

**COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
CITY OF PRAIRIE VILLAGE**

**Monday, May 7, 2001
7:30 p.m.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. PUBLIC HEARING – 7:30 p.m.

**Appeal by Richard A. and Susan Morrison, 9021 Delmar
to Proceedings before the Public Officer**

IV. PRESENTATION OF COUNCIL CHECKS

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:

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2. Approve Special Council Meeting Minutes – April 26, 2001
3. Approve Claims Ordinances #2243 through #2248
4. Ratify the appointment of Robert McKim, Jr. to the Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals for a three-year term to expire in April, 2004
5. Approve a short-term special use permit to Mission Valley Middle School for the operation of a clay pit fire to be located on the north side of the school for one day during the week of May 7th between the hours of 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. per the conditions set forth by the Fire District and authorization to waive the application fee
6. Authorize the Mayor to execute the participation certificate for the Government Purchasing Agreement/Los Angeles County Contract #41421
7. Approve the following vendor contracts for entertainment and food at Villagefest 2001 as listed:
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 - The Elders Band - \$4,000
 - Old Navy – will sponsor the Bike Parade
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Charles Wetzler	City Attorney
Thomas A. Hamill	Municipal Judge
Mary Virginia Clark	Municipal Judge
9. Authorize the Mayor to execute the following proclamation:
 - Foster Care Appreciation Month – May, 2001

By Committee:

10. Authorize a sponsor donation in the amount of \$500 to the Shawnee Mission Education Foundation with funding from the Contingency Account (Council Committee of the Whole Minutes – April 16, 2001)
11. Delete “Consider hiring a Park & Recreation Director” from the City’s Strategic Plan (Park & Recreation Committee Minutes – April 11, 2001)

VI. ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT 2001-2002

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

XI. 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
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May 7, 2001
-Minutes-**

The City Council of Prairie Village, Kansas, met in regular session on Monday, May 7, 2001, 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: Al Herrera, Bill Griffith, Ruth Hopkins, Steve Noll, Bob Pierson, Roy True, Laura Wassmer, Jerry Kelso, Nancy Vennard, Kay Wolf, Diana Ewy Lamberson and Patty Markley.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

The appeal by Richard A. and Susan Morrison, 9021 Delmar regarding proceedings before the Public Officer was removed from the agenda. The Public Officer reported that the property owners have removed the vehicle nuisances from the property.

PRESENTATION OF COUNCIL CHECKS

Mayor Shaffer commended the Council members for their diligent service during the past year and issued each member a commemorative laminated one-dollar check for their service. Council President Nancy Vennard presented Mayor Shaffer with his check.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Kathy Wells, 8802 Cedar, the City's representative to the Drug and Alcoholism Council addressed the Council concerning the 2002 contribution to the DAC. She noted that the DAC oversees receiving agencies making on-site visits and overseeing expenditure of grant funds. During the past year, the City of Prairie Village contributed 1.4 percent of the revenue received by the DAC with Prairie Village residents receiving 2.4% of all services.

Ms Wells indicated that there has been a substantial increase in revenue received by the City from alcohol sales and stated that DAC would like to see an increase in the city's proposed 4% contribution. Bill Griffith advised Ms Wells that overall revenue

increase for the City is only one percent. Mayor Shaffer thanked Ms Wells for her input and noted that it will be taken under consideration during budget discussions.

CONSENT AGENDA

Nancy Vennard moved the approval of the Consent Agenda for Monday, May 7,

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

ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Nancy Vennard expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve as the Council President during the past year and summarized her experiences as Council President. She noted the importance of this position and stressed the need for the person serving as Council President to have extensive experience and background on the operation of the City. Nancy Vennard nominated Ruth Hopkins to serve as Council President for 2001-2002. The nomination was seconded by Laura Wassmer.

Steve Noll nominated Diana Ewy Lamberson to serve as Council President for 2001-2002. Patty Markley seconded the nomination.

Bill Griffith moved that nominations cease. The motion was seconded by Kay Wolf and passed unanimously.

Steve Noll stated that three items need to be considered in conjunction with the selection of Council President. First, who will be Council President; secondly, how will that individual be chosen and third, the process for accepting a change to the process for the selection of Council President. He stated that over the past several years, it has been the practice of the Council to select the most senior Council member, who has not previously served as Council President, to serve as Council President for a one-year term.

Mr. Noll questioned the importance of past experience for the Council President. He noted that the President serves at the discretion of the Mayor and generally has a very limited role. Mr. Noll expressed concern with the proposed change in practice at this time without previous discussion by Council. He does not feel that now is the time or vehicle for this change.

