

**COUNCIL  
CITY OF PRAIRIE VILLAGE  
April 17, 2000  
-Minutes-**

The City Council of Prairie Village, Kansas, met in regular session on Monday, April 17, 2000, 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, Terry Frederick, Ed Stevens, John Kemp, Nancy Vennard, Steve Carman, Diana Ewy Lamberson and Patty Markley.

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

**PRESENTATIONS**

Mayor Shaffer presented Proclamations of Appreciation to the three retiring Council members, Ed Stevens from Ward 3 with 10 years of service; John Kemp from Ward 4 with 11 years of service and Steve Carman having represented both Ward 1 and Ward 5 with 10 years of service. These members have served with dedication, perseverance and commitment to the entire City of Prairie Village. Their leadership will be missed.

**OATH OF OFFICE**

City Clerk Joyce Hagen Mundy administered the Oath of Office to the following elected Council members: Al Herrera, Ward 1; Ruth Hopkins, Ward 2; Roy True, Ward 3; Jerry Kelso, Ward 4; Kay Wolf, Ward 5 and Diana Ewy Lamberson, Ward 6. Mayor Shaffer congratulated the Council members on their election and asked the newly elected representatives Roy True, Jerry Kelso and Kay Wolf to take their seats at the Council table.

**ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

Ruth Hopkins moved that Nancy Vennard be elected as City Council President for the year 2000 – 2001. The motion was seconded by Laura Wassmer and passed unanimously.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Dave Robinson, 5515 West 79<sup>th</sup> Street, addressed the Council with his concern over the Council's change of a recommendation of the Policy/Services Committee not to install a sidewalk on the east side of 79<sup>th</sup> Street between Nall and Maple Streets in conjunction with Street Project 19085. He noted that only three properties are impacted and none are in support of a sidewalk.

He stated that a letter had been received by a resident in the area citing ADA conditions as a reason to install a sidewalk at this location. Mr. Robinson agreed that this is the only missing section of sidewalk on this street; however, he stated similar situations existed elsewhere in the City. Mr. Robinson asked that the issue be reconsidered, especially considering the construction of a retaining wall, which will be necessary.

Steve Noll gave a brief history of the Policy/Services Committee's discussion on this item. Laura Wassmer asked that the ADA claim be further investigated. Mayor Shaffer directed the Policy/Services Committee to reconsider this issue at their May 1<sup>st</sup> meeting and that Mr. Robinson be notified of that meeting.

## CONSENT AGENDA

Ruth Hopkins requested that item #12 "authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with Kwan Wu to design and construct a bronze bust of Bob Endres" on the Consent Agenda be removed for discussion. Nancy Vennard moved to approve the Consent Agenda for Monday, April 17, 2000 as amended.

1. Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes – April 3, 2000
2. Approve Claims Ordinances #2158, 2159 and 2160
3. Ratify the appointment of Larry McPherron to the City's Insurance Company
4. Ratify the reappointment of the following individuals to the respective committees & terms

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Animal Control Adv. Bd.	James W. Galle	April, 2002
Board of Code Appeals	Tom Brown	April, 2005
Board of Zoning Appeals/PC	Ken Vaughn	April, 2003
Board of Zoning Appeals/PC	Robin Walker	April, 2003
Citizens Advisory Committee	Orville Matthies	April, 2003
Citizens Advisory Committee	Irma Waxman	April, 2003
Citizens Advisory Committee	Jim Breneman	April, 2003
Citizens Advisory Committee	Clarence Munsch	April, 2003
Communications Committee	Brian Brzozowski	April, 2003
Communications Committee	Deann Burns	April, 2003
Communications Committee	Janette Morgan	April, 2003
Environment/Recycle Committee	Mary Montello	April, 2003
Environment/Recycle Committee	Bob Pierson	April, 2003
Environment/Recycle Committee	Mely Ballard	April, 2003
Environment/Recycle Committee	Janet Cree	April, 2003
Environment/Recycle Committee	Margaret Goldstein	April, 2003
Environment/Recycle Committee	Mary Helen Korbelik	April, 2003
Environment/Recycle Committee	Andy Haynes	April, 2003
Environment/Recycle Committee	Anne-Marie Hedge	April, 2003
Environment/Recycle Committee	Kay Creamer	April, 2003
Environment/Recycle Committee	Shirley Lytle	April, 2003

