

**COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
CITY OF PRAIRIE VILLAGE
Monday, January 3, 2005
7:30 p.m.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. PRESENTATION

Certificate of Appreciation and Recognition to Warren Nawroth

IV. 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:

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4. Approve the Annual Service Agreement with Unisource Document Products at the estimated monthly cost of \$212.50 with funding from the City Clerk's 2005 Operating Budget.
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6. Ratify reappointment of Patrick Delaney and Alleen VanBebber to the Civil Service Commission for another three-year term expiring in January, 2008.

By Committee:

7. Approve the return to normal hours of operation (8 to 5) for the City Clerk's Department beginning January, 2005 with extended hours (8 to 7) offered Monday through Thursday, May 20th to June 10th and staying on an as needed basis to cover Homes Associations Meetings in the Municipal Building. (Council Committee of the Whole Minutes, December 20, 2004)
8. Approve the recommended allocation by the Drug & Alcohol Council for the City's \$15,000 budgeted for Alcohol Tax funds. (Council Committee of the Whole Minutes, December 20, 2004)

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

VI. OLD BUSINESS

VII. NEW BUSINESS

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

IX. ADJOURNMENT

If any individual requires special accommodations -- for example, qualified interpreter, large print, reader, hearing assistance -- in order to attend the meeting, please notify the City Clerk at 381-6464, Extension 4616, no later than 48 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

If you are unable to attend this meeting, comments may be received by e-mail at cityclerk@PVKANSAS.COM

**COUNCIL
CITY OF PRAIRIE VILLAGE
January 3, 2005
-Minutes-**

The City Council of Prairie Village, Kansas, met in regular session on Monday, January 3, 2005, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL

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

Also present were: Barbara Vernon, City Administrator; Charles Grover, Chief of Police; Bob Pryzby, Director of Public Works; Doug Luther, Assistant City Administrator; Jamie Shell, Finance Director; Josh Farrar, Management Assistant and Joyce Hagen Mundy, City Clerk.

PRESENTATION

Mayor Shaffer asked Mr. Warren Nawroth to come forward for a special presentation from the City. Mr. Nawroth was presented a certificate of appreciation and recognition for providing CPR to his neighbor who had experienced a heart attack while working in his yard.

Also present were Fire District #2 Chief Ron Graham and Fire District Board members Marcia Jacobs and Kevin Kombrink to present a plaque to Mr. Nawroth for his first responder efforts in reviving his neighbor. Chief Graham noted the fire district receives 2,500 medical calls a year and there are very few times that they find people at the site helping the victim. The efforts of first responders are critical to the recovery of victims. Chief Graham stated Mr. Nawroth's efforts are to be commended and encouraged others to follow his example.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Lisa Freeman, 8415 Broadmore Lane in Overland Park, addressed the Council as President of the Mission Valley PTA and as a business owner. First, on behalf of the Mission Valley PTA she urged the Council to establish a school zone on Mission Road

for the safety and well-being of its students, staff and families. Ms Freeman noted more than 600 students currently attend Mission Valley. Many take advantage of bus transportation with the remaining being transported by parents or carpools and walking. She noted the established speed limit of 35 mph allows very little reaction time for drivers and adds to the grid-lock experienced by cars entering and exiting Mission Valley.

As a business owner, Ms Freeman does not believe the slowing down of traffic for a school zone will cause traffic to divert from Mission Road as there is no satisfactory alternate route. She feels the lower speed limit will provide more opportunity for Prairie Village Shops to be seen and recognized by the traveling public.

Allison Coulson, 3715 West 64th Street, addressed the Council as a representative of Indian Hills Middle School PTA, noting the PTA has discussed establishing school zones with the City since 1997. She stated this is an important issue and expressed appreciation to the City Council for its consideration of the request by Corinth Elementary parents.

Kirby Ball, 8116 Briar Lane, stated as a parent of two children attending Corinth Elementary School he has recently done research on the issue of school zones. He noted the national emphasis is on “safe routes to school”. He reviewed with the Council some of the actions taken by other cities including the establishment of significant fines for traffic violations in school zones. One city actually painted the school zone area red to make it more noticeable to the traveling public. Mr. Ball also noted children’s vision span is less than that of an adult and their difficulty to correctly analyze traffic situations. Mr. Ball does not feel the current speed limit and crosswalk provide sufficient safety for children crossing the intersection and feels that if significant fines are put in place for traffic violations within a school zone, drivers will self-police themselves.