Laura Wassmer agreed that both candidates nominated are qualified to serve as Council President. She stated that it would have been better to review and propose change to the past practice prior to the election.

Barbara Vernon stated that City Code simply states that the Council shall elect one of its body who shall be styled "President of the Council" and who shall preside at all meetings of the Council, in the absence of the Mayor. It does not address the process. She advised that she is aware of two different processes used by the City for the selection of the Council President. Several years ago, the Council would meet to select the Council President and noted that the same individual often served for several years. Later the practice was established to have the most senior council member serve as Council President with that position changing each year. She believed this change took place under Mayor Taliaferro.

Nancy Vennard stated that there is no written policy. She felt the practice set by the former Mayor of selecting the most senior Councilmember was not appropriate. This is an important decision and should be openly discussed and determined by the Council members as written in the City's code.

Bill Griffith supports the open nomination and selection of the Council President by the Council but is not compelled to change the process at this time. Kay Wolf agreed

that the timing of the issue is not good. However, she feels that two very qualified individuals have been nominated and the Council should vote.

Steve Noll stated that if the President were to succeed the Mayor, the citizens would have to ratify that selection by their vote. Bill Griffith stated that the power of the title “acting Mayor” in an election is substantial.

Mayor Shaffer called for a vote on the nomination of Ruth Hopkins for Council President with the following votes being cast: Herrera, Hopkins, True, Wassmer and Vennard.

Mayor Shaffer called for a vote on the nomination of Diana Ewy Lamberson for Council President with the following votes being cast: Griffith, Noll, Pierson, Kelso, Wolf, Ewy Lamberson and Markley. Mayor Shaffer declared Diana Ewy Lamberson the Council President for 2001-2002.

Bill Griffith expressed support for the move away from the past mayoral selection of the Council President by seniority. Nancy Vennard agreed that the selection should be given more thought than an automatic appointment by seniority. Mr. Griffith requested that this be placed on the agenda for the January 2002 Council worksession and advised that the Legislative/Finance has directed staff to prepare an ordinance to amend the procedure for succession of the Mayor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning Commission

Roy True stated that he attended the Planning Commission meeting on May 1st and reported that the Commission has scheduled a Public Hearing on proposed sign revisions including allowing both the placement of the Company name and one service on monument signs.

He stated that the Board of Zoning Appeals approved a variance for the construction of a carport at the rear property line of 3515 West 75th Street. Bill Griffith expressed concern with the reduction of the rear yard setback to 7 feet and questioned if the neighboring residents were present. Joyce Hagen Mundy, Board Secretary, confirmed that residents were present at the hearing and did not object to the request. It was noted that there is a significant drop in elevation at the rear of the property that will almost totally block the visibility of the carport from 75th Street. There is an 8’ retaining wall and 6’ wrought iron fence and significant landscape materials that will screen the carport from the adjacent residential properties.

Communications

Laura Wassmer reported that during the month of March the city’s website received 6,000 hits. The site has received nearly as many hits in the first quarter of 2001 as it did in the last six months of 2000. The information available on the website is increasing and the Communications committee is researching adding e-commerce.

OLD BUSINESS

Steve Noll confirmed that work on the Council Chamber is progressing on schedule. Mr. Pryzby stated that during the past week the contractors have completed the painting and extensive wiring. He reported the millwork would be delivered this week.

NEW BUSINESS

There was No New Business to come before the Council.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee meetings scheduled for the next two weeks include:

Park & Recreation Committee (Bennett Park)	05/09/01	7:00 p.m.
50 th Anniversary – Parade Committee	05/09/01	7:00 p.m.
2002 Budget Worksession	05/14/01	6:00 p.m.
Sister City Committee	05/14/01	7:00 p.m.
Communications Committee	05/15/01	5:30 p.m.
Citizens Advisory Committee	05/15/01	7:00 p.m.
50 th Anniversary Committee	05/16/01	7:30 p.m.
Council Committee of the Whole	05/21/01	6:00 p.m.
Council Meeting	05/21/01	7:30 p.m.
Budget Worksession	05/21/01	following Council

The Prairie Village Arts Council is pleased to feature the work of Jack O’Hara during the month of May. The opening reception for the exhibit will be held on Friday, May 4th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Swimming Pool and other recreational program memberships are now on sale in the Municipal Building. Mail-in registrations are also being accepted and encouraged for those individuals wishing to use last year’s photo ID.

Mayor Shaffer reminded Council members that items for the time capsule should be turned in by June 1st. These items will be on display at Villagefest and the capsule will be part of the 50th parade.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Joyce Hagen Mundy
City Clerk

