

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PRAIRIE VILLAGE
January 18, 2000
-Minutes-**

The City Council of Prairie Village, Kansas, met in regular session on Tuesday, January 18, 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, Steve Noll, Ruth Hopkins, 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, Public Works Director; Doug Luther, Assistant City Administrator and Joyce Hagen Mundy, City Clerk.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mayor Shaffer acknowledged two Boy Scouts present at the meeting working toward their communications badge.

No one was present to address the Council.

CONSENT AGENDA

Steve Carman moved to approve the Consent Agenda for Tuesday, January 18, 2000:

1. Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes – January 3, 2000
2. Approve Claims Ordinances #2141 through #2143
3. Approve an agreement with Advanced Storage Technology, Inc. for \$9,500 using funds in the 2000 Public Works Operating Budget
4. Approve a contribution in the amount of \$250 to Shawnee Mission East High School PTA to support drug-and-alcohol free activities such as After-Prom 2000
5. Approve the Program Participation Agreement with the American Red Cross for the Aquatic Examiner Program for 2000 at a cost of \$5,550 with funding from the swimming pool operating budget
6. Approve the transfer of \$929,000 from Public Works Capital Projects account 01-02-19-9600 to 2000 Capital Expenditure Program account 19-07-00-9500; \$1,879,000 from Public Works Capital Projects account 01-02-19-9600 to 2000 Capital Expenditure Program account 19-08-00-9500; \$337,500 from Public Works Capital Projects account 01-02-19-9600 to 2000 Capital Expenditure Program account 19-10-00-9500; \$401,000 from Public Works Capital Projects account 01-02-19-9670 to 2000 Capital Expenditure Program account 19-08-00-9501; \$31,500 from Public Works Capital Projects account 01-02-19-9671 to 2000 Capital Expenditure Program account 19-10-00-9501 and \$940,000 from Public Works Special Highway account 03-02-14-9600 to 2000 Capital Expenditure Program 19-08-00-9500
7. Approve Construction Change Order #2 to the contract with Mega Industries, Project 9890: 1999 Street Resurfacing Program for an increase

of \$28,222.85 bringing the new contract total to \$864,218.25 with funding from the 2000 Capital Expenditure Program

A roll call vote was taken with the following members voting “aye”: Herrera, Griffith, Noll, Hopkins, Frederick, Stevens, Kemp, Vennard, Carman, Ewy Lamberson and Markley.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Committee of the Whole

COU2000-03 Consider Legislative Program for 2000

During the Council Committee of the Whole, the Council discussed the 2000 legislative priorities for the City. These priorities will be formally presented to the City’s legislative delegation on Saturday, January 22nd. Council members agreed upon the following legislative priorities for 2000: Level One Priority - Oppose reductions of state education funding for 2000 and 2001 as promised in the 1999 Legislative session. Level Two Priorities - Oppose the recodification of the current state liquor laws, Support Primary Seat Belt legislation and Support Internet Commerce Retail Sales Tax. Support was given to the following Standing Legislative positions: 1) Home Rule authority, 2) Municipal revenue, 3) Unfunded state mandates, 4) Spending limitations and tax lids, 5) Emergency telephone tax, 6) Retail electric wheeling, 7) Franchises and franchise fees, 8) Employer/employee relations, 9) Firearms regulations, 10) Open meetings and 11) Comprehensive transportation improvement program.

Steve Carman moved the Council approve the 2000 Legislative Priorities for the City of Prairie Village as approved by committee. The motion was seconded by Ed Stevens and passed unanimously.

Planning Commission

Nancy Vennard reported the Planning Commission at their January meeting denied a signage request from Prairie Baptist Church for two identification signs that did not comply with city code. The applicant will resubmit signage for consideration at the February meeting. Also approved was a building line modification at 4706 West 86th Street reducing the front setback from 50’ to 45’ for the construction of a garage.

Planning members reviewed the findings of the strategic plan survey and recommended closer communication between the Planning Commission and the Council, possibly meeting together. Mrs. Vennard announced that Eckerd Drug has requested

another informal presentation at the February meeting on the proposed new store in the Corinth Center.

OLD BUSINESS

Consider Swimming Pool Improvement Bonds

Dave Arteberry and Kyle Patino were present from George K. Baum to review the information relative to the sale of \$1,600,000 in general obligation bonds for swimming pool improvements. Mr. Arteberry stated two actions were necessary by the Council with the first being the adoption of a resolution authorizing the sale of the bonds and secondly, determine the desired amortization schedule for the bonds.

