

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PRAIRIE VILLAGE
June 6, 2016**

The City Council of Prairie Village, Kansas, met in regular session on Monday, June 6, 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: Jori Nelson, Serena Schermoly, Steve Noll, Eric Mikkelson, Andrew Wang, Brooke Morehead, Sheila Myers, Dan Runion, Courtney McFadden, Ted Odell and Terrence Gallagher.

Staff present was: Tim Schwartzkopf; Chief of Police; Keith Bredehoeft, Public Works Director; Katie Logan, City Attorney; Quinn Bennion, City Administrator; Wes Jordan, Assistant City Administrator; Lisa Santa Maria, Finance Director and Joyce Hagen Mundy, City Clerk.

INTRODUCTION OF STUDENTS & SCOUTS

No Scouts or students were in attendance.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Katie Danner, 7426 Rosewood Circle, addressed the Council regarding concerns for public safety from potential damage and injury caused by commercial traffic going off 75th Street on the north side between Rosewood Circle and Ash Street where there is a

five to eleven foot drop. She would like to see a barrier constructed to prevent vehicles from going off the roadway.

Steve Reardon, 7426 Rosewood Circle, advised the Council of an accident at this location last week resulting in a SUV going into the fence. He expressed concern about the outcome if the vehicle had been an 80,000 pound commercial vehicle. Mr. Reardon distributed photographs of the area and accident along with a proposal for a street guard being constructed with 2'6" stone stamped concrete barrier with a 1'-6" pedestrian railing above replacing the current chain link pedestrian fence. Photos were distributed of similar barriers located throughout the city.

Robert Jackson, across the street on Rosewood, reported on accidents that had occurred at this location on January 30, 2014 and December 28, 2015 stressing the danger to the adjacent property owners and their property.

Ms. Danner presented a video taken earlier in the day of traffic on 75th Street to demonstrate both the speed of traffic and the number of large commercial vehicles that travel this truck route.

Jori Nelson asked how many homes were located in this area. Mayor Wassmer responded two homes and Asbury Church. Sheila Myers noted the barrier being proposed would not stop a commercial vehicle from going off the roadway.

Eric Mikkelson stated that he is concerned with this and would like to see a feasibility study done on the costs of different solutions to address this issue by Public Works.

Keith Bredehoeft replied this is a 35 mph street and the design standards do not require installing barriers along the roadway. Streets cannot be designed for all possibilities. There are several similar areas throughout Prairie Village. The City does

not protect any properties on 75th Street from errant vehicles. Any action adding walls or railings at this location would be in conjunction with a major rehabilitation project which would probably not occur for another seven years.

Jori Nelson asked if CARS funding could be used. Mr. Bredehoeft replied it would have to be part of an approved project.

Mr. Gallagher asked how long they had owned their home. Ms. Danner replied one and a half years.

Eric Mikkelson asked if there were other locations in Prairie Village where a home was located below street level. Mayor Wassmer replied near State Line Road and 75th Street on High Drive and other similar locations.

Andrew Wang stated he would like to see 75th Street accident data for this area.

Another resident noted the sidewalk on 75th Street is also located very close to the roadway and she would like to see a barrier added between the roadway and sidewalk so her son could walk safely to Porter Park.

Mayor Wassmer thanked the residents for their comments and noted staff would follow-up with the requested information. Public Participation was closed at 7:50 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ted Odell moved the approval of the Consent Agenda for June 6, 2016:

1. Approve Regular City Council Meeting Minutes - May 16, 2016
2. Ratify the Mayor's appointment of the following committee members:

Devon Murray	Tree Board
Kevin Dunn	Tree Board
Tom Brown	Tree Board
Devin Scrogum	Environment/Recycle Committee
Linda Marcusen	Environment/Recycle Committee
Julie Hassel	PV Arts Council
Ada Koch	PV Arts Council
Al Guarino	PV Arts Council

3. Approve the 2017-2021 County Assistance Road System (CARS) Program

A roll call vote was taken with the following members voting “aye”: Nelson, Schermoly, Noll, Mikkelson, Wang, Myers, Morehead, Runion, McFadden, Odell and Gallagher.

Mayor Wassmer welcomed the new committee appointees and asked them to stand and introduce themselves. New Arts Council members Al Guarino, Ada Koch and Julie Hassel were present as were new Tree Board members Kevin Dunn and Devon Murray. Eric Mikkelson commended the Arts Council members present on a very successful Prairie Village Art Fair.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Committee of the Whole

COU2016-37 Consider approval of Memorandum of Understanding with Johnson County and other Northeast cities for the Mental Health Co-responder Program

Council President Ted Odell moved the City Council approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Johnson County and the Cities of Leawood, Prairie Village, Merriam, Mission, Roeland Park, Fairway, Westwood, Westwood Hills and Mission Woods. The motion was seconded by Terrence Gallagher and passed unanimously.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Wassmer reported on the recent Johnson/Wyandotte Mayors Meeting which was attended by several state legislators. She expressed frustration over their failure to listen to cities and address their concerns. She also attended the recent Legislative Breakfast where northeast Johnson County representatives shared their frustrations and concerns. On a more positive note, the Prairie Village Art Fair and recent ground breaking ceremonies for Meadowbrook were very exciting. It is wonderful to be able to see this major

project move forward. She thanked Council members who were able to attend.