Environment/Recycle Committee	Mark Muller	April, 2003
Environment/Recycle Committee	Jeannette Ragan	April, 2003
Environment/Recycle Committee	Kathy Riordan	April, 2003
Environment/Recycle Committee	LaMonte Roach	April, 2003
Environment/Recycle Committee	Wayne Sangster	April, 2003
Environment/Recycle Committee	Elgin & Dorothy Smith	April, 2003
Environment/Recycle Committee	Margaret Thomas	April, 2003
Environment/Recycle Committee	Phil Wittek	April, 2003
Environment/Recycle Committee	Dewey Ziegler	April, 2003
Environment/Recycle Committee	Monroe Taliaferro	April, 2003
Park & Recreation	Karen Frederick	April, 2003
Park & Recreation	Peggy Couch	April, 2003
Park & Recreation	Annette Strick	April, 2003
Prairie Village Arts Council	Roberta Lovin	April, 2003
Prairie Village Arts Council	Inge Dugan	April, 2003
Prairie Village Arts Council	Joan Kemp	April, 2003
Tree Board	Shelly Trewolla	April, 2003

5. Authorize the approval in accordance with Prairie Village Municipal Code 5.12 to issue a 2000 Cereal Malt Beverage License to Moscow Nights at 4515 West 90<sup>th</sup> Street
6. Approve the amended contract with the William Morris Agency for *SOUTH 65* to perform at the 2000 Villagefest Celebration on July 4, 2000
7. Approve the contract with AAA Party Rental, Inc. for staging and associated services at Villagefest
8. Approve the agreement between the City of Prairie Village and Johnson County, Kansas, for the establishment and development of Community Development Block Grant Project Number 2000-32 and the agreement between the City of Prairie Village and the YMCA of Greater Kansas City to serve as administrator/subgrantee for this project
9. Adopt Resolution 2000-05 opposing reductions in demand transfers from the state and authorizing the Mayor to participate in and execute a joint statement with Mayors in surrounding cities in Johnson and Wyandotte Counties
10. Approve the issuance of a short term Special Use Permit to Shawnee Mission East Friends of the Arts , with the application fee waived, for its fourth annual Fine Arts Showcase displaying “flying art” from the roof of Shawnee Mission East High School and 8’ banners from telescopic poles along 75<sup>th</sup> Street and Mission Road with the permit valid from May 1 – May 8, 2000 contingent upon the final approval of the Director of Public Works and Chief of Police
11. Approval for the Mayor to execute the following Proclamations:
 

STUDENT EXCELLENCE WEEK – May 4 through May 7<sup>th</sup>  
 RECOGNITION OF 45<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY of  
 INDIAN HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL – May 7, 2000
12. Authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with Kwan Wu to design and construct a bronze bust of Bob Endres (**Removed**)
13. Approve 2000 Prairie Village Pool Rules and Regulations
14. Approve change of service level on the Prairie Village Swim Team from a pre-competitive swim team to a non-competitive swim program

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

Ruth Hopkins stated that the recommendation for a bronze bust of Bob Endres to be placed in the Municipal Building is a decision that reflects upon the entire City and should come from the Council. The Municipal Building is first and foremost for the conduct of city business and secondly an art gallery. During the city’s history, there have been hundreds of individuals who have volunteered and served the City in a means meritorious of recognition. She feels that to have a bronze bust of Bob Endres placed in the municipal building would be offensive to others who have so generously served the City. She feels the placement in City Hall could also imply a historical importance.

Ruth Hopkins moved to deny the authorization for the Mayor to sign an agreement with Kwan Wu to design and construct a bronze bust of Bob Endres. Nancy Vennard seconded the motion.