Mary Lee Duff, 9007 Lee Blvd, introduced a presentation by concerned Corinth Elementary School parents addressing 7 issues:

- 1) Why is the situation at Corinth different than other Prairie Village school locations? Corinth is the only school with four lanes of traffic for both the primary and secondary streets with both streets classified as “arterial” streets. The total traffic count for Mission Road and 83rd Street by Corinth is 26,645 cars per day. This is significantly

higher than traffic counts adjacent to other Prairie Village Schools. Many of the schools in Prairie Village are not immediately adjacent to major intersections, but located a few blocks from a major intersection.

2) How is Corinth similar to schools that have school zones in other cities? The traffic study states: “The MUTCD stresses that the application of traffic control, such as school speed zones, should be uniform. Uniformity is found in treating similar situations in a similar way. The traffic study identified five schools within the area located on arterial streets.

- 1) Brookwood Elementary located on 103rd Street with a 1999 average traffic count of 10,300 cars has a 20 mph school zone with a flashing beacon.
- 2) Dorothy Moody Elementary is on an arterial street; however, the address for the school is 10100 England, a quiet residential street approximately 2 blocks off 103rd Street.
- 3) Overland Park Elementary, located at 8200 Santa Fe, a busy 4 lane traffic artery with 14,290 cars per day, has a sidewalk tunnel under Santa Fe which allows for safe and easy access from the south side of Santa Fe to the school.
- 4) Highlands Elementary located at 6200 Roe with traffic volume of 12,305 cars per day, one-third the number of cars found on Mission, has a school speed zone to 20 mph with a flashing beacon.
- 5) Trailwood Elementary located on 95th Street between Roe and Nall with a similar traffic count to that of Mission Road does not have a school zone. However, all drop-off and pick-up of students is done from a quiet side street on the west boundary of the school.

In summary, two schools, Overland Park and Trailwood, have features that aid students and parents in avoiding the traffic of the major traffic arteries on which they are located. Dorothy Moody is not actually on a major traffic artery. Brookwood and Highlands are on major traffic arteries and have 20 mph reduced speed limits with flashing beacons.

3) Why is Corinth School located at this busy location at 83rd & Mission Road? It was noted that Corinth Elementary has been at its current location since 1865 when a one-room schoolhouse was built in a quiet rural setting. Dan Jensen, 8505 Reinhardt Lane, stated the Mid-America Regional Council’s report entitled, “Creating Walkable Communities” addressing school site selection states “Generally, schools should not be located on high-speed, high volume arterial streets; low traffic locations well within neighborhoods are preferable.” If the location of Corinth Elementary were to be determined today, it would not be at the corner of 83rd Street and Mission Road.

4) What has changed in the last 50 years? Tom Johnson, 7837 Pawnee, stated in 1949, Corinth School had 177 students and 8 teachers. Mr. Johnson noted the book

“Prairie Village: Our Story” tells that in the 40’s and 50’s most Corinth students walked or rode a bike to school. Many of the area homes did not have fences allowing children to cut through yards to get to school. Today there are approximately 490 students at Corinth with approximately 160 of them residing in Prairie Village.

Increased population, increased use of cars and a greater number of cars per household have caused increases in traffic. 1960 traffic counts for Mission Road near 83rd Street showed 10,000 cars per day. Today, 18,545 cars travel through that same location. In 1960, there were approximately 5,000 cars per day on 83rd Street near Mission Road. Today there are 8,000 cars per day. Mr. Johnson reviewed other significant traffic changes over the past 50 years including an increase in the number of high school age drivers, increase in the number of lanes of traffic on Mission Road from two to four lanes and increase in two income households with two people driving to work and dropping off children at school.

Mary Lee Duff reviewed the impact of the change in child passenger safety laws requiring children to be in safety seats. This makes carpooling more difficult because of the limited number of car seats that fit in a vehicle, resulting in more vehicles and larger vehicles to accommodate the necessary car safety seats.

5) Will School Speed Zones Divert Traffic to other Streets? Dan Runion, 8417 Reinhardt, stated the traffic count numbers alone indicate that most drivers do not travel continuously along Mission Road from 95th Street to 63rd Street on a regular basis. The traffic counts for 63rd to 67th Street on Mission Road are half the number of cars (9,180) as there are on the 83rd to 95th Section of Mission Road (18,545). Mr. Runion noted that it was stated at earlier meetings this had been demonstrated during the construction along Mission Road this fall. During that construction entire lanes and turn lanes were closed resulting in a far more significant impact on travel than would be experienced by lower speeds for the school zone. He also noted this change in speed would only be for an hour in the morning and afternoon and would not be a continuous slow down of traffic.

