation issue. Mr. Pryzby stated there has not been any problems with the brick installed in 2002 nor 2005; he feels the problems are the result of the technique used by Miles during the installation.

Ruth Hopkins moved to authorize the Public Works Director to proceed with negotiations for the repair/replacement of damaged brick pavers at specified locations. The motion was seconded by Laura Wassmer.

David Voysey asked if staff had looked at using concrete stamped and colored to look like brick pavers. Mr. Pryzby responded this process was used at the island in the Swimming Pool Parking lot. Ms Wassmer noted there is also an installation at 31<sup>st</sup> & Main.

Bob Pryzby stated the surface is more stable and durable with concrete as there is only one piece rather than separate bricks even if they were placed on a solid base. He stated stamped concrete could be used and he doesn't feel most people would notice the difference. He noted the cost would be less. However, he personally feels the City should be consistent and use brick.

David Belz recommended replacing the damaged bricks with proper installation now and use an alternative method for others. Laura Wassmer stated she agreed with Mr. Pryzby that consistency is important and does not support two different types of applications.

Bill Griffith expressed concern with the amount of time and traffic disruption caused by the installation of bricks and asked if the installation of stamped concrete would be less disruptive to traffic. Mr. Pryzby responded the difficulty is that you can only do one lane at a time because you can't close the street. He doesn't know how long it takes for the installation of stamped concrete and the dye process, but he doesn't feel there would be a significant time difference.

David Belz asked Mr. Pryzby, who made the comment that he did not feel the general public would notice the difference, if the stamped concrete looked substantially the same and would be similar enough to retain consistency of appearance. Mr. Pryzby responded the stamped concrete will have brick outline lines, whereas you do not see the lines between the brick. A caution is that dyed concrete has the opportunity to fade.

Laura Wassmer noted the Council discussed the option of using stamped concrete initially and chose to go with bricks.

David Belz asked if stamped concrete was used if there would still be a time problem. Mr. Pryzby responded yes.

Pat Daniels stated he felt time and effort would be saved by overlaying with asphalt. He questioned the longevity of the brick installation. He would like to see consistency, but questioned the long-term maintenance costs.

Laura Wassmer asked if there was time to determine the cost difference. Mr. Pryzby stated the project needs to be in place by June 1. Ms Wassmer noted the number of angry residents with the installation of the brick crosswalk and the multiple closing of lanes of traffic. She asked if every brick needed to be replaced. Mr. Pryzby responded the issue was that traffic lanes were opened and closed several times to accommodate both the installation of the pavers, the new curb/gutter and the actual paving of the street.

David Belz stated the beauty of the crosswalk is secondary to traffic flow. If you are traveling down the street 35 miles per hour you will not notice individually laid brick or stamped concrete. He stated he is less worried about consistency of the crosswalk than the closing of streets.

Bob Pryzby stated he has some concerns with the stamped concrete crosswalk meeting ADA requirements. Mayor Shaffer also noted stamped concrete will make more noise and the city has received noise complaints from residents living near the crosswalks.

Diana Ewy Sharp asked if the City could communicate to the residents in the Newsletter why the work was being done. Mr. Luther noted the next newsletter will go out in July. Mrs. Sharp suggested a postcard mailing.

The motion was voted on and passed by a vote of 10 to 2 with Mr. Voysey and Mr. Griffith voting "nay".

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Diana Ewy Sharp asked if there was a way to make notes on the computer while reviewing the budget. Andrew Wang responded it can be done but is somewhat cumbersome. It was noted the Council also has paper copies of the budget pages. Mayor Shaffer asked Mr. Wang to assist Mrs. Ewy Sharp.

Al Herrera responded to an e-mail sent regarding the election of Council President held at the last meeting. Mr. Herrera stated he wanted to clarify that his comments were not personal, but made strictly recognizing the



responsibilities that would fall on that individual if the Mayor were to leave office. He feels it is important to ensure a smooth transition in that situation and felt having the senior member of the Council serving as Council President would be valuable. His comments were purely directed at the procedure and the information he had at the time and were not intended to be seen as a question of Mr. Belz's personal qualifications.

Ruth Hopkins noted that she had distributed to each Council member the latest Legislative Alert regarding the proposed machinery and equipment tax exemption.

Bill Griffith asked Mayor Shaffer for an update on the proposed county sales tax increase. Mayor Shaffer responded the latest information he had was that the legislature would not be able to vote on the bill during this session, so no action will be taken.

Charles Clark stated he had attended the open house for the Kansas City Autism Training Center and was very impressed with the program and noted it is a wonderful addition to the community.

Mayor Shaffer displayed the plaque received by the City's Public Safety Department from the Old Mission Lodge #153 in appreciation for their services.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Committee meetings scheduled for the next two weeks include:**

Board of Zoning Appeals	5/02/2006	6:30 p.m.
Planning Commission	5/02/2006	7:00 p.m.
Sister City	5/08/2006	7:00 p.m.
Park & Recreation Committee	5/10/2006	7:00 p.m.
Council Committee of the Whole	5/15/2006	6:00 p.m.
City Council	5/15/2006	7:30 p.m.

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The Prairie Village Arts Council is pleased to feature a pastel exhibit by Studio West (5 Women Artists) in the R.G. Endres Gallery during the month of May. **The opening reception will be held on Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

Recreational Memberships are now for sale at the City Clerk's Office.

**Prairie Village Gift Cards are on sale at the Municipal Building.** This is a great way to encourage others to "Shop Prairie Village."

The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary books, **Prairie Village Our Story**, are being sold to the public.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Joyce Hagen Mundy  
City Clerk