Patty Markley summarized the thoughts of the Arts Council in requesting this action. The bust has already been created as part of a previous exhibit and opening. The bronzing would complete the bust created in December, 1999. Funding for this purchase would come from the Arts Council's operating budget, the Gallery Maintenance Fund and revenue from the sale of Community Center bricks. The committee felt the bust should be placed on permanent display in the R.G. Endres Gallery in the Municipal Offices. They did not feel this action was in any way inappropriate.

A vote was taken on the motion with the motion to deny the authorization of the agreement passing by a majority vote.

Mayor Shaffer noted the important action taken in item #4 of the Consent Agenda with the reappointment of several city committee members and expressed his appreciation for the willingness to serve this City.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Insurance Committee**

Steve Noll advised the Council that over the past few months the City's insurance committee has met several times to consider the liability and comprehensive Insurance Package for the City. They found the current coverage to be sufficient.

One significant change is that our current carrier, The St. Paul Company, is no longer writing workers compensation coverages. Bob Frankovic, with Cretcher-Lynch & Company, stated the change in carrier's was not a negative reflection on the City. A proposal has been received and is recommended for approval from Reliance National Insurance Company. The premium for this coverage is \$2,861 less than the current policy cost. The cost of the total insurance package will be \$236,260, a four- percent increase in cost over the past year.

Steve Noll moved the Council approve the insurance policy renewals proposed by Cretcher-Lynch and accept the proposal of Reliance National Insurance Company for workers compensation coverage. Nancy Vennard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

## Sister City Committee

Ruth Hopkins presented a brief history of the formation and efforts of the Sister City Committee, which was established in 1997. The establishment at that time was spearheaded by a strong interest among individuals of the Committee to develop a Sister City relationship with a city in France. An agreement was initiated for LeRhue, France; but unforeseen complications developed and the City of LeRhue withdrew their City from consideration. The City has also investigated other cities in France or Belgium, but sister city relationships have not developed due to internal political concerns in these cities.

The committee still strongly believes in the philosophy of the committee, which is not seen as economic development but as a means to bridge the gap of global understanding. Local schools are very interested with the potential of such connections.

Recently the committee learned that the City of Bastonge, Belgium was interested in forming a Sister City relationship. It is their desire to have representatives of the City of Prairie Village visit and to formally recognize the relationship in conjunction with a People to People Celebration beginning June 24<sup>th</sup>. It is recommended from the committee that the Mayor and one Council member should attend on behalf of the City with their air fare covered by the City.

Mrs. Hopkins stated Sister City has been included in the City's budget for the past three years at a level of \$2000 per year.

Nancy Vennard questioned what type of expense would be incurred from the City hosting a visit to Prairie Village. Mrs. Hopkins stated the committee has not specifically discussed this issue; but she was confident of host support in private homes, would want to host a formal reception and would expect a one-day trip to Abilene to visit the Eisenhower Museum. There has been a very wide range of types and costs of visits sponsored by other Johnson County Cities for their Sister City delegations. The travel agent on the committee estimated the air fare to Belgium to be between \$1000 and \$2000 because of the time of the year. The Mayor confirmed that others joining the delegation would be doing so without City funding.

Bill Griffith asked what the frequency of such visits would be. Ruth Hopkins suggested that possibly every other year representatives of the one City would visit the other, so it would not be an annual expense.

Laura Wassmer spoke in favor of the venture.

Bill Griffith questioned if the basis request behind the discussion is the budget authorization of an additional \$2,000 to \$4,000 for Sister Cities. He reminded the Council that this was an unfunded mandate and requires continued funding. He questioned if this could be delayed until 2001.

Steve Noll felt the Council should be looking at a significantly greater expense, possibly \$3,000. Al Herrera agreed that if this is to be done, it should be done properly.

Ruth Hopkins confirmed that committee members are prepared to move forward on this. The states of Kansas and Missouri have a designated Sister City Coordinator that will be of great assistance in the process.

It was questioned if it would not be better to meet the people before entering into a formal agreement. Mrs. Hopkins stated there has been no formal agreement only an invitation to participate.