STAFF REPORTS

Public Safety

- None

Public Works

- Mr. Bredehoeft distributed the revised site plan for the municipal complex courtyard based on the direction given by the City Council. They are moving forward with design to allow the project to go out to bid. The original budget was \$450,000 and the estimated cost of the proposed project is \$480,000.

Dan Runion asked if the walkways could be heated. Mr. Bredehoeft stated that feature could be added as a bid alternative for certain areas. Sheila Myers stated she felt the proposed site plan was a good compromise.

Ted Odell asked for an update on the status of the construction road in Taliaferro Park. Mr. Bredehoeft replied that the asphalt trail and the sidewalk need to be installed and the construction road will be removed in the fall.

Jori Nelson noted there were no plantings at 75th & Nall. Mr. Bredehoeft replied that plants have been purchased and are scheduled to be planted this week.

- Mr. Bredehoeft noted that Affinis is in the third year of their design engineering contract with the city. With two new inspectors and the amount of work involved in the Meadowbrook project, he would like to extend their agreement one year. Mr. Odell asked if they would hold their current fees. Mr. Bredehoeft stated that he would request it.
- Mr. Bredehoeft reported that Public Works staff is being proactive in addressing the Zika virus with mosquito treatments in the city's water channels and where they find standing water.
- Mission Road construction has begun. There is only one outstanding property easement to acquire.

ADMINISTRATION

- Wes Jordan reported the construction of a fire station on the municipal complex by Consolidated Fire District #2 is no longer being pursued. As the District gathered more information it was determined that they needed more space for their facility than is available on the municipal complex site.

Ted Odell stated he was disappointed in the process and the amount of staff and council time taken for the cancelled project. Mayor Wassmer noted it came down to budget with the Fire District unable to afford the construction of a two story building that would have provided for their needs within the amount of land available.

- Wes Jordan noted that staff has had discussions with Verizon regarding the placement of cellular data boxes on light poles within the city to address the growing demands for data use. These boxes would eliminate the need for additional towers. The current zoning regulations address this concept with the use of antennas, not boxes. Mr. Jordan requested the representative make an educational presentation to the City Council and Planning Commission on the proposed installation. This is scheduled to take place at the July 5th Council Committee of the Whole meeting. Mr. Jordan noted other carriers are also interested in this new technology. Unlike towers which allow for co-location, each carrier would need its own light pole and box. He would like to see the City create a standardized process and light pole design for these that would not require each of these applications going before the Planning Commission.

Dan Runion expressed concern with the size and number of these poles. Mr. Jordan replied the poles staff was shown were very similar in size to existing utility poles.

Steve Noll suggested that it would be beneficial to have all the potential providers present at the informational meeting. Serena Schermoly asked how the Google installation would fit into this. Jori Nelson noted at a past NLC conference photos were shown of different installations throughout the country. Terrence Gallagher stated he felt the Council should learn as much as it can and expressed concern with the aesthetic impact on neighborhoods. Mayor Wassmer noted the limitations on what cities can regulate by the Telecommunications Act. Katie Logan stated she would review the current legislation and noted the city does have the ability to place some conditions on its approval.

Ted Odell noted that the light poles are currently owned by KCP&L. Mr. Jordan replied that Verizon is currently paying KCP&L to locate on its poles.

- The draft of the RFP for Solid Waste Services should be completed by the end of the week. Katie is working on the contract that will include a “favored nations” clause and the RFP includes the service items discussed by the Council.

Jori Nelson asked if the RFP included two Large Item Pickups. Mr. Jordan responded it only included one. He noted the current contract allows for one larger item to be placed out for pick-up the first week of the month.

- Conceal Carry legislation was approved by the Legislature that will allow civilian employees to carry weapons in the field and prohibits the city from regulating weapons in vehicles. The changes will become effective July 1st. Effective July 1, 2017 concealed carry will be allowed in municipal buildings.
- The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing Tuesday, June 7th on proposed changes to the zoning regulations addressing building height, setbacks and elevation.
- Code Enforcement Officer Marcia Gradinger will be retiring the end of August. Former CSO Cindy Gaunt has been hired for the position and will begin training the first of August. The city’s receptionist Donna Blake will be retiring June 17th.
- Quinn Bennion announced that construction has begun on Meadowbrook. Trees are being removed on the 40 acres that will be developed. Almost all of the trees on the park site will remain except those being removed for the street construction.

Jori Nelson stated she was disappointed by the number of trees being removed and noted there are no trees in the proposed senior living area.

Eric Mikkelson asked if the city was monitoring that the trees removed are in compliance with the approved landscape plan. He would like to see that done. Mr. Mikkelson also requested copies of all the executed agreements for this project. Katie Logan stated these would be available upon request.

Mr. Runion requested copies also. He also asked staff to find out from VanTrust the status of the proposed adult senior living facility.

- Mr. Bennion announced that Nolan Sunderman has accepted a position with the City of Shawnee as their Assistant City Manager and will be leaving effective June 17.

