

**CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF PRAIRIE VILLAGE  
January 19, 2016**

The City Council of Prairie Village, Kansas, met in regular session on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building, 7700 Mission Road, Prairie Village, Kansas.

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Laura Wassmer called the meeting to order and roll call was taken with the following Council members present: Ashley Weaver, Jori Nelson, Ruth Hopkins, Steve Noll, Eric Mikkelson, Andrew Wang, Brooke Morehead, Sheila Myers, David Morrison, Ted Odell and Terrence Gallagher.

Staff present was: Tim Schwartzkopf, Chief of Police; Keith Bredehoeft, Public Works Director; Melissa Prenger, Public Works Project Manager; Quinn Bennion, City Administrator; Wes Jordan, Assistant City Administrator; Nolan Sunderman, Assistant to the City Administrator; Lisa Santa Maria, Finance Director and Joyce Hagen Mundy, City Clerk.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No one addressed the City Council.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Council President Brooke Morehead moved for the approval of the Consent Agenda for January 19, 2016:

1. Approve Regular City Council Minutes - January 4, 2016.

2. Approve Claims Ordinance #2938.
3. Authorize the Mayor to execute a proclamation commemorating the accomplishments of the 6<sup>th</sup> grade class of Laura Moore at Prairie Elementary.
4. Approve the 2016 SuperPass Interlocal Agreement between the cities of Prairie Village, Leawood, Merriam, Mission, Fairway, Roeland Park and Johnson County Parks and Recreation District for use of swimming pool facilities and the Swim Meet Letter of Understanding.
5. Approve the 2016 recreation agreements with British Soccer and Challenger Sports for the use of park facilities for sports camps.
6. Approve the 2016 Pool Usage Agreement, Learn to Swim Program Agreement and Day Camp Agreement with Johnson Country Park & Recreation District for use of city facilities.
7. Approve the bid of \$97,248 by Krantz of Kansas City for the purchase and assembly of truck equipment for two F-550's and the transfer of \$28,341.12 from the equipment reserve fund for this purchase.
8. Approve the 2016 Prairie Village Legislative Platform.

A roll call vote was taken with the following members voting "aye": Weaver, Nelson, Hopkins, Noll, Mikkelson, Wang, Myers, Morehead, Morrison, Odell and Gallagher.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

#### **COU2016-02 Consider 2017 SMAC Application for Meadowbrook Regional Detention and Water Quality Project**

Ruth Hopkins moved the City Council approve the submittal of the 2017 Stormwater Management Advisory Council (SMAC) application for the Meadowbrook Regional Detention and Water Quality Project. The motion was seconded by Eric Mikkelson and passed unanimously.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Wassmer encouraged Council members to attend the January 20<sup>th</sup> State of the Cities address at the Overland Park Marriott and reminded Council of their January 30<sup>th</sup> Work session. She noted one of the items to be covered would be the

priority listing which was distributed by Mr. Bennion for the Council's review. Mayor Wassmer reported work has begun on construction documents related to the Meadowbrook redevelopment.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **Public Safety**

- The next "Coffee with a Cop" will be held on Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7 a.m. at Panera.
- Chief Schwartzkopf presented the following overview of the Johnson County Mental Health Co-Responder Partnership.

The City has been approached by Johnson County Mental Health to enter into a co-responder partnership program. The cities of Olathe and Overland Park currently have programs in place. The program is proposed to include Prairie Village, Leawood and the northeast Johnson County cities. Under the program a co-responder would respond with officers to the scene of calls involving individuals experiencing a mental health/substance abuse crisis. They would also be available to review police reports and provide outreach as necessary and referral and care coordination. The co-responder would be a trained mental health professional employed by Johnson County Mental Health.

Chief Schwartzkopf noted the increased need for a co-responder with the decreasing funding for mental health by the State. These individuals would have the skills and training to assist an officer in preventing a situation from escalating into a crime as well as reach out to individuals and families that are in need of help in the community. In addition the co-responder would provide a point of contact for questions and concerns and provide increased education/training for officers regarding mental health issues.

Chief Schwartzkopf noted that over the past five years, the department has responded to an average of 120 mental health related calls per year. The program is still evolving. It is anticipated that participating cities would pay for the cost of the co-responder based on population with Prairie Village having 24% of the northeast population making the estimated cost of \$22,261 for the first year. It is anticipated that some of that cost could be covered with the alcohol tax funds received as many of the mental health calls are connected to substance abuse.

Eric Mikkelson asked how much would be covered by the alcohol tax funds. Chief Schwartzkopf replied at least 50% and possibly up to 75%. He added the remaining costs could be covered from the police operations budget. The city attorney has reviewed the proposal and believes this would be an appropriate expenditure under the restrictions placed on those funds. The City of Leawood is also anticipating using their alcohol tax funds as a funding source. Steve Noll agreed that this would be an appropriate expenditure and is strongly supportive of the program.

Mayor Wassmer questioned if one individual would be sufficient based on the statistics provided on the number of calls in Prairie Village alone. Chief Schwartzkopf replied that the cities of Shawnee and Lenexa are joining together to share one co-responder. It may be too much for one individual to cover Leawood and the northeast Johnson County cities with the program ending up to be a partnership between the cities of Prairie Village and Leawood. Jori Nelson asked if the number of calls received by other cities was known. Chief Schwartzkopf replied he does not. He noted the city of Overland Park has one co-responder with a designated officer to assist. The program is very flexible.

