

**COUNCIL
CITY OF PRAIRIE VILLAGE
July 5, 2005
-Minutes-**

The City Council of Prairie Village, Kansas, met in regular session on Tuesday July 5, 2005, at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Ron Shaffer called the meeting to order with the following Council members responding to roll call: Ruth Hopkins, Steve Noll, Greg Colston, Andrew Wang, Pat Daniels, Jeff Anthony, Kay Wolf, Diana Ewy Sharp, and David Belz.

Also present were: Charles Wetzler, City Attorney; Lt. Wes Jordan; Bob Pryzby, Director of Public Works; Doug Luther, Assistant City Administrator; Jamie Shell, Finance Director; Josh Farrar, Assistant to City Administrator and Lori Franke, Executive Assistant.

PRESENTATION

2004 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

Finance Director Jamie Shell reviewed the 2004 Audit & Comprehensive Annual Financial Report prepared by Lowenthal Singleton Webb & Wilson. The document contains three primary sections. Section One is an Introductory Section prepared by the City containing the letter of transmittal and a list of principal City officials, an organizational chart and table of contents. The Financial Section contains the report of Lowenthal Singleton Webb & Wilson, independent auditors, Management's Discussion and Analysis as well as basic financial statements. The Management's Discussion and Analysis is intended to provide a narrative introduction, overview and analysis to accompany the basic financial statements. The Statistical Section contains a number of statistical tables presenting various financial, economic, social and demographic data on the City covering the past ten years.

Mr. Shell noted that the 2003 financial report was given an award for the 18th consecutive year by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA).

Mr. Shell reviewed the eight items listed in the internal control letter prepared by Lowenthal Singleton Webb & Wilson. Each item will be addressed and improvements will be made as needed, including the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statements.

Jeff Anthony inquired if there were any significant audit adjustments. Tom Singleton with Lowenthal Singleton Webb & Wilson stated that there were no significant audit adjustments necessary.

Ruth Hopkins inquired why values were not available on pages 49-50 in the Statistical Section. Mr. Shell explained that the City did not gather certain information until GASB Statement #34 was implemented.

Mayor Shaffer asked how many years ago the City switched to the GASB system. Mr. Shell stated that the City began switching over in 1999.

Mr. Singleton added that receiving the prestigious certificate from the GFOA puts the City in a very elite group.

Mayor Shaffer thanked Mr. Shell and Mr. Singleton for their report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Stan Plesser, 7938 Canterbury Street, stated that he was a 40 year resident of Prairie Village and attended the Village Vision Worksessions which he thought were extordinarly good. He added that it would be nice if the City had a dog park funded by a yearly tag fee paid by the residents.

Mr. Plesser stated that his real reason for attending the council meeting was to express his concern that vehicles use Canterbury Street as a cut through street between 79th Street and Somerset. The vehicles drive too fast and he fears that a child could be hit while walking to school because there are no sidewalks. Mr. Plesser pointed out that in the minutes from the November 1, 2004 council meeting that five out of nine residents on Canterbury Street wanted sidewalks. Mr. Plesser expressed his frustration with the Mayor for not returning his calls. He noted that nothing is more important than the safety of the children in the community.

Diana Ewy Sharp asked to be reminded of this council meeting discussion. Bob Pryzby stated that this was a discussion which involved several streets.

Mrs. Ewy Sharp asked if the motion was per street or for the entire group of streets. Mayor Shaffer stated that the majority of the members in the area were against having sidewalks and therefore the issue was grouped together.

Pat Daniels stated that he would like to review the number of residents requesting and if possible put a sidewalk on Canterbury Street.

Mr. Plesser added that he did not want to walk away from the council meeting and see nothing happen.

Greg Coulston asked if the street was scheduled to be replaced on Canterbury Street this year. Mr. Pryzby stated that it would be replaced and had already been bid without sidewalks.

Mayor Shaffer stated that the council will review the facts and issues from the November 1st meeting and notify Mr. Plessner when it is discussed at an upcoming council meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Kay Wolf moved the approval of the Consent Agenda for Tuesday, July 5, 2005:

By Staff:

1. Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes – June 20, 2005
2. Approve Claims Ordinances #2613 through #2616
3. Approve establishment of a special assessment in the amount of \$147.60/year for each property participating in the City's Solid Waste Management Program.

By Committee:

4. Approve the proposal for compensation and benefits consulting services with #7 under the scope of work to be changed from 90 days to 180 days and authorize the distribution of the request for proposal. (Council Committee of the Whole Minutes – June 20, 2005)
5. Approve ceasing the production of Claims Ordinances for Council approval prior to distribution of a monthly listing of all disbursements to be included in the first Council packet of the month. (Council Committee of the Whole Minutes – June 20, 2005)

A roll call vote was taken with the following members voting "aye": Hopkins, Noll, Colston, Wang, Daniels, Anthony, Wolf, Ewy Sharp and Belz.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Committee of the Whole

POL2004-08 Consider Project 190841: Mission Road – 71st Street to 75th Street

On behalf of the Council Committee of the Whole, Kay Wolf moved the Council approve the construction administration agreement with Affinis Corporation, Inc. in the amount of \$59,300.00 with funding from the Capital Infrastructure Program. The motion was second by David Belz and passed unanimously.