OLD BUSINESS

Review of Council Priority List

Quinn Bennion stated that this list contains items that are in addition to the daily operations of the City. Mayor Wassmer asked if staff had time to handle any additions to this list. Mr. Bennion replied that all of the items identified for completion in 2016 will not be completed. Significant progress has been made on the first three items on the listing over the past months. He noted items #34 and #35 have been added to the list based on Council discussion at the last meeting.

Mayor Wassmer stated she would like to add to the priority listing a citizen survey noting that one has not been done in several years. With the demographic shift occurring in the city she feels this is a good time to reach out to the residents to see if their needs are being addressed.

Ted Odell stated he felt it was good to review the status of the large items. He expressed concern with the addition of items #34 and #35. He does not feel a small group of vocal residents justify the placement of an item on the priority listing. He added the late summer timeframe given to those items is not sufficient to research the issue. It is a concern, but he does not feel it is a priority.

Sheila Myers noted the addition is the result of two recent dangerous animal appeals. Chief Schwartzkopf stated he felt the issue could be researched by the CSO's with them bringing back recommended changes to the City Council for consideration. He does not believe an ad-hoc committee is needed. He has examples of ordinances from several other cities to provide guidance.

Eric Mikkelson stated he would like to see this on a future agenda as soon as possible. People want change based on scientific background. Mayor Wassmer noted there is a difference between placing an item on a Council Priority Listing and on a

Council meeting agenda. Mr. Mikkelson stated the intent of his motion that was approved was for placement on the priority list.

Terrence Gallagher noted there are several items on the list that keep rolling over on a year to year basis.

Jori Nelson noted the Economic Development Fund is not included on the list and that covers proposed projects as well as the Exterior Grant Program.

Mayor Wassmer felt the priorities needed to be reprioritized.

Jori Nelson questioned the inclusion of a welcome packet and glass recycling program on the listing. Mr. Bennion noted there are additional items on the listing; however, if they are not a 2016 or 2017 priority they are not on the distributed listing. The list does not capture everything. The Economic Development Fund is dealt with through the budget process.

Dan Runion would like to have an estimate of staff time connected to the priority items. Mr. Bennion responded this is reflected in the designations of Large, Medium, and Small. It is very difficult to estimate the actual time involvement required.

Courtney McFadden believed the Council needs to identify what it wants to complete in 2016. Mayor Wassmer noted that some of the items are beyond the control of the City, such as the Google implementation, Meadowbrook, etc. Mr. Bennion explained the process followed initially to prioritize the items on the listing. He noted he was open to having Council members score priorities.

Eric Mikkelson noted that if large items were removed that would free significant time and questioned the review of the commercial zoning code as a high priority. Mayor Wassmer responded this is an urgent priority impacting the city daily as teardowns and rebuilds continue to occur. The City must be proactive in addressing this issue.

Mayor Wassmer asked staff to identify what they felt could not be accomplished. Terrence Gallagher asked Council to be mindful of the number of calls and requests that they make to staff. Mr. Mikkelson stated that balance is needed. The Council needs to hear from staff what their workload is; however, the Council sets the priorities and finds a way to do them. Mayor Wassmer noted that the city's budget is completed one year in advance making it difficult to fund new items. Mr. Mikkelson stated that staff can be added or contracted without raising the mill levy. Mrs. Santa Maria stressed the city must stay within the expenditure levels approved in the budget. Mr. Mikkelson stated that the City has \$500,000 in contingency fund and funding in the Economic Development Fund that could provide flexibility. .

Quinn Bennion stated he and staff would review the current priority listing to identify projects that are currently underway.

NEW BUSINESS

Serena Schermoly reported on a teleconference she attended on the Zika virus and what other cities were doing to address this issue. She reviewed the items being proposed by other cities and answered questions. The speaker stressed the need for communication as a priority. She commended Public Works and Codes for their proactive stance in addressing standing water.

Brooke noted the 2016 Jazz Festival line-up cards that were distributed to Council members and to the public at the Prairie Village Art Show last weekend by JazzFest Committee members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee meetings scheduled for the next two weeks include:

Board of Zoning Appeals	06/07/2016	6:30 p.m.
Planning Commission Meeting	06/07/2016	7:00 p.m.
JazzFest Committee	06/15/2016	5:30 p.m.
Council Committee of the Whole	06/20/2016	6:00 p.m.
City Council	06/20/2016	7:30 p.m.

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The Prairie Village Arts Council is pleased to present the works of Jean Cook, Luke Severson and Sara Nguyen in the R.G. Endres Gallery in the R. G. Endres Gallery during the month of June. The artists' reception will be Friday, June 10th, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The pool is open plan to enjoy the first Moonlight Swim on Friday, June 10th from 8:30 to p.m. to 10 p.m.

Prairie Village Swim Team will host a swim meet on Tuesday, June 14th. The pool will close at 5 p.m.

Mark your calendar for Ground Breaking ceremonies for Mission Chateau on Wednesday, June 22nd at 8:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the City Council the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Joyce Hagen Mundy
City Clerk