Ruth Hopkins moved to authorize the expenditure of \$3000 for the proposed Sister City visitation to Bastonge, Belgium for travel expenses of the Mayor and one Councilmember with funding from the Contingency Fund. The motion was seconded by Bill Griffith and passed by a majority vote.

### **Planning Commission**

Nancy Vennard reported on the actions of the Planning Commission at their April 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Commission considered two applications. The request for an amendment to the Special Use Permit for the Service Station at 6901 Mission Road was represented with additional information and will be coming before the Council for approval of an amendment to the earlier issued Special Use Permit. A request for a building line modification at 8000 Tomahawk from the platted 50' front setback to 47' for the distance of the proposed garage addition was approved contingent upon receiving the appropriate homes association and neighbors' approval.

The Commission continued their discussion of a possible "Citizen Participation Policy" to provide for the opportunity for more community input into matters coming before the Planning Commission for approval. Mr. Williamson will make additional revisions based on the discussion.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Nancy Vennard announced that a Strategic Plan meeting has been scheduled for Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6 p.m. The participants will be the Mayor, Council

members and key staff. The group will begin by considering a draft of a vision statement, which came from the public sessions. Mrs. Vennard confirmed that most of the Council members would be able to be in attendance.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Authorization for Public Hearing

Terry Frederick moved the Council authorize the publication of a notice of public hearing on the proposed issuance of industrial revenue bonds and agreement for ad valorem tax abatement to be held on Monday, May 1, 2000. The motion was seconded by Bill Griffith and passed unanimously.

### Pool Discussion

Bob Pryzby confirmed the pool complex would open on May 27 as scheduled. The City Clerk advised Council members that their recreational application forms were included in their packets and should be completed within the next few weeks. Tom Kirk briefly explained the pool recreational process with the use of identification cards instead of pool patches. Nancy Vennard complimented Tom Kirk on his work with the American Red Cross in getting eligible lifeguards certified and announced that approximately 55% of the lifeguarding positions have been filled. Ruth Hopkins commended Tom on the creative pool advertisements that have been placed in the Shawnee Mission East School newspaper.

Bob Pryzby announced the official pool opening celebration would be held on Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### Shawnee Mission East Parking

Council members directed Mayor Shaffer to send a copy of his letter to Supt. Kaplan to School Board Representatives, SME principal and Bill Frick

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

Communications Committee Meeting	04/18/2000	5:30 p.m.
Strategic Planning Sessions	04/24/2000	6:00 p.m.
Prairie Village Arts Council	04/26/2000	7:00 p.m.
Hot Docket	04/27/2000	5:00 p.m.
Villagefest Committee	04/27/2000	7:00 p.m.
Legislative/Finance Committee	05/01/2000	6:00 p.m.
Policy/Services Committee	05/01/2000	6:00 p.m.
Council Meeting	05/01/2000	7:30 p.m.

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The Prairie Village Arts Council is sponsoring an exhibit of work by students from the Kansas City Art Institute. "The Secret of Success" exhibit will be featured in the R.G. Endres Gallery during the month of April.

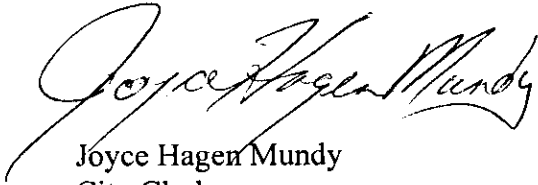
Swimming Pool membership applications for Council members and their families are included in your informational items. For your convenience, you and your family can have their identification pictures taken prior to the meeting on May 1<sup>st</sup>. You can be the first in your neighborhood to have the new 2000 Prairie Village Swimming Membership Identification cards.

The new Council Pictures will be taken on Monday, May 1st. All Council members should plan to be in attendance. Individual pictures will be taken as has been the done in the past. Report to the MPR between 5:00 and 5:45 for pictures. THANKS for your cooperation.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned

at 9:10 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joyce Hagen Mundy". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Joyce Hagen Mundy  
City Clerk