POL2004-09 Consider Project 190848: Mission Road – Somerset Drive to 83rd Street

Kay Wolf moved the Council approve the Construction Administration Agreement with Affinis Corporation, Inc. in the amount of \$24,000.00 with funding from the Capital Infrastructure Program. The motion was seconded by David Belz and passed unanimously.

POL2004-10 Consider Project 190847: 2005 Paving Program

Kay Wolf moved the Council approve of the Construction Administration Agreement with Affinis Corporation in the amount of \$97,200.00 with funding from the Capital Infrastructure Program. The motion was seconded by David Belz and passed unanimously.

POL2005-04 Consider Project 190853: School Zone Flashing Beacons – Bid Award

Kay Wolf moved the Council approve the construction contract with Wildcat Construction Company, 190853: School Zone Flashing Beacons for \$118,600 with funding from the Capital Infrastructure Program and a transfer of \$26,600 from the Capital Infrastructure Program – Street

Unallocated. The motion was seconded by Greg Coulston and passed with one opposing vote, Andrew Wang.

COU2005-11 Consider Employee Benefit Program for 2005-2006

Kay Wolf moved the City Council authorize the renewal of the following employee benefit plans for 2005-06:

1. The current health insurance plan provided by United Healthcare with an 8% increase in premiums.
2. The current dental insurance plan provided by Delta Dental with no change in premium.
3. The current life insurance plan provided by Standard Insurance with no change in premium.
4. The current long term disability insurance plan provided by Jefferson Pilot with no change in premium.

With the City retaining the current employee/employer allocation for monthly premium costs. The motion was seconded by Ruth Hopkins and passed with two opposing votes, Diana Ewy Sharp and Jeff Anthony.

VillageFest

Diana Ewy Sharp reported on the success of VillageFest. Even though it had rained the majority of the morning people continued to show up throughout the day. She stated that VillageFest brings positive PR to the City noting the front page coverage on the Kansas City Star and the presence of Channel 4. She acknowledged the Council, staff and committee members for their support and work. She noted that the Spirit Awards were presented to Jim Klamm, a 40 year resident of Prairie Village and to Bob Pryzby in honor of Jeanne Pryzby who served on the VillageFest Committee.

Mrs. Ewy Sharp updated the council on VillageFest 2006. The current and incoming board members of Meadowbrook Country Club are very supportive of working together for next year's VillageFest. However, due to the proposed development; Meadowbrook Country Club does not plan to take a formal vote before September, 2005.

Mayor Shaffer asked Ms. Sharp to convey the City Council's thanks to the VillageFest Committee and to Ann Lilak for a job well done.

Village Vision Steering Committee

Kay Wolf reported that the Village Vision Steering Committee met last week and reviewed the documentation accumulated from the worksessions. The consultants summarized the information into different topics. The committee developed goals which will be aimed towards the worksession comments. Two locations are being reviewed for potential development; 75th Street Corridor and Corinth Shopping Center.

Smokefree Workplace Task Force

David Belz reported that the Smokefree Workplace Task Force Committee met in June. The meeting was very productive with much discussion about statistics. The committee is in the process of gathering ideas and will meet on July 25th. Mr. Belz anticipates a recommendation shortly.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to come before the Council.

NEW BUSINESS

Ruth Hopkins reported that Nation's City Weekly ran an article about Prairie Village. The article contains information that does not make sense. Mr. Luther said he would investigate the source and the cause of the problem.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee meetings scheduled for the next two weeks include:

Sister City Committee	07/11/2005	7:00 p.m.
Park and Recreation Committee	07/13/2005	7:00 p.m.
Council Committee of the Whole	07/18/2005	6:00 p.m.
City Council	07/18/2005	7:30 p.m.

The Prairie Village Arts Council is pleased to feature the photographic work of Marearl Denning's pottery and photography in the R. G. Endres Gallery during the month of July. The opening reception will be held on Friday, July 8th from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

The Prairie Village Pool is open for its 2005 season. Swimming Pool and other recreational program memberships are on sale in the Municipal Building. Information & applications for all recreational programs can be found on the City's website www.pvkansas.com.

The pool complex will close July 7 & July 14 at 5:00pm for swim meets. The slides and diving well will close at 5:00pm for dive meet.

The second moonlight swim of the season will be held on Friday, July 15th from 8:30 to 10:00pm.

Prairie Village Sister Cities, Cinema in the Chamber will be presenting the international films Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon on Friday, July 8th and Chocolat on Friday, August 12th.

The 50th Anniversary books, Prairie Village Our Story, are being sold to the public.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Lori Franke
Administrative Assistant