6) Review of Relevant Statistics. Jim Carpenter, 8329 Reinhardt and President of the Corinth Meadows Homes Association, reviewed statistics on a pedestrian’s chance of survival if hit by a vehicle. The chance of survival increase significantly as the speed of the vehicle is reduced and shown in the following chart:

<u>Speed of Car</u>	<u>Chance of Survival</u>
40 mph	15%
30 mph	45%
20 mph	85%

Mr. Carpenter stated today only 13% of students walk to school as compared with 66% thirty years ago. Approximately one-fourth of the morning traffic at this location is caused by students being driven to school. Statistics reveal 50% of the children hit are hit by cars driven by persons driving other students to school. Mr. Carpenter stated the bottom line is the safety of the students. Lowering the speed limit is unlikely to damage commerce in the area and is likely to reduce the risk of injury to our children.

Mary Lee Duff, closed the presentation thanking the Council for the opportunity to continue to dialogue with them on this very important issue. Mayor Shaffer announced the Council will formally consider this issue at the Council Committee of the Whole meeting at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, January 18, 2005.

Cindy Doerr, 4000 West 86th Street, stated as a resident living on a cul-de-sac near Mission Road, she and her neighbors take turns walking their children to the crosswalk to cross to school. She said she is constantly surprised at the speed of traffic, the number of vehicles who fail to stop at lights or prior to turning. She noted these are not all young drivers, but many are parents driving students to school. She commended the City for recognizing Mr. Nawroth earlier for his pro-active action in coming to the assistance of his neighbor and asked to Council to be pro-active in saving our students by taking positive action on the creation of a school zone.

The residents asked if Council action could be taken at this meeting. Mayor Shaffer announced that staff is in the process of preparing specifically requested information on this issue including potential costs for implementation and that information is not available at this time.

A resident stated money should not even be a consideration when it comes to the safety of children. He stated our first responsibility is to take care of the kids.

Bill Griffith acknowledged the support of the residents on this issue but advised them it would not be prudent or responsible for the Council to take action at this time when the item was not included on the agenda and staff is still preparing requested information. The residents asked if they could supply any additional information. Mayor

Shaffer and Mr. Griffith advised the group they did not feel any additional information was needed from the residents at this time.

Mayor Shaffer closed public participation at 8:45 p.m.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Villagefest Committee

Diana Ewy Sharp announced the first meeting of the Villagefest Committee for Villagefest #9 will be on Thursday, January 27th and encouraged Council members to get involved.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to come before the Council.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Shaffer asked for a volunteer to represent the City on the Mid-America Regional Council Solid Waste Committee.

Bob Pryzby reported construction on the skate park will begin in approximately two weeks. The water line has been installed and final plans have been reviewed. Mr.

Pryzby also announced that he will be receiving the initial plans for the concession area expansion next week.

Mr. Pryzby expressed his appreciation for the support of the Council and City during his wife's illness and provided an update on Jeanne's condition. They are appreciative of the calls, cards and prayers for her recovery.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee meetings scheduled for the next two weeks include:

Planning Commission		01/04/2005	7:00 p.m.
Tree Board Arboretum Committee		01/05/2005	6:00 p.m.
Sister City Committee		01/10/2005	7:00 p.m.
Park and Recreation Committee		01/12/2005	7:00 p.m.
Council Committee of the Whole	Tuesday	01/18/2005	6:00 p.m.
City Council	Tuesday	01/18/2005	7:30 p.m.

No exhibit will be in the R.G. Endres Gallery in the month of January, Public Works will be re-painting the walls.

The Mayor's Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony has received \$7,452 donations as of December 28, 2004. Donations to the Holiday Tree Fund will be utilized in assisting Prairie Village families and Senior citizens needing help to pay their heating and electric bills during the cold winter months, as well as with home maintenance throughout the year. Your tax-deductible contributions are appreciated.

The Prairie Village Gift Card has been on sale since December 1st, as of December 30th we have sold 441 cards for a total of \$13,600.

There will be **no trash services** provided on Monday, January 17th in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr., holiday. Pick-up will be delayed one day all week

City offices will be closed on January 17th in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. Emergency Services/Dispatch will be available during that time.

The City Council will **NOT** meet on Monday, January 17th, but **will meet on Tuesday, January 18th.**

Remember to Mark Your Calendar for the Employee Appreciation Dinner on Friday, February 4th, 2005 at the New Dinner theatre from 7 to 11 p.m.

Holiday tree recycling is available until January 18th – at Harmon Park, Franklin Park, Porter Park and Meadowlake Park.

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 was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Joyce Hagen Mundy
City Clerk