Mr. Arteberry stated the city's past policy has been to issue bonds for the life of the project or for a twenty year period. However, he noted that the last two bonds issued by the City were refinanced, therefore, he presented amortization schedules for a 20, 15 and 10 year amortization of the bonds. The payment on 20-year bonds at 5.1% would be 132,000 with a .63 mill increase; 15-year bonds at 5.35% would be \$158,000 with .75 mill increase and 10-year bonds at 5.65% would be \$215,000 with a 1.0 mill increase.

Steve Carman confirmed that the proposed rates are realistic for today's market. Mr. Arteberry stated that bonds opened today at the City of Atchinson for ten years came in at 5.18%.

Ed Stevens confirmed that the City could prepay or refinance any time prior to 2008. Diana Ewy Lamberson stated the proposed interest savings from the short amortization was worth considering.

Bill Griffith stated he felt the City was currently in a good position to paydown early at this time with a large fund balance and would support a shorter amortization.

Mr. Arteberry advised the Council the pool is an asset with a much longer life expectancy than 20 years. The two options would be to distribute evenly through 20 years the payment or to allocate the debt to save money now.

Nancy Vennard noted the economy at this time has very favorable interest rates for borrowing, and the future needs of the City are unknown. The city is gaining almost equivalent money on their investments as would be spent by interest.

Ruth Hopkins moved the City Council approve Resolution No. 2000-01 authorizing the offer for sale of approximately \$1,600,000 principal amount of general

obligation bonds, Series 2000-A of the City of Prairie Village, Kansas. The motion was seconded by Steve Carman and passed unanimously.

Steve Carman moved the Council direct the city's bond counsel to reduce the term of debt service for the bonds from 20 years to 15 years. Ed Stevens seconded the motion which passed by a majority vote with 2 voting "nay" (Lamberson, Griffith)

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Grover brought the Council up to date on the events of the day in response to multiple bomb threats called in to various locations, one of which was Mission Valley Middle School. He reported on the police actions and the determination of the school district to not close the school and the actions taken to ensure student safety. Mayor Shaffer confirmed that the incident was handled by Prairie Village officers in conjunction with the Kansas City bomb squad.

Bob Pryzby announced that the concrete work for the pool complex will be completed by the end of this week. The filter and plumbing equipment is being shipped and they will begin installation on that next week with completion by the end of the month. He is very pleased with the work of the contractor and the rate of progress.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Shaffer acknowledged the appointment of Ruth Hopkins to serve as Vice-Chairman of the National League of Cities Community and Economic Development Committee for the coming year. Ruth has served on this committee since 1994 and is the only representative from the state of Kansas. Council members expressed their congratulations and support for Ruth's work on this committee.

Committee meetings scheduled for the next two weeks include:

Golden Anniversary Steering Committee	01/19/2000	7:00 p.m.
Communications Committee	01/25/2000	5:30 p.m.
Citizen Advisory Committee	01/25/2000	7:00 p.m.
Prairie Village Arts Council	01/26/2000	7:00 p.m.
Villagefest Committee	01/27/2000	7:00 p.m.
Planning Commission	02/01/2000	7:00 p.m.
Tree Board	02/02/2000	6:00 p.m.
Policy/Services Committee	02/07/2000	6:00 p.m.
Legislative/Finance Committee	02/07/2000	6:00 p.m.
Council Meeting	02/07/2000	7:30 p.m.

Once again, the City will provide a Christmas Tree Recycling program from December 26, 1999 to January 24, 2000. Designated fenced areas will be located in the following parks: Franklin, Harmon, Meadowlake and Porter Park.

As of January 15, 2000, \$6,714 in donations to the Holiday Tree Fund have been received to assist 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 2000 Council Worksession and Legislative Breakfast will be held on Saturday, January 22, 2000 at the Homestead Country Club beginning at 7:30 a.m.

Filing for 2000 City Spring Election will close at noon on Tuesday, January 25th. Filing forms are available from the City Clerk.

The next Strategic Planning meeting has been scheduled for the evening of Tuesday, February 15th. This will be a city-wide meeting with the public invited to attend. We will initially meet in the Council Chambers and later in the evening may break out into smaller groups.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Joyce Hagen Mundy
City Clerk