

**COUNCIL  
CITY OF PRAIRIE VILLAGE  
November 3, 2003  
-Minutes-**

The City Council of Prairie Village, Kansas, met in regular session on Monday, November 3, 2003, 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: Al Herrera, Bill Griffith, Steve Noll, Ruth Hopkins, Roy True, Laura Wassmer, Jerry Kelso, Kay Wolf and Diana Ewy Sharp.

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 and Joyce Hagen Mundy, City Clerk.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mayor Shaffer acknowledged the presence of five students from Rockhurst High School attending for their American Government Class.

No one was present to address the Council.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Roy True requested that item #3 be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Bill Griffith moved the approval of the Consent Agenda for Monday, November 3, 2003 as amended with the removal of item 3:

1. Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes – October 20, 2003
2. Approve Claims Ordinances #2463 through #2466
3. Removed
4. Authorize the Mayor to execute a proclamation declaring National Family Week – November 23 – 19, 2003
5. Ratify the appointment of J.J. Wenrich, II to the Citizens Advisory Committee for a two-year term expiring April, 2005
6. Authorize the Mayor to execute the lease agreement with Mission Road Bible Church for the use of land by the City for a Tree Nursery in 2004
7. Approve the continuation of the existing lease agreement with Clune Equipment Leasing for the lease of a high-volume Sharp SD-2275 at a cost of \$310.28 monthly with funding from the City Clerk's Operating Budget
8. Approve the continuation of the existing agreement with Multiple Services Equipment for the rental of a postage meter and scale for 2004 at a cost of \$140 quarterly with funding from the City Clerk's Operating Budget

9. Approve Construction Change Order #1 to the contract with D.F. Freeman for Project 190829: 71<sup>st</sup> Street- Belinder Avenue to State Line Road for a decrease of \$39,607.05
10. Approve Construction Change Order #2 to the contract with Musselman & Hall Contractors for Project 190833: 2003 Crack/Slurry Seal Program for an increase of \$3,145.40 with funding from the 2003 Public Works Operating Budget
11. Approve Construction Change Order #1 to the contract with D. F. Freeman for Project 190838: 79<sup>th</sup> Street – Aberdeen to Belinder Avenue for a decrease \$696.30 and adding the funds to the Capital Infrastructure Program Unallocated fund
12. Approve Construction Change Order #2 to the contract with D. F. Freeman for Project 190834: 2003 Street Resurfacing Program for a decrease of \$11,448.35 and adding the funds to the Capital Infrastructure Program Unallocated fund
13. Approve Construction Change Order #1 with the KDOT for Project 190810: Mission Road Bridge Replacement for an increase of \$6,737.70 with funding from the Capital Infrastructure Program

A roll call vote was taken with the following members voting “aye”: Herrera, Griffith, Noll, Hopkins, True, Wassmer, Kelso, Wolf and Ewy Sharp.

Roy True asked when the last time the agreement for Network Services had been bid. Doug Luther responded that it was bid in 2001 for 2002 services

Bill Griffith asked how much is typically paid out under this agreement. Mr. Luther responded that the agreement is based on an hourly rate and it depends on the amount of work done, but he estimates between \$40,000 and \$50,000 annually.

Kay Wolf asked if there was an increase in fees. Mr. Luther reviewed the fee history, noting that the primary charge is for the services of a Senior Systems Engineer with that fee increasing from \$90 to \$95 per hour. There has not been a fee change since 2002. The City has been very satisfied with the services of AOS.

Ruth Hopkins moved the City Council approve the extension of the current Network Services Agreement with Alexander Open Systems (AOS) through 2004 with a new hourly rate structure. The motion was seconded by Jerry Kelso and passed by a majority vote with Griffith and True voting “nay”.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Park & Recreation Committee**

#### **Consider Request to Name a Park to honor former Mayors**

On October 6, 2003, the City Council adopted a Council Policy establishing the criteria for the naming of a City Park after a former Mayor. During the formation of the

policy, the Park and Recreation Committee discussed available parks and qualifying Mayors. Two former Mayors meet the criteria established and approved by the Council.

Kay Wolf moved the Council rename Stateline Park after former Mayor Sue Weltner, the first and only female Mayor of Prairie Village, and Brush Creek Line Park after former Mayor Carl C. Schliffke. The motion was seconded by Bill Griffith.

Laura Wassmer asked if there had been any discussion on what happens when the City runs out of parks. Kay Wolf responded that with this action there will be four parks (Porter, Meadowlake, Santa Fe and Windsor) remaining with all former mayors addressed. Under the criteria established, it will be several years before four additional mayors meet the criteria for having a park named after them. Bill Griffith also noted that it is possible that the city could acquire additional park land.

Diana Ewy Sharp expressed her support of the action of the Park Committee in establishing a formal policy on the naming of parks after former mayors and requested that the Park Committee consider naming a park for former Mayor Monroe Taliaferro. She did not feel the naming of the sculpture garden in Harmon Park should prevent a the naming of a park after Mayor Taliaferro.

Laura Wassmer noted that the policy looks for a connection between the Mayor and the park and noted that State Line Park was purchased during Mayor Taliferro's term.

Kay Wolf stated that during the initial discussions of this issue the Park Committee felt that the naming of the Taliaferro Sculpture Garden was appropriate recognition, but that they could reconsider this. Mayor Shaffer directed the Park Committee to discuss this with Roe prior to considering action.

The motion to rename State Line Park after former Mayor Sue Weltner and Brush Creek Line Park after former Mayor Carl C. Schliffke was voted on and passed unanimously.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

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Mayor Shaffer noted the recent recognition of Captain Janelle Grover Percy and her crew with the receipt of the Brigadier General Ross G. Hoyt Award. The award recognized the crew as the best refueling aircrew in the Air Force. Chief Grover noted that the Air Force Association includes air forces throughout the world. The ceremony, which they attended, was attended by representatives of several nations and reflective of this high honor. Mayor Shaffer asked Chief Grover to convey the City’s congratulations to his daughter.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

Planning Commission	11/04/2003	7:00 p.m.
Sister City Committee	11/10/2003	7:00 p.m.
Park and Recreation Committee	11/12/2003	7:00 p.m.
Council Committee	11/17/2003	6:00 p.m.
City Council	11/17/2003	7:30 p.m.
Council Committee	11/24/2003	6:00 p.m.

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The Prairie Village Arts Council will feature an exhibit of watercolor paintings by Susan Minter in the R.G. Endres Gallery during the month of November. The opening reception will be held on November 7, 2003 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

The Council will meet as the Committee of the Whole on Monday, November 24 to continue its discussion on the City’s vision and comprehensive plan.

**Mayor Shaffer noted a change in the Mayor’s Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony from Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> to Monday, December 1st in the Municipal Building.** He stated that there is a conflicting event the evening of the 3<sup>rd</sup> that will prevent the Mayor and Council from participating. The December committee meetings for the Policy/Services and Legislative/Finance committees will be cancelled for the event. The regular Council meeting will follow the Tree Lighting at 7:30 p.m. 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.

Mayor Shaffer encouraged the Council members to attend the upcoming Regional Suppers sponsored by the League of Kansas Municipalities. This year’s regional dinner will be held at Ottawa on December 4<sup>th</sup>. Let staff know if you plan to attend.

The Mayor’s Holiday Volunteer Gala at Homestead Country Club will be held on December 5, 2003 starting at 6:30 p.m. RSVP Lori by December 1.

Remember to RSVP Lori by November 14, 2003 concerning the Employee Appreciation Night at the New Dinner Theater on February 27, 2004.

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 7:50 p.m.

Joyce Hagen Mundy  
City Clerk