Sheila Myers stated she supports the program. Brooke Morehead confirmed the projected cost included salary, benefits and the cost of a vehicle. Terrence Gallagher asked if Mission Hills was participating. Chief Schwartzkopf replied they could and their costs would be included in their contract for police services. Mayor Wassmer asked with calls coming from multiple agencies how it would be determined where the co-responder would respond. Chief Schwartzkopf replied the cities would be meeting again in February to continue discussion and this is one of the items that needs to be worked out. Jori Nelson asked if there were any federal funds that could be used for the program. Chief Schwartzkopf replied the county has investigated this and is not aware of any other available funding after the initial round. Ms. Nelson stated she was supportive of the program and felt it would benefit both the residents and the police department.

#### **Public Works**

- Keith Bredehoeft reported the crews response to the latest snow event with crews called in at 5:30 a.m.
- Work has begun on the renovation of the Community Center and is on schedule. Painting will be done next week. Staff will bring recommended changes to the rental policies for the Community Center for council consideration at the next meeting.
- The current work at 71<sup>st</sup> & Mission is from WaterOne and is not related to the Mission Road Project
- Mr. Bredehoeft reported the costs to construct the proposed sidewalk discussed at the earlier committee meeting are \$50,000 for a five foot sidewalk and \$100,000 for an eight foot sidewalk. The Council directed staff to construct a five foot sidewalk.

#### **Administration**

- Lisa Santa Maria requested Council members turn in their meal request for the Council Work Session to her.
- The City again received the GFOA Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting for the 2014 PAFR

Eric Mikkelson asked when year-end figures would be available. Mrs. Santa Maria replied not until the end of March but assured him the city would end the year within budget.

- Wes Jordan noted the Co-Responder program discussed by Chief Schwartzkopf could also benefit the codes department as they work with individuals.
- Mr. Jordan reported that he and Mr. Bennion met with the upper management of Waste Management (Deffenbaugh) regarding services provided to the city. The meeting was positive. Their representatives will be addressing the City Council in February. He added that the contract for solid waste services expires the end of the year and the Council will need to decide in March if they want to go out to bid for services.

Jori Nelson noted the number of households has not increased, why have the problems increased. Mr. Jordan stated he would let their representatives address that, but noted the ownership change, technology changes, personnel issues and aging equipment among the factors. Eric Mikkelson asked if there were other viable companies to bid on the services. Mr. Jordan responded there were one or two. Mr. Mikkelson asked if penalties were being assessed for the missed services. Mr. Jordan replied under the contract they have 24 hours to respond to a missed pick-up. The city has instituted a better system of tracking missed calls and notifications and penalties will be assessed. The contract allows for a \$30 penalty per missed incident. David Morrison percentage of residents were having missed pickups. Mr. Jordan replied that is difficult to assess as not all residents call in to report missed services, others call in several times, one resident will call in a miss of an entire street or block. There have been inconsistencies in the services provided. He noted the city will have a better idea of numbers under the new tracking system. Mr. Jordan stated yard waste pick up create the most problems.

Brooke Morehead noted customer service issues with the post office at the Village. Ruth Hopkins stated that is a federally run operation and federal representatives should be contacted with concerns. David Morrison asked that the staff be directed to send a letter to the Postmaster. Mr. Odell and Mrs. Weaver urged caution, noting the city does not want to lose the post office. Mayor Wassmer stated she has heard several complaints regarding their operation and has experienced poor customer service herself.

- Mr. Jordan stated the draft of the Neighborhood Overlay Regulations and will be presented to the City Council on February 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Quinn Bennion noted the Meadowbrook schedule has been moved back with the final development plan going to the Planning Commission in April with bonds issued in May
- Mr. Bennion briefly reviewed changes to the distributed priority listing noting the addition of a page reflecting completed projects, new items are bolded.
- Mr. Bennion reported that he would be participating in a panel discussion on the Tax Lid Legislation. Mayor Wassmer added that the Johnson/Wyandotte County Mayors will be sending out a letter expressing their disappointment with the legislation that has been coming out of Topeka.

Terrence Gallagher asked about the status of Google stating the website indicated a 2016 signup. Mr. Bennion replied that Google will not indicate when in 2016. Mr. Sunderman cautioned the Council that even after the initial sign-up there have been instances with a significant delay until services are provided.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Ruth Hopkins announced that she will be presenting the “Green Business” Awards at the Johnson County Commission meeting.

Ted Odell expressed frustration with the maintenance at the Corinth Square Shopping Center noting several planters with dead plants, many of the lights around the perimeter are missing light bulbs and the Christmas tree is still up. He also noted a sign at 75<sup>th</sup> & Mission that was not in compliance with the city’s sign regulations. He commended the Prairie Village Arts Council on the creation of the “Future of the Arts” exhibit that was initially discussed several years ago. Sheila Myers added that “Future of the Arts” is open to students in grades K - 12 with several different categories including performance art, visual art and literature. Entries are due by February 19<sup>th</sup> on the website [www.pvfota.org](http://www.pvfota.org) with the Gala Celebration on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

**NEW BUSINESS**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

Environment/Recycle Committee	01/27/2016	5:30 p.m.
VillageFest Committee	01/28/2016	5:30 p.m.
Council Committee of the Whole	02/01/2016	6:00 p.m.
City Council	02/01/2015	7:30 p.m.

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The Prairie Village Arts Council is pleased to present the art of Julia Forrest, Joe Bussell & Hill Brin in the R. G. Endres Gallery during the month of January.

City Offices will be closed on Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup> in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday. Deffenbaugh will also celebrate this holiday and trash services will be delayed one day all week.

The NEJC State of the Cities luncheon will be held on Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Overland Park Marriott.

Filing Deadline for City Council elections in noon, Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at the City Clerk's Office.

### ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the City Council the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Joyce Hagen Mundy  
City Clerk